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## Nationwide Campaign Launched By NALC

### Stop USPS from Making 'Big Mistake'



NALC is taking its campaign to preserve the long-term viability of the Postal Service to the streets this summer.

President Fred Rolando launched the "Save Saturday Delivery" campaign with a national mailing to branch leaders and state-level legislative activists. Included in the mailing is a comprehensive toolkit designed to help local leaders weigh in with Congress on the need to keep Saturday delivery and mobilize support for our position with the Postal Regulatory Commission.

"This fight cannot be won in Washington alone," Rolando said. "We need every member to help us prevail – giving up Saturday delivery to competitors is the most short-sighted idea imaginable. We must stop the Postal Service from making such a big mistake."

The "Save Saturday Delivery" toolkit contains fact sheets, talking points and instructions for activists.

NALC congressional district liaisons and state legislative chairs will organize in-district visits with House and Senate members and organize letter-writing campaigns aimed at key legislators.

Branch leaders will conduct community outreach to encourage opposition to the elimination of Saturday delivery, both in Congress and within the PRC, which is conducting a formal review of the USPS proposal for weekday-only collections and delivery. Its advisory opinion, which will be released by the end of the year, could be influential in Congress – the only body with the power to approve the USPS plan.

The NALC believes that eliminating Saturday delivery would do more harm than good – it will simply push more mailers out of the postal system by making it less valuable.

"Slower service and higher rates is not a business strategy," Rolando said. "Congress must reform the retiree health pre-funding provisions of the law. And we must do our part to preserve the excellent level of service we provide, six days a week, and seek to add new services that will generate new revenue for the USPS."

Through the "Save Saturday Delivery" campaign, NALC aims to educate members of Congress, as well as the general public, about what it's really going to take to fix the Postal Service.

"The Postal Service is a vital national service and we have a responsibility to fight for its future," Rolando said.

### Ticket Deadline July 8!

## Retiring Officers to be Honored

The NALC will honor national officers who will retire at the end of their current terms in December or have retired since the Boston Convention at a reception and dinner at the Hilton Anaheim on August 12 – Thursday evening of the 67th Biennial NALC Convention.

Secretary-Treasurer Jane E. Broendel said the Retiring Officers' Dinner will begin with a reception at 6 p.m. followed by a dinner at 7 p.m.. A special salute to the retirees will follow dinner and the evening will end with dancing until 11 p.m.

Additional details will be in future NALC Bulletins and on the union website: www.nalc.org.

Those planning to attend should purchase tickets as soon as possible by sending full payment along with the Retiring Officers' Dinner order form to: Retiring Officers' Dinner; c/o NALC Secretary-Treasurer; 100 Indiana Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20001-2144.

Tickets are \$80 each and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Tables of eight seats may be reserved in advance, but only after the order and payment are received at NALC headquarters.

Regions, branches and individual members must use the order form below or printed in the June Postal Record to buy tickets. Tickets and table assignments will be held for pick-up at the Retiring Officers' Dinner Booth in the convention registration area. You must list the person authorized to pick up tickets on the order form, as only that person will be able to receive the tickets. Checks payable to Secretary-Treasurer, NALC must be received at NALC national headquarters no later than July 8.

### Retiring Officers' Dinner Order Form

Mail order form and  
payment to:

Retiring Officers' Dinner  
NALC Secretary-Treasurer  
100 Indiana Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20001-2144

Checks payable to  
"Secretary-Treasurer, NALC"  
must be received no later  
than July 8.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for the NALC Retiring Officers' Dinner on Thursday, August 12, 2010, at the Hilton Anaheim. Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (@ \$80 per ticket). Tickets will be held for pickup at the Retiring Officers' Dinner ticket booth located in the convention registration area.

Person designated to pick up ticket(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Branch number \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number where you can be reached \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if you or anyone in your party has any special dietary considerations \_\_\_\_\_

Checks payable to "Secretary-Treasurer, NALC" must be received no later than July 8.

## Update on Convention Hotels!

REMINDER – June 25 is the final day to cancel a convention hotel registration in Anaheim without a penalty. Also, the Hyatt hotel has lowered its rate to \$159 a night. Anyone with an existing reservation will have their room rate adjusted automatically.

