

MAIL CALL

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

The President is out of the office on medical leave. This article submitted by Nancy Norman, Secretary-Treasurer.



MEET YOUR VICE-PRESIDENT

Chances are pretty good that you've seen this guy wandering around your office these days. If not, you likely will soon. He is our Vice-President and has spent the last couple of weeks standing in for our President and chief steward, Mike Wyly.

Serop Karchikyan is an experienced, trained shop steward from the Glendale office/Verdugo Viejo station and has been representing letter carriers in the area of fact findings and the Informal A step of our grievance procedure, which is generally meeting and attempting to resolve grievances with your immediate supervisor. In the past year, he has expanded his knowledge and experience into the Formal A process, meeting with station managers and postmasters.

Beyond that, there are always the dozens of questions from carriers requesting help/guidance with overtime issues, 3996's, CCA scheduling and conversions, OWCP, holiday scheduling, sick leave, canceled annual leave, posting of schedules.....the list of issues that surface in a week of phone calls to our office is a very wide range.

Being knowledgeable in all these areas and/or knowing where to find the answers is the job of a Branch president and is always a challenge. So....if you run across Serop in your office, give a shout out, words of encouragement, and by all means, ask questions. He will have an answer or find the answer....it's what we're here for!

NALC CONVENTION 2016 – Los Angeles, CA

The convention was held in our own backyard this year and our Branch had a total of eleven delegates in attendance. Most conventions follow a fairly familiar pattern of resolutions and constitutional amendments, guest speakers, awards and workshops. All of these things happened. Most of this had the appearance of business, as usual. But, I couldn't help but notice a different tone and feel this time around. I wasn't able to pinpoint or put words to it until the convention was long over and we were back into what should have been the normal "groove" of our lives. I returned to an office without a president, so my normal groove was pretty chaotic.

What was different about this convention was the presence of what seemed to be a number of new voices, young voices. There were MANY CCA's present from across the country, expressing their concern for their jobs and their gratitude in being part of the NALC. Many young people expressing an interest in stepping up and taking on the future of the NALC. I've been doing the job of secretary-treasurer longer than a number of you have been on earth. I am beginning to realize that the future will require one young person deciding that they are willing and able to take my spot. I've got a few good years left in me, but it's not forever. Be on the lookout in subsequent Mail Calls for information on the job description of Secretary-Treasurer. In the meantime, the most basic requirement for becoming a paid officer is coming to union meetings and being involved!

Nancy Norman, Secretary-Treasurer

NALC CONVENTION 2016

Submitted by Ric Roldan, Sergeant-at-Arms

What a rush received when President Frederic Rolando welcomed the nearly 8,000 member/letter carrier crowd and their guests in the general assembly room on Monday the first day of the NALC 70th Convention in Los Angeles. He was followed by Eric Garcetti, the Mayor of Los Angeles, who welcomed all to the City of Angels. He recalled that it was 75 years ago, 1941, when the NALC Convention was held the first time in L.A. He invited everyone to enjoy our city and spend money and come back... anytime!

Back to Rolando, who introduced the NALC Member mobile App* for smartphones – a way for members to get information, a rotating calendar, and become involved in union building activities. Also, in attendance were CCA's from all over the country. The main topic of discussion on Tuesday was Postal Banking. Mehrsa Baradaran, a University of Georgia Law School associate professor, and author of the book, "How the Other Half Banks," was first to speak. She has researched ideas on how the U.S. Postal Service can offer banking services such as savings accounts, as in the past, under the Postal Savings System during 1910-1967. Establishing a U.S. Postal Bank would open up a market to the poor who are currently doing their banking via check cashing or with pay day loan establishments. Shocking, but true, her statement, "It is expensive to be poor." Therefore, there is a great need to establish a bank that is trustworthy and convenient for everyone. What better place than the U.S. Post Office?

The other guest speaker came all the way from Japan: Toshimichi Omata, Japan Post Group Union President. He reported on how successfully his union adapted to partial privatization of his country's postal delivery, banking and insurance services, but urged cooperation from labor unions to unite and confront forces that are trying to privatize globally. He said that he's looking forward to a deeper friendship with the NALC and our fight. We'll hold you to your word, Omatasan!

