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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to All.....

FOOD DRIVE – Here's wishing you all a happy food drive weekend. That's right, the Food Drive is just around the corner. This year, we will be participating in the largest one day food collection event in the world on Saturday, May 14th. It is really important that we make our best effort in making sure we deliver all the announcement cards and the bags to all of our customers. Bags have proven to be a huge motivator to our customers in urging them to participate, so don't let some supervisor hide them. The bags are considered to be mail items. Let's all get out there and push hard to make this our best year ever. Thank you in advance for your hard work in helping to fill the shelves of food banks across the country.

In addition to our normal Food Drive, there is a new push this year which allows people to log in during the entire month of May to purchase fresh produce that is delivered directly to the food banks, thus allowing people to receive a fresh alternative to canned or packaged food. If you, or anyone you know, would like to participate in this program just log into: www.StampYourGood.com It is actually pretty cool.

NALC Heroes – Our Branch was recently notified that our National NALC President Fred Rolando and Postmaster General Megan Brennan were both recognizing and congratulating Branch 2200 member, Cindy Maker, from the Newhall Post Office for her actions in assisting and comforting a senior citizen who became ill while Cindy was making her rounds. Cindy remained with her customer until the proper medical personnel arrived on the scene. She joins a short list of special carriers in our Branch.

The only other recognized hero, known to me, in our branch is Pasadena's Carolyn Zorn who, some years ago, was responsible for assisting one of her customers who was being held captive in her own residence and had been raped by an intruder. Carolyn's action not only saved the woman's life, but also led to the apprehension and conviction of the thug. Congratulations and job well done to both Cindy and Carolyn. Way to stand up!!

WORK SAFE HOME SAFE – Our new district manager, Larry Munoz, has brought a new and fresh approach to all of our offices in dealing with safety. He is making it a top priority, instead of bottom of the barrel. He is constantly stressing safety in all of our operations. While it may not have become a priority in your office because of a particular supervisor, it is being mandated at all levels. Anyone who still notices safety issues not being addressed in their office should notify me immediately. I will get to the bottom of it even if it requires a conversation with the district manager. Our Branch supports all efforts to obtain the safest possible work environment for all letter carriers.

A reminder to all carriers: there is not one letter, flat, or parcel so important that it supports us not wearing our seat belts in order to make the delivery faster. Wear your seat belts please. You might be the safest driver in the entire world, but the guy coming at you at 50 miles an hour might be the most intoxicated driver in the world. Don't risk it, wear the belt. There also seems to be a ramp up of rollaway (engine shut off) and runaway (engine left running) vehicle incidents in our area. There is absolutely no excuse for this. **NONE**. When a large heavy vehicle like ours gets away from us, we risk killing ourselves and/or others. Do you really want to kill a kid just to deliver some piece of paper or some box in a hurry?

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REDDING, CA (KRCR/CNN) — It's a love story that goes beyond this earthly realm, a veteran whose loyalty to his wife is truly an inspiration. "I just saw her one day and I just fell for her right then and there," Wes Breese said. The 79-year-old recalls the first time he saw his wife, Bea, over 60 years ago. It was love at first sight. 16 months after her passing, Breese still feels the same.

He visits her here at the Redding Memorial Park Cemetery. Breese comes here 364 days a year, every day except one. "She died in September of 13 and I've been here every day since then, except the Fourth of July. They had the gates locked and I couldn't get in," Breese said. Breese has been coming to this graveyard for over a year now. He'll spend anywhere from 30 minutes to 3 hours reading and talking to his wife.

"I talk to her sometimes and people think there's that nut talking to himself again. And I sit here and I read 'cuz when she was still around we'd sit on the couch and read and talk. It's basically the same thing just a different place," Breese said. Breese keeps her favorite bird feeder at her grave site and a flag, something they always had up around their house. He customized the headstone with their nicknames for each other, Pony Boy and Darlin'.

The two met in 1955 and were inseparable. Breese is a veteran and was in the Navy for 8 years before becoming a postal worker. Bea worked as a cook and waitress. They lived in Redding for 25 years until Bea's passing from heart failure. Anyone who saw them around town knew they were in love, they were always holding hands.

Breese tells KRCR that he comes down every day because he misses her. "I still do love her and I miss her so much," Breese said. They have four children and twenty three grandchildren. Even though Bea isn't with us anymore, Breese says their love is just as strong. "We'd go to bed at night and she's say I love you so much and I'd say I love you more no you don't I says yes I do, I love you more than the national debt she says well, I guess that might be a little more then," Breese said.

