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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

I would like to start off by hoping that everyone had a great Halloween and enjoyed the time spent with the little munchkins in our families and those that rambled around in your neighborhoods. Hopefully, you all came up with something more original for a costume than a letter carrier uniform?? Along those lines, I would also like to wish everyone a Happy November holiday season.

Legislative Issues – Our National President has sounded the alarm about upcoming political battles. President Rolando is asking that we all help with the impending battles among our house representatives. Our newly named device for doing this is now known as Letter Carrier Political Fund (formerly known as COLCPE). It is very easy to get involved and also very inexpensive, requiring only $5.00 a payday. Imagine how that donation from over 250,000 carriers across the nation could further our efforts in saving our jobs. The details for getting involved in saving **YOUR** own career are simple, and listed below. Anyone with any questions, please call the union office at 626-798-6122.

Why should I join the Letter Carrier Political Fund?

- The Letter Carrier Political Fund identifies and contributes to candidates who support issues important to letter carriers.
- Joining the Political Fund provides letter carriers with the opportunity to build electoral and legislative power required to ensure decisions that impact their lives are made with their best interests in mind.
- Only NALC members can contribute to the Political Fund. Contributions are **voluntary** and may be stopped at any time.
- Union dues are not used, and cannot be used, for political contributions.
- We encourage Political Fund members to make suggestions for political contributions and to attend local fundraisers, to garner support for letter carrier issues/priorities.

How do I become a member and/or contribute?
The easiest way to become a member is to contribute through automatic payroll/annuity deduction. Contact our office for forms and/or more information or go to:

www.nalc.org/government-affairs/political-activity

Branch Election – Branch nominations were held at our October meeting. I am happy to announce that all of your board members were re-elected through acclamation. See the October meeting minutes and nomination/election results on back page. And a **BIG** Congratulations to our Board Members – Thank You for all that you do.

CCA Conversions: Locally we are on track to convert over 100 CCA's by the end of the year. Nationwide we have converted over 25,000 CCA's. Brothers and Sisters, this is definitely the future of the Postal Service. They are also the ones that will help secure the future of our post office and our retirements.

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While I cannot proclaim November as "Hug Your CCA Month," I think we can certainly show our gratitude to these fine men and women who are helping to strengthen our position in the global dominance of delivery. As rough as we all had it as PTF's, these folks go through considerably more agony, with less pay and benefits, than when we were hired. Take a moment out and befriend a CCA or two in your unit.

Calling All CCA'S – As you are starting out on your new careers, I implore you to get involved in your union's activities. You can become involved simply by attending meetings and asking questions. Each and every one of you needs to know and understand your rights. There is no better place to have a roundtable type discussion than at a union meeting, so please find some time in your busy schedules to attend. Meetings are held on the first and second Tuesday of every month – 7 p.m. at YOUR union office at 1310 N. Oxford Ave. in Pasadena.

Retiree Luncheon – This past month we held our annual retirement dinner. There was tons of free food, medical information tables, an investment strategy table, and a whole bunch of little lies being swapped among the attendees. Once again, it is a free meal for any member/retiree that would like to attend. So look us up next year for the next fiesta.

Health Care Open Enrollment – Our Open Season for enrolling in the NALC Health Benefit Plan is from November 9, 2015 until December 14, 2015. I urge each and every member to go to: www.nalchbp.org and look at exactly what this great plan can do for you and your family, at very respectable rates. We, letter carriers, OWN this plan and I cannot understand why every member is not part of this "not-for-profit" group. You can actually call the plan and get answers from human beings, instead of winging it from robot to robot at large insurance companies. Please check out this plan. You and your family deserve the best – NALC Health Benefit Plan!

OWCP and On-the-Job Injuries – There seems to be some pretty severe issues involving on the job injuries, first and foremost, is the lack of reporting an accident/injury to the supervisor.

We are all letter carriers. I have yet to meet a letter carrier with an M.D. title behind their name. We really need to quit diagnosing ourselves when we are hurt. No matter how small, report an accident and go to the doctor. Let the doctor tell you that it's not a serious injury. Don't sluff it off and not report it, and then the next day you can hardly walk, or move your arm. You can always discontinue seeing the doctor, once they have determined it is not serious. Letter carrier work puts lots of strain on our bodies and we are getting older. Minor aches and pains have been telling us something for a long time. Let's take care of our bodies so we can sail into retirement without needing a walker. **REPORT ALL ACCIDENTS OR INJURIES IMMEDIATELY. THEN, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, CALL THE UNION OFFICE FOR ADVICE ON HOW TO PROCEED.**

OWCP Issue #2 – It seems that OWCP across the country is, again, hiring investigators to observe postal employees who are out on an injury claim. They are near your house, at your child's school, your local supermarket and any other location where they might spy on you. If you have been reading your Postal Record, the last two months have contained articles from Kevin Card our National OWCP expert regarding this exact thing. Go back and check out those articles, as this is also happening right here in Southern California. If you are out for a job-related injury you **CANNOT** exceed your restrictions, or even have the **"appearance" of exceeding your restrictions**, for even one minute. Be Careful. The Postal Service is not only GPSing us to death, we are being watched by other private investigators.