The topic of speaking Wednesday was on Labor. Richard Trumka, AFL-CIO President, gave a shout out (and shout he did) on the struggles and successes of our unions to save jobs with benefits and maintain a decent wage. Following Trumka was Vice-President Maria Elena Durazo of UNITE HERE. She fights for immigration and civil rights representing 270,000 workers in the hotel, gaming, food service and manufacturing industries across the U.S. and Canada.

Cecil Roberts spoke on Thursday, rounding out the labor movement in his adrenaline infused speech. He is the President of the United Mine Workers. Today, like the time he spoke at the NALC Convention in Anaheim back in 2010, his words were spoken like a preacher's sermon from a pulpit on high. He had the audience jumping up and standing, waving hands in the air, that for a moment I thought it was Church on Sunday. After that we settled down to hear from Joe Akmakjian, MDA's first adult goodwill ambassador. He is living proof of MDA's new slogan, "Live Unlimited," by his dare devil act of sky diving. Aside from the fact that he is in a wheelchair, this guy does more and gets around more places than someone like myself that stands on two feet, walks, runs and mostly sits. He has so much zest for life and living that I feel like the disabled. Friday, pretty much was closing of the ceremonies and the weeklong sessions on training. In summary, attending the convention instilled a sense of strength with a common goal: **UNITY!**

Ric Roldan
Union Delegate/Sgt. of Arms

*Info on the app is here:

<https://www.nalc.org/member-benefits/nalc-member-app>



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

July 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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 recently departed brothers and sisters. The roll call was answered by ten 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 (Burskey/Siechert). Motion passed to excuse DA Smith from the meeting (Burskey/Siechert).

Motion passed to accept and welcome the following applications for membership: Julio Bautista, Victor Ceniseros, Tigran Danielyan, Chris Farrar, Jose Medina, Joseph Petry and Tristan Preciado (Siechert/Costanzo).

Welcome new members!!

HBR Representative Washington reported on Postal Record article and how to take better care of yourself. Food Drive Coordinator Rob Burskey reported that our Branch placed 4th in our category/size of membership. A great accomplishment! Carolyn Zorn and Vinh Trieu reported on the upcoming MDA camp. Discussion followed regarding On-the-Job Instructors (OJI), a vehicle accident in Tujunga, and more updates on postal reform. Leroy Collier reported that Branch 24 (host of upcoming convention) would like the help of our Branch to stuff bags on August 11th.

Motion passed to excuse Mike Wyly from the July meeting and Vic Temblador from the June meeting (Burskey/Costanzo).

Motion passed to accept the following Executive Board recommendation: the Branch president be authorized to purchase dinner on one night of the National Convention 2016, using the branch credit card for all the delegates attending the Convention. Paid delegates to have \$40 deducted from their per diem checks in advance. Non-paid delegates will eat free of charge. Alcoholic beverages are not included and will be paid for by the individual delegates (Burskey/Temblador). Dinner announced to be at Rock n' Fish on Thursday, Aug 18th at 6:15 p.m.

Motion passed to adjourn (Burskey/Kasenko) at 7:56 p.m.
Submitted by,


Nancy Norman
Secretary-Treasurer

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

August 9, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 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. State President John Beaumont was introduced to the membership, as well as Saxsenmeier scholarship winners and families of Carriers Dimple Le and David Quach. The roll call was answered by nine 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 (Kasenko/Costanzo). Motion passed to excuse Rob Burskey from the meeting (Temblador/Costanzo). Motion passed to accept applications for membership: Giovanni Argueta, Michael Covarrubias, Paz Damian, Christopher Davis, Angelo Dia, Ricardo Estrada, Juan Gonzalez, Jonathan Hernandez, Ashley Houston, Michael Klinedinst, Chris Kuna, Sean Leon, Ricardo Miguel, Michael Peck, Michael Perrelli, Courtney Seymour, Scharine Straker, Heather Tieben (Trieu/Temblador).

