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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Fellow Brothers and Sisters,

New Year – As we welcome the New Year and leave 2020 behind us, the effects of COVID-19 still linger on in 2021. The COVID-19 cases reported by the Postal Service in the Sierra Coastal District have declined significantly since the Holiday Season ended. However, complications from COVID-19 continue as we adapt and adjust with the constant updates and changes.

Family First Coronavirus Act (FFCRA) – As this program expired on December 31, 2020, so did the emergency sick leave for carriers being out of work for COVID-19 related reasons. Management's position is: If a carrier is out of work due to COVID-19 related reasons, carriers must use sick leave, annual leave or leave without pay, unless they have an insufficient leave balance. However, the union's position is different, and both parties at the higher level are working together to come to some kind of an agreement. Whatever situation may cause you to be out of work for COVID-19 related issues, please notify your shop steward or the union office for advice on what type of leave to request.

Postal Service employees are now, or very soon will be, eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. This link provides the latest CDC guidelines: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/essentialworker.html When you are eligible, the link to book an appointment in L.A. County (requires some research +LOTS of PATIENCE): http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/vaccine/index.htm It is important to continue to wear masks and practice social distancing even though the vaccine is available and/or you have received it. The vaccine saves lives but it does not prevent an individual from being infected with COVID-19 and you may, unknowingly, infect others by being an asymptomatic carrier.

Ballot Ratification Update – Beginning on January 11th, every active letter carrier eligible to vote on contract ratification was mailed a copy of the proposed 2019-2023 National Agreement between NALC and USPS. Mailing of ballots was completed on January 20th. Included in the mailing is a letter from NALC President Fredric Rolando, a summary of the contract's provisions, a ballot and secrecy envelope, a return envelope and instructions for casting a vote. The original deadline for a ballot to be received and counted was February 16th. Due to issues with receiving ballots in several locations, this deadline has been extended to March 1st. Results should be posted shortly thereafter.

Holiday Work – A settlement has been reached between NALC and USPS regarding national-level grievance number: Q11N-4Q-14270600, concerning whether the holiday schedule pecking order is applicable to the assignment of personnel to complete parcel delivery on holidays in installations that have Sunday parcel delivery.

The parties agree that the employer determines the number and categories of employees needed for holiday work. In instances where there are eight or more hours of work available, the normal holiday pecking order is used to schedule employees to work on a holiday. In instances where the holiday pecking order applies and a parcel delivery hub and spoke model is utilized, employees of the installation where the carriers report and from where delivery originates on the holiday or designated holiday will be scheduled pursuant to the holiday pecking order, and existing Local Memorandum of Understanding (LMOU) provisions regarding the holiday pecking order in that installation. This does not preclude the scheduling of CCAs from other post offices consistent with existing contractual provisions.

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Mail Theft – This has been on the rise over the last few months which could be from a combination of rising unemployment rates throughout the country and the stimulus checks delivered by the Postal Service. Several LLVs have been broken into and mail has been stolen. Even in North Hollywood recently, a white BMW robbing carriers at gun point and demanding the carrier load the trays of mail in their vehicle. Fortunately, we haven't had any reports of carriers being physically harmed. In the unfortunate event, a robbery occurs with you, **DO NOT** protect the mail and **DO** what is being asked of you. Immediately report the incident to management and local authorities when it is safe to do so. Remember, your safety is the number one priority. Always practice ways to be safe and prevent robberies by not having mail and personal belongings in the front of the LLV when the vehicle is unattended. By doing so, it will not create attention and, hopefully, will prevent a robbery.

Stay SAFE out there!

In Solidarity – There is Strength in Unity –
by Serop Karchikyan

A Hero Among Us

On March 14, 2020 Angelica Ordenana became an employee at the Pasadena Post Office, one of many new hires to enter the ranks of civil servant. Angelica is also an army veteran of six years, an E-5 Sergeant, and a real Letter Carrier Hero.

On November 16, 2020 Angelica was delivering mail on Villa Street in Pasadena when gun shots were fired while she stood at the back of her LLV. Her military instincts, experience and training kicked in. "When I looked, I saw that there was a man on the ground and one on the bench. The third man was just standing by the bench. I looked around, and went in to try to help. I went to assist the man lying on the ground. When I turned him over, he had been shot in the head, and I could see he was already dead.
I then went to the man sitting on the bench. He looked stunned, but okay. The man standing had been shot in the chest. I put my hand over the wound to attempt to stop the bleeding and asked if he knew what had happened. He said that he did not know. I kept compression on his wound until the police and ambulance came." Two of the three men succumbed to their injuries at the hospital.

Angelica said, "Everything happened so fast. I really didn't have time to think, just react and act. I wish I could have done more."

