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Branch 782

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at the

Mike:



I want to offer my congratulations to our Business Agent Manny Peralta. He was elected, by acclamation, to the position of NALC Director of Safety and Health. Manny has not only been a great Business Agent but also a very good personal friend.

I—along with the members of Branch 782—will miss him but we know that our loss will be a tremendous gain for the National office.

It has been a privilege to work with Manny for over twenty years. He has a never ending dedication to the Letter Carrier Union and it was because of his dedication and *his* encouragement that I have continued to be involved with the local union.

Over the years, I have been privileged to witness and assist Manny in many arbitration hearings. Anyone who has done so will undoubtedly agree that he has an uncanny ability to remember just about everything. It is awe inspiring to watch him in action!

I also want to congratulate NALC Director of City Delivery Dale Hart for his retirement and wish him all the best. Dale has also been tireless in his dedication to the union. It doesn't seem that long ago that I sat in arbitration hearings with Dale and witnessed the precision with which he countered management's arguments.

I was lucky over the years to observe and work with (in my opinion) the best Regional Administrative Assistants anywhere: Dale Hart, Manny Peralta, Joan Hurst, Al Apfelbaum

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and Jim Stankovich. Each of them had their own style but were extremely effective in representing Carriers' rights. If they are any indication of the caliber of representatives found elsewhere in the country, then we should feel confident that the union will be able to meet all the challenges ahead.

Regional Administrative Assistant Chris Jackson was also elected by acclamation at the National Convention to take over as our next Business Agent. Chris has big shoes to fill, but I am sure he is ready and able to do so. Congratulations, Chris! I look forward working with you.

Locally, I want to thank Darryl Holderman for all the work he has done as Vice President. It has been a pleasure working with him. Darryl has chosen not to run for Vice-President and was elected by acclamation to be our new Sergeant-at-Arms. He has also agreed to continue as Shop Steward at South Station.

Congratulations to John Ortega who was elected—by acclamation—as Vice President. John is definitely an asset to the local union. John graduated from the NALC Leadership Academy and has been the one of the District NALC Representatives for the Route Adjustment Process for the last several years. His election bodes well for our future.

I want to also express my appreciation to all the rest of the Executive Board, who were elected by acclamation. I feel fortunate and proud to serve with all of them.

On another note, the upcoming election for Congressman and Senators may be pivotal for the middle class; and, in particular, government and postal workers. There seems to be an organized assault against the middle class.

One candidate on the news the other day advocated doing away with the minimum wage. Another candidate, Darrell Issa, who the NALC had initially endorsed has changed his views and now calls the request for relief from the 5.5 billion pre-funding requirement “a bail-out”.

HIS BELIEF IS NOT TRUE.

It is frightening to think that these are the people who could decide the future of the Postal Service and postal workers. I can't believe that Darrell Issa doesn't know the real facts, but obviously he prefers to ignore them for political expediency.

Don't just vote for a particular political party because you always have done so before. Investigate and find out the views the candidate has toward the Post Office and specifically postal workers.