WELCOME new members!

Motion passed to suspend the regular order of business to acknowledge the State scholarship winners (Temblador/Costanzo). State President Beaumont introduced and congratulated Emily Le and Shayna Quach. President Beaumont went on to thank MDA Coordinator Carolyn Zorn and presented "Finding Dory" certificates. President Beaumont then updated on legislative issues, both local and in neighboring states. Carolyn Zorn reported on MDA and showed a short video.

Motion passed to accept the Executive Board recommendation that the Branch president be authorized to select up to 8 shop stewards, including area shop steward and the president, to attend steward training in Reno, Nevada in October with the Branch providing travel, per diem, airport parking, mileage and two nights lodging, and up to one day of wages if in a leave without pay status from USPS (Siechert/Costanzo). President Wyly updated on USPS area statement indicating that USPS is thriving and some speculation as to the outcome of Walmart purchase of Jet.com, a competitor to Amazon.com.

Motion passed to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. (Collier/Zorn)
Submitted by,


Nancy Norman
Secretary-Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT JUL/AUG 2016

INCOME	JUL	AUG
NALC Active Rebate	23,149.39	22,443.94
NALC Retiree Rebate	0.00	0.00
Direct Dues	53.58	401.85
Interest-Dividend	211.48	211.69
Other Income	0.00	241.81
TOTAL INCOME	\$23,414.45	\$23,299.29
EXPENSES	JUL	AUG
Building Repairs/Improvements	0.00	0.00
Car Allowance	400.00	400.00
COP Meeting	0.00	109.56
Equipment Maintenance	0.00	125.00
Food Drive	1,198.18	-26.00
Gardening	0.00	360.00
Insurance	0.00	2,039.00
Internet	104.64	104.64
Mail Call	113.78	0.00
Mileage	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	126.43
National Convention	8.00	8,070.91
Office Expenses	114.27	139.21
Office Supplies	0.00	191.03
Officer Benefits	1,894.28	1,894.28
Officer/Steward Salary	12,586.90	9,899.78
Payroll Taxes/Filing	999.15	787.20
Per Capita Tax	38.75	27.50
Postage	187.99	254.99
Professional Fees	3,040.00	1,600.00
Property Taxes	0.00	0.00
Publications	297.00	0.00
Retiree Bonus	0.00	100.00
Seminars & Education	70.80	0.00
State Convention	0.00	0.00
Telephone	195.68	176.36
Utilities	209.60	11.03
Website	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$21,459.02	\$26,390.92
NET INCOME	\$1,955.43	-\$3,091.63

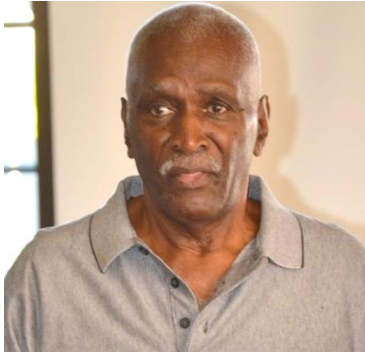


ACCOUNT BALANCES	
8/31/2016	
General Checking	68,265.83
Mikita Scholarship	\$5,471.27
Building Fund	\$246,810.91
Convention Fund	\$36,860.49
TOTAL ACCOUNTS	\$357,408.50