See you in next edition! Stay safe and be wise.

By Mike Wyly

LABOR UNIONS:

THE FOLKS WHO BROUGHT YOU THE WEEKEND.
CHILD LABOR LAWS, OVERTIME,
MINIMUM WAGE, INJURY PROTECTION,
WORKMENS COMPENSATION INSURANCE,
PENSION SECURITY, RIGHT TO ORGANIZE . .ETC.

NON-MEMBER ROSTER - BRANCH 2200

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POST OFFICE	PL	REG/CCA	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POST OFFICE	PL	REG/CCA
Diep	Cuong	Glendale	104	R	**Juarez**	Jesse	Pasadena	10	R
Garcia	Raymond	Glendale	104	R	**Kim**	Sung	Pasadena	3	R
Law	Simon	Glendale	104	R	**Lam**	Tung	Pasadena	8	R
Nguyen	Hung	Glendale	107	R	**Macias**	Aurelio	Pasadena	0	R
					Manju	Mohammed	Pasadena	6	R
Soldatenko	George	Glendale	104	R	**Mejia**	Gerald	Pasadena	5	R
Ting	H.S.	Glendale	0	R					
Wen	R.J.	Glendale	104	R	**Moreno**	Jose	Pasadena	4	R
Esguerra	Benito	Glendale	141	R	**Nguyen**	Minh	Pasadena	6	R
Khuu	David	Glendale	141	R	**Phan**	Johnny	Pasadena	5	R
Sanchez	Andrea	Glendale	141	R	**Ragay**	Edwin	Pasadena	10	R
Suh	Uk Sun	Glendale	141	R					
Tisuthiwongse	Somsak	Glendale	141	R	**Syavong**	Norkham	Pasadena	0	R
Banh	Kelly	Glendale	121	R	**Trac**	Tam	Pasadena	1	R
Jung	Eddie	Glendale	121	R	**Valdez**	Ruby	Pasadena	7	R
Wang	Felix	Glendale	121	R	**Victorio**	Rodel	Pasadena	5	R
Bilemjian	Ara	Glendale	161	R	**Wang**	David	Pasadena	1	R
Duran	Maria	Glendale	161	R	**Xu**	Bing	Pasadena	7	R
Gasparian	Meridjan	Glendale	151	R	**Yglesias**	Ruben	Pasadena	7	R
Isajani	Derik	Glendale	161	R	**Frigillana**	Abraham	Pasadena	4	R
Phung	Phan	Glendale	161	R	**Amado**	Christopher	Santa Clarita	740	CCA
Rodriguez	Linda	Glendale	161	R	**Bohleen**	Chelsea	Santa Clarita	320	R
Sung	Peilang	Glendale	161	R	**Davinroy**	Andrew	Santa Clarita	320	R
Tang	Danny	Glendale	161	R	**Dominguez**	Rocky	Santa Clarita	321	CCA
					Frasca, Jr.	Carmine	Santa Clarita	320	R
Trang	C.N.	La Canada	101	R	**Froerer**	Michael	Santa Clarita	120	R
Arvizo	Aurora	Pasadena	4	R	**Heath, Jr.**	Howard	Santa Clarita	320	R
Asuncion	Joel	Pasadena	6	R	**Lartigue**	Kim	Santa Clarita	120	R
Barsamian	Razmik	Pasadena	6	R	**Lartigue**	Peter	Santa Clarita	120	R
Candeias	Joe	Pasadena	8	R	**Navarro**	Junzky	Santa Clarita	120	R
Carrillo	Ismael, Jr.	Pasadena	7	R	**Smith**	Susan	Santa Clarita	120	R
Chau	Sy	Pasadena	3	R	**Wieczorek**	Paul	Santa Clarita	520	R
Chavez	Anthony	Pasadena	10	R	**Ybarra**	Jose	Santa Clarita	120	R
Chen	Juo Luen	Pasadena	7	R	**Safarians**	Alvat	Santa Clarita	620	R
Choi	Mong	Pasadena	10	R	**Spasoff**	Carl	Santa Clarita	620	R
Dubois	Carol	Pasadena	8	R					
Garcia	Johnny	Pasadena	4	R	**Velasquez**	Monica	Santa Clarita	621	R
Gonzalez	Heather	Pasadena	10	R					
					Carrasco	Christian	Sunland	0	CCA
Ho	Raymond	Pasadena	7	R	**Helstrom**	P.J.	Sunland	320	R
Ip	Wai	Pasadena	6	R	**Srirathu**	R.	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 CCA 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!!