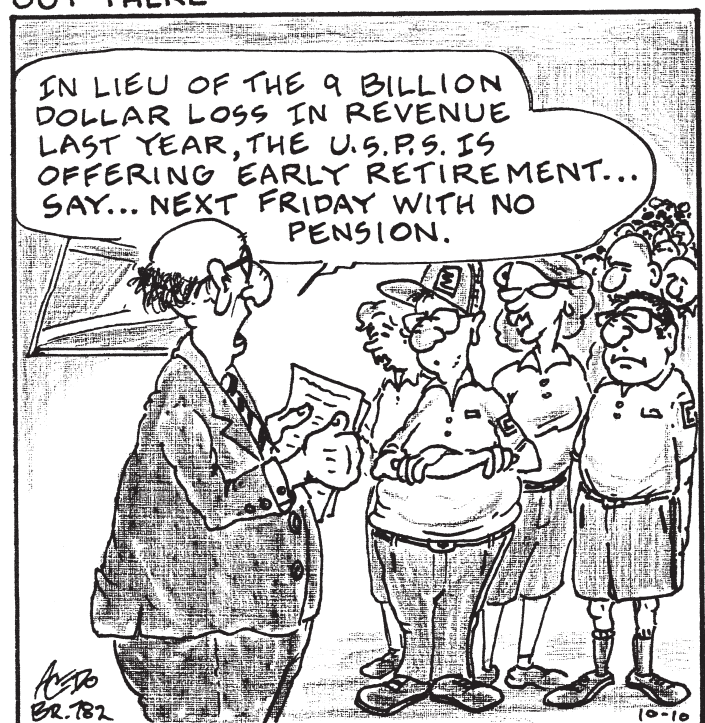
VOTE AS THOUGH YOUR JOB AND RETIREMENT IS AT STAKE. THEY MAY WELL BE IF LABOR FRIENDLY CANDIDATES ARE NOT ELECTED...

All the benefits we have gained through collective bargaining over the last 40 years can be undone by a vote in an unfriendly Congress. Don't be fooled by all the political rhetoric.

Hope to see you at the general meeting on October 26th.

MIKE TOWERY
NALC Branch 782 President

OUT THERE



OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF NALC "GOLDEN EMPIRE" BRANCH 782 AND DELEGATES TO THE 2011 STATE CONVENTION

The election will be conducted by secret ballot at the regular meeting on November 23, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at the Branch 782 Union Office, 2628 "F" Street. Bakersfield, California.

Any member who, for any reason, will be unable to vote on November 23, 2010, may obtain absentee ballots by submitting a signed written request to the Election Committee, Golden Empire Branch 782, 2628 "F" Street. Bakersfield, California 93301. Absentee ballots must be requested after nominations have been closed but no later than November 9, 2010.

Write-in votes are not permitted.

Eligibility for Branch Funds

Of the delegates from the Bakersfield local area selected to the State Convention, the requirements of eligibility for Conventions funds will be; attendance at ten (10) of the twelve (12) regular General Meetings just prior to the State Convention; and then (10) of the twelve (12) regular General Meetings just prior to the National Convention.

Of the delegates selected from the outlying Associate Offices (excess of thirty miles from Bakersfield), the requirements of eligibility for convention funds shall be: attendance at least two (2) meetings (any combination of regular General Meetings and/or Quarterly Area Meetings) in the twelve months just prior to the State Convention.

FERS & TSP

by Gary Meyer, Trustee

When I first started in the Postal Service (1984) I was making \$10.54 per/hour. This is what a casual was earning in the year 2004 before the TE's arrived.

As every one knows, ten dollars per hour does not go far when you have a family. At that time I had a wife and one child. Being young and not knowing what the future would bring, I felt that investing only 3 percent of my pay for the first 4 years into FERS was sufficient. In the fifth year I changed it to 5 percent.

Because of this, I lost out on free money from the USPS.

When young people first have to elect how much they want to put into their retirement they always feel that they have forever until they retire, so they start out putting in very little, or don't contribute at all.

For the first four years, I lost a lot of free money from the Postal Service. The first 3 percent you put into your FERS TSP account, the Postal Service matches 100%. The next two percent (4 & 5) the Postal Service matches 50% for each one.

The most important aspect to remember when you get into FERS is ***the minimum amount you want to contribute into your TSP retirement account would be 5 percent.***

The next thing to consider would be your MRA (Minimum Retirement Age). This will be determined by an individual's year of birth. Anyone born before 1948, your MRA is 55 years. Anyone

born 1953 - 1964 your MRA is 56 years. If you were born after 1970, your MRA is 57 years old.

When an employee under FERS reaches their MRA, they may be eligible to receive a "Supplemental FERS Annuity". Employees under FERS are the only employees that can receive this. CSRS employees are entitled to this Supplemental Income.