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	Germann	Daniel	Pasadena	3	CCA
Bilemjian	Ara	Glendale	161	R	Gonzalez	Heather	Pasadena	10	R
Diep	Cuong	Glendale	104	R	Ho	Raymond	Pasadena	7	R
Duran	Maria	Glendale	161	R	Ip	Wai	Pasadena	6	R
Esguerra	Benito	Glendale	141	R	Kim	Sung	Pasadena	3	R
Garcia	Raymond	Glendale	104	R	Lam	Tung	Pasadena	8	R
Gasparian	Meridjan	Glendale	151	R	Lennick	William	Pasadena	999	CCA
Hovhannesian	Azad	Glendale	104	R	Manju	Mohammed	Pasadena	6	R
Isajani	Derik	Glendale	161	R	Mejia	Gerald	Pasadena	5	R
Jung	Eddie	Glendale	121	R	Monell	Westley	Pasadena	6	R
Khuu	David	Glendale	141	R	Moreno	Jose	Pasadena	4	R
Law	Simon	Glendale	104	R	Nguyen	Minh	Pasadena	6	R
Nguyen	Hung	Glendale	107	R	Phan	Johnny	Pasadena	5	R
Nilluang	Noppadol	Glendale	141	R	Ragay	Edwin	Pasadena	10	R
Paulings	Qwentell	Glendale	0	CCA	Setareh	Jeanpaul	Pasadena	0	CCA
Phung	Phan	Glendale	161	R	Syavong	Norkham	Pasadena	0	R
Pilipina	Elisabeth	Glendale	104	R	Trac	Tam	Pasadena	1	R
Rodriguez	Linda	Glendale	161	R	Valdez	Ruby	Pasadena	7	R
Sanchez	Andrea	Glendale	141	R	Victorio	Rodel	Pasadena	5	R
Soldatenko	George	Glendale	104	R	Wang	David	Pasadena	1	R
Suh	Uk Sun	Glendale	141	R	Xu	Bing	Pasadena	7	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
Trang	Chinh	La Canada	101	R	Froerer	Michael	Santa Clarita	120	R
					Heath, Jr.	Howard	Santa Clarita	320	R
Arvizo	Aurora	Pasadena	4	R	Lartigue	Kim	Santa Clarita	120	R
Asuncion	Joel	Pasadena	6	R	Lartigue	Peter	Santa Clarita	120	R
Barsamian	Razmik	Pasadena	6	R	Navarro	Junzky	Santa Clarita	120	R
Candeias	Joe	Pasadena	8	R	Safarians	Alvat	Santa Clarita	620	R
Chau	Sy	Pasadena	3	R	Smith	Susan	Santa Clarita	120	R
Chavez	Anthony	Pasadena	10	R	Spasoff	Carl	Santa Clarita	620	R
Chen	Juo Luen	Pasadena	7	R	Velasquez	Monica	Santa Clarita	621	R
Choi	Mong	Pasadena	10	R	Wieczorek	Paula	Santa Clarita	520	R
Dubois	Carol	Pasadena	8	R	Ybarra	Jose	Santa Clarita	120	R
Frigillana	Abraham	Pasadena	0	R					
Garcia	Davina	Pasadena	0	CCA	Helstrom	Paula	Sunland	320	R
Garcia	Johnny	Pasadena	4	R	Srirathu	Rawat	Sunland	320	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!!



**An update on D.A. Smith
(aka Donald or Fundi)**

From time to time, some members have called in to the office asking for an update on D.A. Smith. He has been hospitalized since the 2nd week of May and has not been home since. He has been in and out of ICU, moved to a

couple of different rehab, acute care, skilled nursing type facilities, but has yet to climb out of the woods. Currently, he had another recent bout with ICU, but has made his way past that. He is now at Huntington Hospital.

For those who don't know, before retiring in 1990, D.A. was a shop steward in Pasadena 91105 and saved many of us (including me) from postal demise. He has also served the union as a Trustee for more than 30 years.

Cards may be sent to D.A. in care of NALC Branch 2200, 1310 N Oxford Ave, Pasadena CA 91104. We will make sure they get to him. Meanwhile, please keep him and his family in your thoughts throughout your days.

2016 RETIREE BANQUET

Save the Date...

October 9th

Details and Retiree Invitation to follow.

Watch your mailbox!!

**Meeting Attendance
July/August 2016**

Officers:

- President Mike Wyly - E/P
- Vice President Serop Karchikyan - P/A-E
- 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 - E/A
- Trustee Carolyn Zorn - P/P
- Trustee Leroy Collier - P/P
- MBA Representative Vinh Trieu - P/P

Stewards:

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

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 13th

7:00 p.m.

and

Tuesday, October 11th

7:00 p.m.

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