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

September 8, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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. 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 last issue of the Mail Call (Smith/Costanzo). Bills read, motion passed that warrants be drawn and bills be paid (Siechert/Trieu).

Motion passed to accept and welcome the following applications for membership: David Martinez, Gerald Newman, Nikolas Niquete, Sylvia Ortiz, Josefa Pacheco, Jonathan Qua, Abner Ramirez, and Nadia Spolar (Siechert/Roldan). **Welcome Brothers and Sisters!!**

Health Benefits Representative Washington reported on new health plan member recruiting, new provisions in 2016, and President Wyly announced the award for Brother Washington's 10 years of service.

Carolyn Zorn read our Thank-You note from MDA for participation in Summer Camp. Also a reminder of the Retiree Banquet on Sunday, September 13th. Larrie Rhodes reported on the continuing political fights for USPS in the Santa Clarita area and his contact with local representatives.

President Wyly announced the end of his medical leave and his return to work, thanking Leroy Collier for filling in over the summer. There was also discussion regarding CCA's, their setup in Santa Clarita, and how to help them in other locations to become more knowledgeable about their jobs and their rights, and to encourage them to stay with the Postal Service. Among a number of issues, is the union being involved in helping CCA's obtain their uniform allowance.

Motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. (Siechert/Zorn).

Submitted by,

Nancy Norman
Secretary Treasurer

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 13, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President 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 for Ricardo Garcia a former letter carrier at Pasadena Jackie Robinson Station. 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 (Temblador/Costanzo). Motion passed to excuse H.T. Tran from the September meeting (Burskey/Costanzo). Motion passed that warrants be drawn and bills be paid (Burskey/Costanzo).

Motion passed to accept and welcome the applications for membership from: Migiel Ada, Katherine Cervantes, Rafael Cervantes, Madison Clenny, Mia Davis, Lisa Deas, Tomeshia Easley, Christina Eiker, Alma Elizalde, Alex Fernandez, Ricardo Fuentes, Elizabeth Griffen, Tamara Gutierrez, Demario Hall, Quida Johnson-Forte, Chryshanda Malwah, Cesar Mayorga, Mersedes Moreno-Rojas, Perrish Oakley, Elizabeth Palaj, Hector Rosales, Carolina Siguenza, Anasheh Vartanian, Artin Zargarians (Temblador/Costanzo). **WELCOME!!**

Motion passed to suspend the order of business for nomination of officers and convention delegates (Burskey/Rhodes). Nominations closed. Motion passed to reopen nominations (Collier/Temblador) and Jan Siechert was nominated as an additional delegate. The President declared all officers elected by acclamation. Motion passed that all delegates nominated be elected by acclamation (Collier/Zorn). Report on back page.

Motion passed that the Branch create a flyer in an attempt to raise $25/per member for MDA (Collier/Zorn). Carolyn Zorn and Leroy Collier reported on MDA, legislative issues, and Committee of Presidents meeting that Brother Collier recently attended.
Motion passed to accept recommendations from Executive Board: 1) Branch members be paid Grade 1, Level O for work done for the union (Burskey/Trieu)
2) The Branch contribute $200 to Victims of the Valley Fire in Northern CA (Collier/Costanzo). The membership donated an additional $200.
Motion to adjourn (Burskey/Temblador) at 9:07 p.m.
Submitted by,

Nancy Norman
Secretary-Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT SEP-OCT 2015

INCOME	SEP	OCT
Active Rebate	21,488.78	21,249.46
Retiree Rebate	278.77	0.00
Direct Dues	611.84	424.00
Interest-Dividend	203.68	208.63
Other Income	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	**$22,583.07**	**$21,882.09**