If a FERS employee retires at their MRA with 30 years of service, they will receive this extra income until age 62 when they are eligible to begin to receive Social Security.

As a FERS employee, if you retire at MRA with thirty years of service, you receive the following benefits:

1. Pension (High Three-Years earnings)
2. Supplemental Annuity (Until age 62)
3. TSP Saving Account
4. Eligible to begin collecting Social Security at age 62.

I hope this helps the new members when electing to put into their TSP. Start ASAP and put in *no less than 5 percent*. When you begin to earn more, you can up the percentage going into your TSP. You may think that 30 years is forever...but it comes much faster than you think.

Article courtesy of the Buffalo, NY Branch 3 *BUZZ*
published in September 2010

Minutes of the September 2010 General Meeting

The regular meeting of Br. 782 was called to order by President Mike Towery at 7:00 p.m. on the 28th day of September, 2010 at the Branch office, Bakersfield. The flag salute was led by Sargeant-at-Arms Jerry Patterson. All members of the Executive Board were present except Trustee Lucinda Martinez. The Stewards were present from Arvin, Avenal, Brundage, Camino Media, Downtown, East Bakersfield, Hillcrest, Lamont, Oildale, Shafter, South, Stockdale, Taft and Wasco. Also present was the Newsletter Editor Basil Zuniga, Webmaster Rick Plummer, OWCP Representative Rick Gerdes, Photographer Anita Holderman, and Emma Gonzalez of the Social and Recreation Committee. The Minutes of the August 24, 2010 meeting were accepted as read with no additions or corrections. The Minutes of the Special General Meeting on September 8, 2010 were accepted with the addition: "The Special General Meeting was requested by members of Branch 782 in good standing. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the expenditures regarding the book project."

REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES: Basil Zuniga reported that there was a communication glitch, it should have been South Stations turn for the folding of the newsletter, but they were not informed. Next month will be South station. Basil discussed cost cutting changes to the newsletter. Basil informed the membership that Fred and Toni Acedo took a box of books to sell at the Fair. Rick Plummer will put the books on E-bay. The book will also be advertised in the newsletter. The Trustees will be in charge of the books. All books must be checked out from the trustees. The trustees will report on book sales at each general meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Mario Muniz reported that the Retiree Dinner will be Wednesday, November 3, from 4 – 8 p.m. at Hodel's. The cost is \$19.66 per person.

NEW BUSINESS: Molly Biggar reported that \$15,000 needs to be moved to cover the costs of the book project. A discussion was held. Molly Biggar made a motion to accept the revised Budget. Seconded by Jerry Patterson and passed. Mike Towery opened the nominations for Branch Officers. Mike Towery was elected President by acclamation. John Ortega was elected Vice-President by acclamation, Kim Gerdes was elected Recording Secretary by acclamation, Molly Biggar was elected Treasurer by acclamation, Anita Holderman was elected Financial Secretary by

acclamation, and Mark Ramirez was elected HBP/MBA Rep. by acclamation. The nominees for Trustee were Lucinda Martinez, Paul Salazar, Mabel Bullis, Danny Blair and Bill Curtis. Mike Towery then opened the nominations for Delegates to the State Convention in April 2011. Nominated were Diana Chavez, Norma Hamer, John Ortega, Randy Courson, Mabel Bullis, Emma Gonzalez, Mike Meza, Shari Sharpe, Darryl Holderman, Pam Smith, Anita Holderman, Danny Blair, Basil Zuniga, Paul Salazar, Kim Gerdes, Rolando Trevino, Judy Kiyoshi, Rick Gerdes, Frank Martinez, Alan Smith and Fred Acedo. Mike Towery appointed Jerry Patterson to head the Election Committee. Mike reported on the Presidents Meeting. In an effort to cut costs the Postal Service is considering doing away with the Area. He reported that the top 835 Postal Service employees do not pay anything for their Health Benefits. He discussed the out of schedule pay grievances for the 204B's. They are covered under our contract and are entitled to out of schedule pay. Molly Biggar made a motion that the December meeting be pot luck. Seconded by Judy Kiyoshi. The motion passed. Jerry Patterson donated \$25.00 towards the purchase of a turkey for the December pot luck.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Anita Holderman reported that \$8,509.50 was collected for the month of August.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Molly Biggar reported:

Beginning Balance	\$55,196.50
Due and Income	\$35,943.88
Interest Income	\$ 6.95
Total Balance	\$91,147.33
Expenses	\$27,547.41
Ending Balance	\$63,599.92

The 50/50 MDA Drawing was won by Jerry Patterson. The Drawing for \$500.00 would have been won by Jovencio (Ben) Arabe if he had been present.

There were 43 members present.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
KIM GERDES



NON-MEMBER LIST August 2010

Basil: 389 of the 412 craft employees are NALC members. We have achieved a total of 94.4%!!

KIM GERDES
Branch 782 Recording Secretary

DOWNTOWN STATION
Dale Pearce
Javier Cruz

SOUTH STATION
100% Union!!!

EAST BAKERSFIELD
100% Union!!!

HILLCREST
100% Union!!!

BRUNDAGE
David Kinglee

DOLE COURT
Sharon Hancock

STOCKDALE
Albert White
James Oh
G. S. Saran

CAMINO MEDIA
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100% Union!!!

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V. L. Johnson

CALIFORNIA CITY
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WASCO
100% Union!!!

*Being a
member
doesn't
cost...
it pays!!!*

Out tHeRe

Do you have an idea for a Fred Acedo cartoon???

Maybe you've been in an "altercation" with a dog. Perhaps you have some funny things that happened to you when you were out on the street.

On the other hand, you might have a certain supervisor that did or said something that you think might make for a great cartoon... Let Fred have a chance to put his pen to paper and see what he can come up with.

Here's where you can reach him: Fred Acedo, Branch 782 S.A.N.E.; P.O. Box 6532; Bakersfield, CA 93386-6532.



from the editor-guy

At the recent NALC National Convention, Fred Acedo got to meet many NALC members from all over the country. Many purchased a copy of his cartoon book **Out tHeRe**. Others wanted to buy tickets for the raffle of framed cartoons or one of his “colorized” cartoons.

Fred spent some long hours working at the Convention. He was there before any events began and he was there until we were chased out. He did everything he could to make this project successful.

Despite the long days, Fred did a lot of smiling at the Convention. As evidenced in each of the pictures on this page, Fred got to share that smile with many, many Letter Carriers. In the top picture on the left, Fred stands by the display of his artwork. Fred personally framed and matted cartoons as part of a rafflfe for MDA.

Fred wasn't the only Branch 782 member who was energized by this project. Check out the picture at the top on the right side of this page. Camino Media Shop Steward Mike Meza went to the microphone to urge delegates to buy a copy of the book. He didn't seem to be fazed by speaking to almost 8,000 people...but, believe it or not, he doesn't look like he can be intimidated easily. I think that he had a good time doing it.