Reprinted from January 2015

Paul "Wes" Breese was one of our shop stewards at the Montrose Post Office. He was in a motorcycle accident that prevented him from ever carrying mail again and he subsequently moved to Redding CA with his family.

HELEN C. MORNING

February 2, 1938 – April 18, 2016



One of our own. You didn't work anywhere in Pasadena from the 1960's to the 90's, without knowing Helen. Helen started at USPS in the maintenance craft and later became the first female letter carrier in Pasadena. So when I began as a letter carrier in 1976 (the fourth female carrier), Helen had long paved the way for me and many others to follow. I came directly into Helen's unit when I started and sharing the territory with "Queen Bee" was interesting and challenging. She taught me a great deal and I will never forget that she organized a work baby shower for me in 1987. Our unit was a close group of letter carriers in those days. As a substitute carrier on Helen's route, I can tell you that she loved her customers and they loved her. She always gave me very specific instructions as to what her customers needed and I'd better not forget to take care of these things.

Helen's service was on April 28th at the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Altadena and the place was packed. There were many, many old postal faces and I learned that Helen touched the lives of many others since retiring from the post office and pulled numerous lost souls into her life and her home.

Helen's daughter, Kimberly, is a letter carrier in Pasadena, serving in the Altadena unit. Give her a shout, next time you see her. She has big shoes to fill but we can trust that her mom probably trained her well. Our condolences, Kimberly.

Nancy Norman
Secretary-Treasurer
Retired 91105 Carrier

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

March 8, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-President Serop Karchikyan. The pledge of allegiance was led by Sergeant-at-Arms Ric Roldan and there was a moment of silence for departed brothers and sisters since the last meeting. The roll call was answered by eleven officers and stewards in good standing.

Motion passed to waive the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting, accepted as printed in the Mail Call (Smith/Costanzo). Motion passed to excuse Mike Wyly from the meeting (Costanzo/Burskey). Communication read regarding Branch 411 meeting with Congressional Representatives Loretta Sanchez and Pete Aguilar. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Motion passed to accept and welcome the following applications for membership: Albert Anegebe, Deborah Brooks-Lee, Samaresh Das, Lashonda Jones-Ukagba, and Salvador Silva, Jr (Temblador/Burskey). **WELCOME!**

Three new attendees at the meeting introduced themselves and were welcomed: Ana Vartanian from La Crescenta, Jonathan Qua from Glendale Main Office and Nadia Spolar from Pasadena.

Rob Burskey reported on the upcoming Food Drive, May 14th, noting it is the Saturday AFTER Mother's Day this year. Coordinator meeting, T-shirts, bags and cards were discussed.

Carolyn Zorn reported on the recent Costco survey regarding privatizing USPS. Survey results indicate an overwhelming number (96%) do NOT want the Postal Service to be privatized. Sister Zorn also reported on MDA Walk-a-Thon on April 9th, the need for donated old cell phones, gently used clothing, and a Balloon Popping Raffle at our next meeting, all fund-raisers for MDA.

Discussion followed regarding the Treasurer's Report as printed in the Mail Call.

Motion to adjourn (Temblador/Burskey) at 7:48 p.m.

Submitted by,



Nancy Norman
Secretary-Treasurer

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by President Mike Wyly. The pledge of allegiance was led by Sergeant-at-Arms Ric Roldan and there was a moment of silence for departed brothers and sisters since the last meeting, specifically Robert Dworkin and Kenny Groves. The roll call was answered by eleven officers and stewards in good standing. Motion passed to waive the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting, to be printed in the Mail Call (Collier/Zorn). Motion passed that warrants be drawn and bills be paid (Siechert/Burskey).

The following applications for membership were accepted on the first reading: Jose Andrade, Patience Attipoe, Micah Avery, William Barajas, Jacinto Benitez Jr, Akram Boushnak, Sylvia Broughton, Deandre Cain, Jessica Canos, Kirby Castillo, Oscar Escudero, Mario Flores, Dwight Grant, Chamell Graves, Andrew Gurney, Johnny Gutierrez Sr., Danny Hampton II, Christopher Herdon, James Howard, Angelia Hunter, Everardo Liera, Kenneth Martin, Griselda Martinez, Jaclyn Melendez, Erik Mendez, Lucia Montes, Lezear Mosley III, John Oserio, Travis Quesada, Nicholas Ritts, Bladimir Rivas-Santa Maria, Cindy Rodriguez, Brian Serrano, Cairra Shamburger, Katerina Tuff, Chandelleria Whitlow, Kristofer Williams, Lorna Young. **Welcome brothers and sisters!!**

Food Drive Chair Rob Burskey reported that Carolyn Zorn's picture will be in the NALC Bulletin and announced his schedule for stand ups in the stations. A new site for perishable goods to the Food Drive: StampYourGood.com

Christina Efker, carrier from Pasadena, was introduced to the membership and Carolyn Zorn reported on L.A. County Fed activity regarding CWA issues with AT&T. Carolyn also discussed and encouraged contributions to the Letter Carriers Political Action Fund. President Wyly reported on the state training held earlier this month. Discussion included CCAs hired and routes added, contract negotiations, food drive and political issues.