EXPENSES	SEP	OCT
Building Repairs/Improvements	0.00	0.00
Car Allowance	400.00	400.00
COP Meeting	374.90	158.34
Gardening	252.00	0.00
Insurance	0.00	0.00
Internet	109.64	109.64
Mail Call	-5.58	0.00
Mileage	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	200.00
National Convention	0.00	0.00
Office Expenses	258.85	499.12
Office Supplies	156.46	392.34
Officer Benefits	905.18	1,810.36
Officer/Steward Salary	11,059.58	11,434.02
Payroll Taxes	882.52	913.43
Per Capita Tax	27.50	27.50
Postage	314.24	127.99
Professional Fees	1,600.00	0.00
Publications & Newsletters	297.00	0.00
Retiree Banquet	1,554.85	205.00
Retiree Bonus	200.00	100.00
Seminars & Education	0.00	1,078.05
State Convention	0.00	0.00
Telephone	205.40	206.63
Utilities	350.09	10.40
TOTAL EXPENSES	**$18,942.63**	**$17,672.82**
NET INCOME	**$3,640.44**	**$4,209.27**

ACCOUNT BALANCES	
10/31/2015	
General Checking	$36,534.53
Mikita Scholarship	$4,972.12
Building Fund	$241,573.02
Convention Fund	$36,434.82
TOTAL ACCOUNTS	**$319,514.49**

"Now, keep in mind that these numbers are only as accurate as the fictitious data, ludicrous assumptions and wishful thinking they're based upon!"

Carl J. Saxsenmeier Scholarship

How did a California State Letter Carriers Association scholarship come about and how did Carl J. Saxsenmeier merit having a scholarship named after him?

Following are excerpts from Jack J. Woods, Historian NALC Branch 290.

Carl Saxsenmeier, affectionately known as "The Man," began his career with the Post Office (then Department) in 1933 as a special delivery messenger. During that period, new postal workers were required to report for duty and wait in the swing room, off the clock, until called for available work. If work were available, he was paid a few cents for each special delivery letter he delivered. He later transferred to the carrier craft and became active in Branch 214, San Francisco in the early fifties. For the first couple of years, he was a trustee and chairman of the branch barbecue committee. In 1954, Carl was elected Branch President and served in that position until 1958. The 1958 National Convention of the NALC was held in San Francisco and at this convention, the then National President, William C. Doherty, appointed Saxsenmeier to the newly formed NALC Health Benefits Plan Board of Directors. In 1961, he became Western Field Director (now known by title of National Business Agent) for the National Association of Letter Carriers until his death in 1966.

Not long after his death in 1966, the Scholarship program was born. Originally the program was administered by the National Union; then turned over to the trusteeship of Branch 214, San Francisco. For a time, the program lay dormant. The California State Association of Letter Carriers saw the need to reactivate the program in 1973, and with a little more than $8000 in the Fund, it was turned over to the State Association in October 1974. Today, the State Association awards ten $1,400 scholarships each year to children and now grandchildren of NALC members. Even with historic low interest rates for the past decade, the scholarship fund has continued to preserve its base and even grow slightly. This accomplishment has been achieved by the many branches, across the state, donating to the fund each year.

The judging of the applications is done by an independent panel of educators, who are experienced in scholarship competition. The Program's chairman, a state officer, collects the applications and turns them over to these impartial experts.

Carl J. Saxsenmeier was and is a symbol of exemplary leadership. Today we honor his memory by continuing the Carl J. Saxsenmeier Scholarship Program. What better way to remember "THE MAN," a fellow union member who gave his all for the betterment of letter carriers – past and present.

If you have a high school senior, see reverse side for Saxsenmeier Scholarship Application

Meeting Attendance
September/October 2015

Officers:
President Mike Wyly - P/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/E
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 - E/P
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, November 10th
7:00 p.m.
and
Tuesday, December 8th
7:00 p.m.
Union Office
1310 N Oxford Ave
in Pasadena

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1310 N OXFORD AVE
PASADENA CA 91104

NOMINATIONS/ELECTION BY ACCLAMATION

PRESIDENT: Mike Wyly*
VICE-PRESIDENT: Serop Karchikyan*
SECRETARY-TREASURER: Nancy Norman*
FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Frank Costanzo
HEALTH BENEFITS REP: Walter Washington
MBA REPRESENTATIVE: Vinh Trieu
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Federico Roldan
TRUSTEES:
Leroy Collier
Donald Smith
Carolyn Zorn

NOMINATIONS – CONVENTION DELEGATES

Artur Agharhanyan
Leroy Collier
Tina Giancanelli**
Oscar Munoz
Ervin Larrie Rhodes
Jan Siechert
Victor Temblador
Vinh Trieu
Carolyn Zorn
Rob Burskey
Frank Costanzo
Renee Lindsay
Kevin Nguyen**
Ric Roldan
Donald Smith
Hinh T Tran
Walter Washington, Sr.

***President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer are paid convention delegates by virtue of office**

****Did not accept nomination**