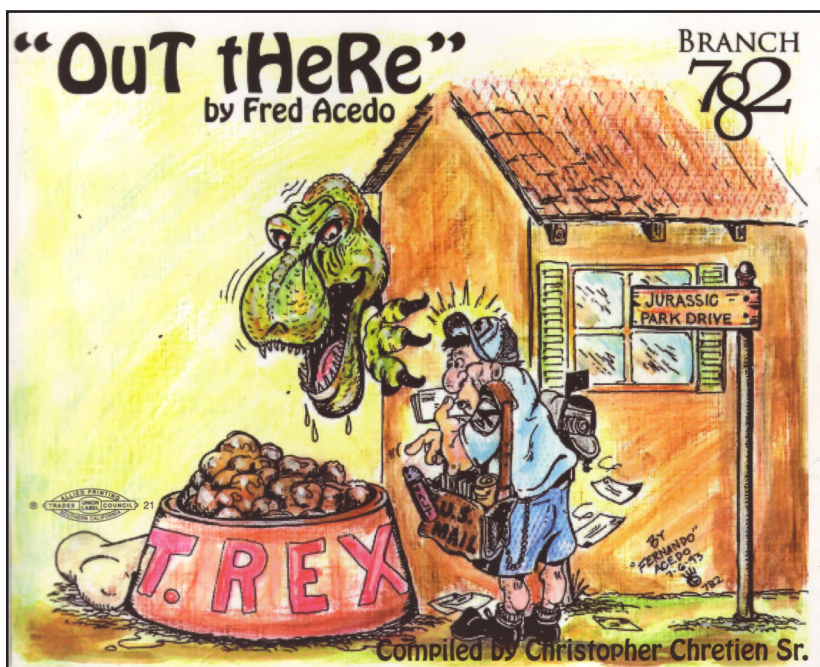
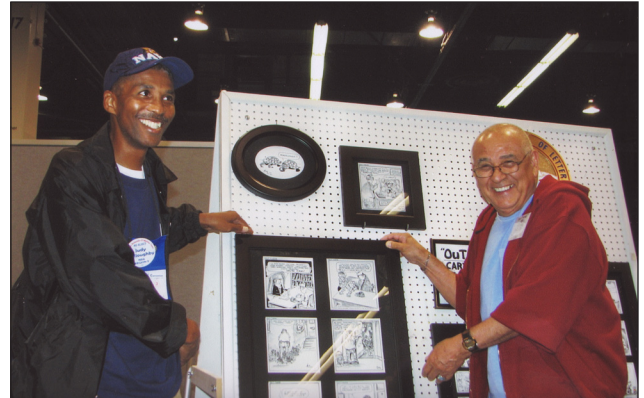
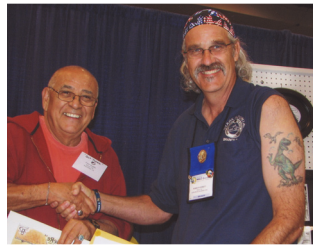
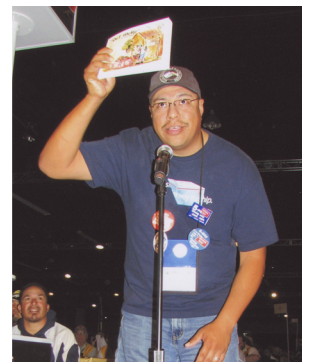
One interesting delegate wanted to buy the **Out tHeRe** cover art. I wish we had remembered to make a note of his name and where he came from. He bought the color cartoons for both the front and back covers. If you look closely, you'll see that he has a T-Rex tatoosed on his arm.

And then... he told us that his nickname is “T-Rex”. Fred got a kick out of that one. Wonder where he placed those cartoons?

Finally, the last two pictures on this page show the winners of the raffle. The names of the winners are written on a piece of paper someplace. Hopefully, I'll find it someday so that I can properly report this to all of you. The first winner was from—I think—Georgia. The second winner, who was from Buffalo Branch 3, stands with Branch 782 Vice-President Darryl Holderman as he receives his artwork.

Fred Acedo is planning to attend the upcoming Retiree Dinner on November 3. Part of his reason for being there is he will autograph any **Out tHeRe** books that are sold. If you haven't bought a book yet, here's another chance...

BASIL ZUNIGA
Branch 782 Editor-guy



2011 Carl J. Saxsenmeier

Scholarship Program

The California State Association of Letter Carriers (CSALC) is now accepting applications for the 2011 Carl J. Saxsenmeier Scholarship Program. **All applications must be sent to the Scholarship Chair by January 7, 2011.** The Chair will send scholarship packets to all applicants by the end of January 2011. The scholarships are available to the dependent children or grandchildren of members of NALC Branches within the State of California who have not served in a supervisory capacity in the previous two (2) years from the date of 2011 award announcement. Applicant's parent / grandparent must be a member in good standing of the NALC for at least one year prior to applying. Applicant must be a high school senior when applying. Saxsenmeier Scholarship awards are issued in the year of graduation and are not renewable.