Angelica Ordenana, CCA Hero from Pasadena

The police confiscated the LLV as evidence because there were gun shells near the truck and it was considered part of the crime. "I was questioned by a detective and released. I read about the incident online the next day and, that's when the emotions hit me. I thought a lot about their families and the thoughts made me think about being in combat, but this time I was unarmed. I'm glad I was there to try and help. I wish I could have done more."

Carriers like Angelica show selfless courage and serve every day. Carriers like Angelica make me proud to be a letter carrier and to work alongside her.
Thank you for being our HERO, Angelica!!!

Vice President Carolyn Zorn

A big thank you to all carriers of the NALC from Congresswoman Judy Chu

It's not often we get a thank you, and to get one from our own congresswoman is even more special. To be recognized for our hard work and the dedication we put into our jobs makes me proud and makes all the hard work even more worth it. I know a big fat check would be well received by us all, but the work we did in 2020 is work we would have done, pandemic or not. Receive and believe the big reward is on its way. I am a proud Letter Carrier, and I work for the USPS. It is our Collective Commitment to the success of our rounds and duties. **Fight on Brothers and Sisters.**

Certificate of Congressional Recognition

Presented to the

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS

In Recognition of Your Hard Work, Dedication, and Perseverance During this Difficult Time. Your Unwavering Commitment to Deliver the Mail in the Midst of a Pandemic is Truly Vital to Our Community. A Heartfelt Thank You and Appreciation of Your Service.

NOVEMBER 2020

Judy Chu

Judy Chu, Ph.D.
Member of Congress, 27th District

TREASURER'S REPORT JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2021

INCOME	JAN	FEB
NALC Active Rebate	22,195.29	22,017.71
NALC Retiree Rebate	0.00	0.00
Direct Dues	115.52	823.12
Interest-Dividend	82.69	75.03
Other Income	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	**$22,393.50**	**$22,915.86**

EXPENSES	JAN	FEB
Building Maintenance	0.00	0.00
Car Allowance	500.00	500.00
COP Meeting	0.00	0.00
Food Drive	0.00	0.00
Gardening	0.00	306.00
Insurance	0.00	51.00
Internet	87.80	89.02
Mail Call	104.27	104.27
Mileage	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous**	0.00	0.00
National Convention	0.00	0.00
Office Expenses	370.21	142.52
Office Supplies	331.52	73.49
Officer Benefits	1,544.26	1,561.93
Officer/Steward Salary	13,620.74	13,998.61
Payroll Taxes/Filing	1,390.91	1,230.98
Per Capita Tax	41.50	34.00
Postage	107.99	187.99
Professional Fees	0.00	0.00
Property Tax/Use Tax	0.00	0.00
Retiree Bonus	-100.00	200.00
Seminars & Education	0.00	0.00
State Convention	0.00	0.00
Telephone	126.45	126.46
Utilities	256.06	48.95
Website Fees	148.24	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	**$18,529.95**	**$18,655.22**
NET INCOME	**$3,863.55**	**$4,260.64**

JAN/FEB TRANSFERS

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
Checking	Convention	3,537.04
Checking	Mikita	100.00
Checking	Building	2,000.00
Convention	Checking	0.00

ACCOUNT BALANCES

12/31/2020

General Checking	$204,114.32
Mikita Scholarship	$5,082.36
Building Fund	$288,490.72
Convention/Training	$78,004.82
TOTAL ACCOUNTS	$575,692.22

ACCOUNT BALANCES

1/31/2021

General Checking	$205,016.35
Mikita Scholarship	$5,132.58
Building Fund	$289,557.83
Convention/Training	$79,790.48
TOTAL ACCOUNTS	$579,497.24

ACCOUNT BALANCES

2/28/2021

General Checking	$206,154.94
Mikita Scholarship	$5,182.78
Building Fund	$290,618.54
Convention/Training	$81,561.17
TOTAL ACCOUNTS	$583,517.43

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – January 12, 2021

The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 7:05 p.m. by 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, specifically for Al Taylor, retired Pasadena carrier. The roll call was answered by twelve officers and stewards in good standing.

Motion (Siechert/Roldan) passed to waive the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting and accept as emailed to members in attendance at the membership meeting. Motion (Siechert/Temblador) passed to accept the bills as read, with the exception of Calvin Rich Sunday hours. Motion (Siechert/Roldan) passed to accept the Treasurer's Report, as read. Francis Glenn, retired Glendale carrier, was welcomed to the meeting.