MDA Walk-a-Thon raised \$900 and our meeting raffle raised \$400, a variety of prizes were raffled and won by members.

Motion to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. (Smith/Temblador)

Submitted by,



Nancy Norman
Secretary-Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT MAR/APR 2016

INCOME	MAR	APR
NALC Active Rebate	21,872.88	21,818.52
NALC Retiree Rebate	275.11	0.00
Direct Dues	786.40	347.81
Interest-Dividend	213.80	203.64
Other Income	393.11	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$23,541.30	\$22,369.97



EXPENSES	MAR	APR
Building Repairs/Improvements	0.00	0.00
Car Allowance	400.00	400.00
COP Meeting	0.00	723.50
Food Drive	795.00	0.00
Gardening	389.00	0.00
Insurance	1,612.00	116.00
Internet	104.64	104.64
Mail Call	-4.26	0.00
Mileage	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	200.00	100.00
National Convention	0.00	0.00
Office Expenses	105.56	579.41
Office Supplies	45.59	0.00
Officer Benefits	1,888.10	1,894.28
Officer/Steward Salary	11,329.40	13,013.38
Payroll Taxes/Filing	1,000.12	1,039.95
Per Capita Tax	27.50	27.50
Postage	339.63	67.99
Professional Fees	0.00	0.00
Property Taxes	0.00	1,069.86



Retiree Bonus	100.00	100.00
Seminars & Education	2,412.86	1,635.53
State Convention	0.00	0.00
Telephone	209.67	209.33
Utilities	185.90	13.23
Website	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$21,140.71	\$21,094.60
NET INCOME	\$2,400.59	\$1,275.37

ACCOUNT BALANCES	
4/30/2016	
General Checking	\$54,783.74
Mikita Scholarship	\$5,270.15
Building Fund	\$244,548.92
Convention Fund	\$36,688.23
TOTAL ACCOUNTS	\$341,291.04

NON-MEMBER ROSTER - BRANCH 2200

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POST OFFICE	PL	REG/CCA	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POST OFFICE	PL	REG/CCA
Banh	Kelly	Glendale	121	R	Ip	Wai	Pasadena	6	R
Bilemjian	Ara	Glendale	161	R	Kim	Sung	Pasadena	3	R
Diep	Cuong	Glendale	104	R	Lam	Tung	Pasadena	8	R
Duran	Maria	Glendale	161	R	Lennick	William	Pasadena	999	CCA
Esguerra	Benito	Glendale	141	R	Lusby	Andrew	Pasadena	999	CCA
Garcia	Raymond	Glendale	104	R	Manju	Mohammed	Pasadena	6	R
Gasparian	Meridjan	Glendale	151	R	Mejia	Gerald	Pasadena	5	R
Hovhannesian	Azad	Glendale	104	R	Monell	Westley	Pasadena	6	R
Isajani	Derik	Glendale	161	R	Moreno	Jose	Pasadena	4	R
Jung	Eddie	Glendale	121	R	Nguyen	Minh	Pasadena	6	R
Khuu	David	Glendale	141	R	Phan	Johnny	Pasadena	5	R
Law	Simon	Glendale	104	R	Ragay	Edwin	Pasadena	10	R
Nguyen	Hung	Glendale	107	R	Syavong	Norkham	Pasadena	0	R
Nilluang	Noppadol	Glendale	141	R	Trac	Tam	Pasadena	1	R
Phung	Phan	Glendale	161	R	Valdez	Ruby	Pasadena	7	R
Rodriguez	Linda	Glendale	161	R	Victorio	Rodel	Pasadena	5	R
Sanchez	Andrea	Glendale	141	R	Wang	David	Pasadena	1	R
Soldatenko	George	Glendale	104	R	Xu	Bing	Pasadena	7	R
Suh	Uk Sun	Glendale	141	R					
Sung	Peilang	Glendale	161	R					
Tang	Danny	Glendale	161	R	Amado	Christopher	Santa Clarita	740	R
Ting	Horace	Glendale	0	R	Bohleen	Chelsea	Santa Clarita	320	R
Tisuthiwongse	Somsak	Glendale	141	R	Davinroy	Andrew	Santa Clarita	320	R
Wen	Raymond	Glendale	104	R	Dominguez	Rocky	Santa Clarita	0	R
					Frasca, Jr.	Carmine	Santa Clarita	320	R
					Froerer	Michael	Santa Clarita	120	R
Trang	Chinh	La Canada	101	R	Heath, Jr.	Howard	Santa Clarita	320	R
					Lartigue	Kim	Santa Clarita	120	R
Arvizo	Aurora	Pasadena	4	R	Lartigue	Peter	Santa Clarita	120	R
Asuncion	Joel	Pasadena	6	R	Navarro	Junzky	Santa Clarita	120	R
Barsamian	Razmik	Pasadena	6	R	Safarians	Alvat	Santa Clarita	620	R
Candeias	Joe	Pasadena	8	R	Smith	Susan	Santa Clarita	120	R
Carrillo	Ismael, Jr.	Pasadena	7	R	Spasoff	Carl	Santa Clarita	620	R
Chau	Sy	Pasadena	3	R	Velasquez	Monica	Santa Clarita	621	R
Chavez	Anthony	Pasadena	10	R	Wieczorek	Paula	Santa Clarita	520	R
Chen	Juo Luen	Pasadena	7	R	Ybarra	Jose	Santa Clarita	120	R
Choi	Mong	Pasadena	10	R					
Dubois	Carol	Pasadena	8	R	Hernandez	Evelin	South Pas		CCA
Frigillana	Abraham	Pasadena	0	R					
Garcia	Johnny	Pasadena	4	R	Helstrom	Paula	Sunland	320	R
Germann	Daniel	Pasadena	3	CCA	Srirathu	Rawat	Sunland	320	R
Gonzalez	Heather	Pasadena	10	R					
Ho	Raymond	Pasadena	7	R					