Jeff Parr

Saxsenmeier Scholarship Chair
1177 Levine Dr-Santa Rosa, Ca 95401
707-523-1818

Saxsenmeier Scholarship Application
(Please Print)

Student's Name _____

NALC Member's Name _____

Home Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

Home Telephone _____

Cell / Fax _____

Email Address _____

Applicant's Signature _____

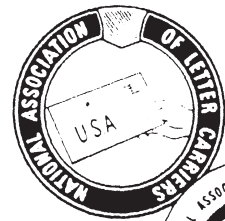
NALC Member Signature _____ Relationship to Applicant _____

Local NALC Branch Officer Signature required for verification of member in good standing:

NALC Branch Officer Signature _____ Title _____

Branch Officer Printed Name & Number _____

2010 NALC HBP Info



NALC Health Benefit Plan	1-888-636-6252
*Hospital Pre-Certification	1-877-220-6252
*** Mental & Substance Precert.	1-877-468-1016
Drug Prescription Retail	1-800-933-6252
CareMark Hearing Impaired	1-800-238-1217
*** CareMark Specialty Pharmacy	1-800-237-2767
*** Durable Medical Equpt.	1-888-636-6252
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Durable Medical Equipment	1-888-636-6252
Nurse Assistant (24/7)	1-877-220-6252
CareMark Pharmacist	1-888-636-6252
Enhanced Eldercare Services (24/7)	1-877-468-1016
CIGNA PPO Dr's & Facilities	1-877-220-6252
***CIGNA Transplant Approval	1-800-668-9682
Quest Diagnostics (Lab Services)	1-877-220-6252
Quit Power (Smoking Cessation)	1-877-784-8797
CIGNA Health Rewards (Discounts)	1-800-870-3470
CIGNA Dental Discount Program	1-877-521-0244
**** Disease Management Program	1-800-227-3728
MEDICARE Managed Care Plan	1-800-633-4277
OPM Retirement Info Center	1-888-767-6738
Federal Information Center	1-800-688-9889
Social Security Administration Info	1-800-772-1213

Mark Ramirez
(661) 834-5011

Branch 782 MBA & HBR Representative

NALC Health Benefit Plan
20547 Waverly Court
Ashburn, VA 20149

NALC Prescription Drug Program
P.O. Box 94467
Palatine, IL 60094-4467

NALC Drug Prescription Program
"Claims"
P.O. Box 521926
Phoenix, AZ 85012-2192

Optimum Health Behavioral Solutions
P.O. Box 30755
Salt Lake City, UT 84130-0755
Questions: 1-877-468-1016

* Failure to pre-certify will result in a \$500 reduction in benefits paid by the Plan. Must notify the Plan prior to hospital admission with doctor name and dates. ** Mail order drug prescription program long term (maintenance drugs) 60 day supply: \$8 generic, \$43 name brand; 90 day supply: \$5 NALC select generic, 12 generic, \$65 name brand. Preferred Retail Pharmacy, 20% generic, name brand 30%. MEDICARE 60 day supply: \$7 generic, \$37 name brand; 90 day supply: \$4 NALC Select Generic, \$10 generic, \$55 name brand. Prior approval required for some drugs. Certain bio-tech drugs (e.g. Asthma, Diabetis, organ rejection) require prior approval before dispensing. Must call the Plan. 1-800-237-2767.