Motion (Siechert/Trieu) passed to accept and welcome the following applications for membership: Fernando Baez, Melody Canjura, Walber Cornejo, Stephanie Duran, Erik La Beach, Sinae Medina, Steve Renaud, Boris Santana, Denny Saravia, and Jae Won. **Welcome!!**

MDA Coordinator Carolyn Zorn announced a raffle for an MDA fundraiser at our February membership meeting. Sister Zorn also reported on the win of the two Georgia Senate seats and on four legislative bills still being considered by Congress. Walter Washington reported on health benefit plan and wellness incentives. Audit Committee reported that an audit report is being prepared.

Motion (Burskey/Siechert) passed to accept the following recommendation from the Executive Board: the Branch purchase a new printer for the office not to exceed the amount of $800.

President Karchikyan reported on COVID vaccines and emergency COVID leave. Discussion followed on proposed CCA conversions, work hours, non-scheduled days, and overtime issues.

After President Karchikyan reminded all to stay safe, be vigilant and report any suspicious activities while on the street, a motion (Burskey/Siechert) passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Submitted by,

Nancy Norman
Secretary-Treasurer

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – February 9, 2021

The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 7:01 p.m. by 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 twelve officers and stewards in good standing. Motion (Siechert/Rhodes) passed to waive the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting and accept as emailed to members in attendance at the membership meeting. Motion (Siechert/Burskey) passed to excuse Artur Aghakhanyan from the meeting.

President Karchikyan introduced and welcomed both Agustin (Auggie) Leung, from San Marino, and retired carrier, William Basore from Santa Clarita. Motion (Siechert/Trieu) passed to accept the bills as read. Motion (Siechert/Trieu) passed to accept the Treasurer's Report, as emailed to members in attendance at the membership meeting. Motion (Siechert/Roldan) passed to accept and welcome the following applications for membership: Marina Ayala, Chris Chilin, Sergio Gonzalez, Daisy Guzman, Zulma Hernandez, Matthew Marroquin, Haracio Meza, and Orlin Sosa. **Welcome!!**

MDA Coordinator Carolyn Zorn announced $304 raised for MDA Gift Basket Raffle. The raffle winners were Joanne Ware (previous union office secretary) and Wendy G (Tina Giancanneli's mother). Sister Zorn also reported on Certificate of Recognition to NALC from Congressional Representative Judy Chu and reported on S. 145.

The 2-25-2020 audit report was read and a motion (Collier/Burskey) was made to accept the report. Motion failed. Motion (Siechert/Rich) passed that the audit report be tabled, for membership review of report, prior to the next membership meeting. The 10-15-2020 audit report was read and a motion (Collier/Washington) was made to accept the report. Motion (Norman/Siechert) passed to table the previous motion until the report is received, in writing, for review prior to the next membership meeting.

President Karchikyan reported on new USPS vehicles and on the national contract ratification deadline moved to March 1st. Motion (Siechert/Washington) passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 p.m.

Submitted by,

Nancy Norman
Secretary-Treasurer

Meeting Attendance
January/February 2021

Officers:
President Serop Karchikyan – P/P
Vice President Carolyn Zorn – P/P
Secy-Treasurer Nancy Norman – P/P
Financial Secy – Vacant
Sergeant at Arms Ric Roldan – P/P
Health Benefits Rep Walter Washington – P/P
Trustee Leroy Collier – P/P
Trustee Artur Aghakhanyan – P/E
Trustee Rob Burskey – P/P
MBA Representative Vinh Trieu – P/P

Stewards:
Glendale Main Office: Calvin Rich – P /P
Glendale V.V. 05: Iskui Dermendzhyan – P/P
Glendale V.V. 06 & 08: Keith Lineman – P/P
Glen La Crescenta: ArturAghakhanyan – P/E
La Canada/Montrose: Tina Giancanelli – A/P
Pasadena GMF 01: Kevin Nguyen – A/A
Pas Jackie Robinson 03/04: Carolyn Zorn –P/P
Santa Clarita Main Office: Scotty Reese – A/A
South Pasadena: Vinh Trieu – P/P
Tujunga: Rob Burskey – P/P

ZOOM MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Tuesday, March 9th
7:00 p.m.
via Zoom
Tuesday, April 13th
7:00 p.m.
via Zoom
Check in is at 6:45 p.m.

For the foreseeable future,
membership meetings are being held via Zoom.
With that said, we invite you to join the meetings
from the comfort of your own home,
all across the United States. Provide your email
address and you will receive an invite.
If you have any topics or information that you
would like to see discussed in the meeting,
please let us know via email:
nalc2200@gmail.com
or call the Branch office at 626-798-6122.
STAY SAFE EVERYONE!!

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Mikita Scholarship Application
with qualifying documents
must be received at the union office
no later than April 1, 2021
Email: nnorman.nalc2200@gmail.com
or call 626-798-6122 for more information

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