Branch 2200 will pay \$100 to the first member (President not eligible) to sign up a non-member in a pay status on this list, with a completed, signed Form 1187. Payment processed upon completion of probation and first successful deduction. See your shop steward for forms or contact the Branch office at 626-798-6122. Our goal is 100% Membership!!

Desk of President – Continued

I scratch my head thinking....are letter carriers really driving their own personal vehicles around town, not wearing seat belts, or driving through intersections with their doors open? Or getting out of their vehicles while the engine is running or parking on a hill and not setting the emergency brake and/or not putting the vehicle in park?? I think not. So let's change those **bad habits** that **WE ONLY USE AT WORK** and deliver our mail **SAFELY** and efficiently.

ON THE JOB INJURIES – There are large numbers of employees who injure themselves on the job and do not begin the reporting process properly. Three basic things should happen when an injury occurs:

- 1) Do you need Paramedics? If so, call 911
- 2) Call your supervisor immediately. Not later, and don't wait until you return to the office
- 3) Call the union as soon as you have a chance. We can advise you on how to begin the reporting process correctly. Waiting a couple days before contacting the union might be all it takes to create a huge problem for you in the future. Contact me as soon as possible.

Peace brothers and sisters. Let's get out there and enjoy the day. **BE SAFE!!!! BE PROFESSIONAL!!!!**

Mike Wyly

**The Food Drive is here!!
Saturday, May 14th
Thank you to all who contribute
year in and year out.
Letter Carriers are AWESOME!!**

**NALC BRANCH 2200
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Meeting Attendance March/April

Officers:

President Mike Wyly - E/P
Vice President Serop Karchikyan - P/P
Secy-Treas Nancy Norman - P/P
Financial Secy Frank Costanzo - P/P
Sergeant at Arms Ric Roldan - P/P
Health Benefits Rep Walter Washington - P/P
Trustee Donald Smith - P/P
Trustee Carolyn Zorn - P/P
Trustee Leroy Collier - P/P
MBA Representative Vinh Trieu - P/P

Stewards:

Verdugo Viejo - Serop Karchikyan - P/P
Raymond Annex 01: Kevin Nguyen - A/A
Raymond Annex 06: H.T. Tran - P/A
Jackie Robinson 03/04: Carolyn Zorn - P/P
Tujunga: Rob Burskey - P/P
South Pasadena: Vinh Trieu - P/P
La Canada/Montrose: Tina Giancanelli - A/A

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

**Tuesday, May 10th
7:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, June 14th
7:00 p.m.**

**Union Office
1310 N Oxford Ave
in Pasadena**