Preferred Provider (PPO)

Cost: \$15.00

Co-pay per office visit

Preferred Provider (PPO)

Deductible

\$300 Individual

\$600 Self & Family

Per Calendar Year

Center for Disease Control	http://www.cdc.gov
National Library of Medicine	http://www.nlm.nih.gov
American Public Health Assoc.	http://www.alpha.org
American Cancer Society	http://www.cancer.org
American Heart Association	http://www.americanheart.org
American Lung Association	http://www.lunusa.org
Diabetes Foundation	http://www.diabetis.org
Muscular Dystrophy Association	http://www.mdausa.org
JAMA Asthma Information Center	http://www.ama.assn.org/special/asthma
Your Personal Health Record	http://www.nalc.org/depart/hbp
National Patient Safety	http://www.npsf.org

What to do in case of active carrier's death

1. Notify employee's immediate supervisor.
2. Notify postmaster.
3. Notify personnel section (if any).
4. Contact the following for accounts or benefits:
 - a. The local NALC union office;
 - b. If veteran, the veterans' Administration local office;
 - c. Local bank or postal credit union;
 - d. Social Security Administration local office;
 - e. Insurance companies for policies on life (if NALC Mutual Benefit Association, write 100 Indiana Ave., N.W., Room 510, Washington, DC 20001-2144 or call 202-638-4318; if Federal Employees Group Life Insurance, contact local personnel office): hospitalization (if NALC Health Benefit Plan, write 20547 Waverly Court, Ashburn, VA 22093 or call 703-729-4677); house; and automobile;
 - f. Internal Revenue Service local office;
 - g. U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM), Employee Service and Records Center, Boyers, PA 16017 or the NALC retirement office, 100 Indiana Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20001-2144. You can phone the NALC retirement office toll-free at 800-424-5186 on Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday, 10 a.m.-12 noon and 2-4 p.m. (Eastern time).
5. Change name on all important papers to survivor's name.
6. Notify station superintendent (or supervisor) or postmaster of the time and place of memorial services.
7. Have mortuary officials obtain enough certified death certificates for your needs. They can advise how many.
8. Give immediate supervisor locker keys and badge.
9. Fill out these forms (available in some post offices from personnel section or postmaster): SF 2800—application for death benefit; SF 1153—claim of designated beneficiary for unpaid compensation; SF 1155—claim for unpaid compensation, no designated beneficiary; FE 6—claim for benefits, Federal Employees Group Life Insurance.
10. Check with USFS personnel section or postmaster for annuity for yourself and any minor children.
11. If previous marriage, have divorce papers. If present marriage, have marriage license.
12. Contact the station's personnel office about your potential eligibility for Annuity Protection Plan payments.

What to do in case of retired carrier's death

1. Notify Office of Personnel Management (OPM), Retirement Programs, Employee Service and Records Center, Boyers, PA 16017. In your letter include: full name of deceased; exact date of birth; exact date of death; CSA claim number, address, relationship and signature of person entitled to survivor benefits.
2. For quicker action, notify NALC's Director of Retired Members, 100 Indiana Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20001-2144, or call toll-free 800-424-5186 Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday, 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m. (Eastern time). NALC will alert OPM so that survivor benefits will commence as quickly as possible, and will send you Forms SF 2800—application for death benefit, survivor annuity and FE 6—claim for benefits, Federal Employees Group Life Insurance. Remember that survivor annuities are not paid automatically. You must apply to OPM to receive benefits.
3. Return any uncashed checks to the address on the accompanying Treasury Department envelope. If payments are made directly to a financial institution, notify it of the retiree's date of death and request any future checks be returned to the Treasury Department.
4. Contact the following for accounts or benefits:
 - a. The local NALC union office;
 - b. If veteran, the Veterans' Administration local office and the commanding officer of local military installation;
 - c. Local bank or other financial institutions;
 - d. Social Security Administration local office;
 - e. Insurance companies for policies on life (if NALC Mutual Benefit Association, write 100 Indiana Ave., N.W. Room 510, Washington, DC 20001-2144 or call 202-638-4318); hospitalization (if NALC Health Benefit Plan, write 20547 Waverly Court, Ashburn, VA 22093 or call 703-729-4677); house; and automobile;
 - f. Internal Revenue Service local office.
5. Change name on all important papers to survivor's name.
6. Have mortuary officials obtain enough certified death certificates for your needs. They can advise how many.
7. Gather miscellaneous necessary papers such as birth certificate, marriage license, divorce decree, death certificates of deceased children or spouses or other documents establishing identity of relationship of survivor.

NOTE: If spouse of retired carrier dies, call NALC retirement office to obtain the forms to: restore annuity to full amount switch health coverage from family to self (unless dependent children); change beneficiary of government life insurance.

KEEP THIS PAGE WITH YOUR IMPORTANT PAPERS

Branch 782 Retiree Dinner

November 3, 2010

Hodel's Restaurant

This is our chance to honor all of our Retirees!

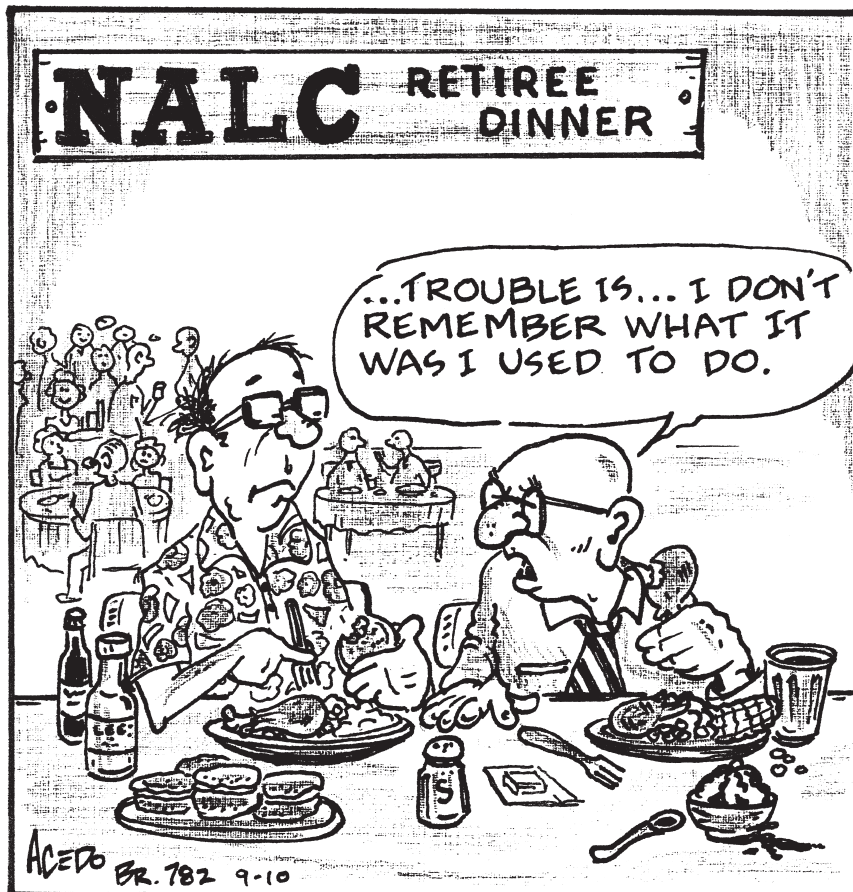
Hodel's is known for having a fabulous and delicious buffet. We're sure that food that you like is going to be available!

If you are a retired Branch 782 member, your meal is free. So is the meal of your spouse or "significant other".

Event coordinators are Branch 782 Retirees Mario Muniz and Danny Lujan. If you have any questions, feel free to call Mario at the following phone number:

(661) 871-4379

OUT THERE



Did you start this job as a Letter Carrier after 1980? If you did, you may not even realize that the "old" Post Office used to be so very much different than the place where you came to work... *Hmmm, what's that all about?????*

Please make the time to come spend some time with folks who can tell you some really interesting stories about how things used to be! The cost for the meal is only \$19.00 and—we *guarantee*—you'll more than get your money's worth at Hodel's!!!



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