## Amtrak Offering Discount to and from Anaheim

A special convention fare discount is being offered by Amtrak for delegates wishing to travel by rail to the NALC Convention in Anaheim.

The 10 percent discount off the best available fare to Anaheim is being offered for travel between August 6 and August 16. Details of the offer and information on how to make a reservation with the discount can be found on the Convention section of the NALC website: www.nalc.org.

# 77.1 Million Pounds!

## Stamping Out Hunger!

## Letter Carriers' Food Drive Sets Record in Donations

### Tampa, Florida Branch 599 Top in Nation



National champion Tampa, Florida Branch 599 food drive coordinator Lori McMillion shows off a massive amount of food at a warehouse in Tampa, part of the more than 2 million pounds collected by the branch on May 8.

It seemed like a lot to letter carriers and rural carriers on May 8, and now we know why. Americans donated a record 77.1 million pounds of non-perishable food to help 'Stamp Out Hunger' in their communities this year in the annual NALC National Food Drive.

President Fred Rolando announced that the final tally for this year's drive by 1,444 NALC branches was 77,132,180 pounds of food collected along postal routes in more than 10,000 cities and towns in all 50 states and U.S. jurisdictions and delivered to local food banks, pantries and shelters to help needy families.

The nation's largest one-day effort to combat hunger set a new record. The results of the May 8 effort easily eclipsed last year's previous record of 73.4 million pounds.

The 18th annual drive boosted the total donations collected since the drive began in 1993 to more than 1 billion pounds – 1,059,800,000 pounds exactly.

"Despite the lingering effects of the recession, postal customers came through again this year in the continuing fight against hunger in America," Rolando said. "I am especially proud of our members and the thousands of rural letter carriers and other volunteers who delivered the generous donations from millions of caring citizens who wanted to help needy families in their communities."

Tampa, Florida NALC Branch 599 collected 2,062,529 pounds to emerge as the top local union branch in the country, edging out West Coast Florida Branch 1477, which includes St. Petersburg. Branch 1477 had led the nation the past two years. Buffalo/Western New York Branch 3 was third, followed by Garden Grove, California Branch 1100.

Rolando expressed appreciation to the union's national partners in the drive – the U.S. Postal Service's Priority Mail, Campbell Soup Company, the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association, Valpak Direct Marketing Systems, United Way Worldwide and its local United Ways, the AFL-CIO, and the Feeding America food bank network. Rolando also thanked "Family Circus" cartoonists Bill and Jeff Keane, who yearly provide special artwork, and actors David Arquette and Courteney Cox, television host Ryan Seacrest, and drag racing star Ashley Force Hood for their promotional support.

### Food Drive Workshop

A Food Drive Workshop will be conducted at the Anaheim Convention on Thursday, August 12 from 7:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. at the Convention Center.

## NALC/Campbell Soup 2010 Award Winners

Here are the winners of the NALC/Campbell Soup awards that will receive plaques at the August 9-13 National Convention in Anaheim, California. Campbell Soup also will donate 1,000 cans of soup to a food bank designated by each of these 10 branches.

<b>Category I (1-49 members)</b> Br. 6013 Inverness, FL	<b>66,455 lbs.</b>	<b>Category VI (500-699)</b> Br. 2008 Clearwater, FL	<b>1,392,267 lbs.</b>
<b>Category II (50-99)</b> Br. 1103 Ocala, FL	<b>382,000 lbs.</b>	<b>Category VII (700-999)</b> Br. 704 Tucson, AZ	<b>924,847 lbs.</b>
<b>Category III (100-199)</b> Br. 815 Billings, MT	<b>242,000 lbs.</b>	<b>Category VIII (1000-1499)</b> Br. 599 Tampa, FL	<b>2,062,529 lbs.</b>
<b>Category IV (200-349)</b> Br. 2072 Fort Myers, FL	<b>445,500 lbs.</b>	<b>Category IX (1500-1999)</b> Br. 2 Milwaukee, WI	<b>909,736 lbs.</b>
<b>Category V (350-499)</b> Br. 116 Fort Wayne, IN	<b>622,236 lbs.</b>	<b>Category X (2000+)</b> Br. 3 Buffalo/Western NY	<b>1,697,528 lbs.</b>

## Secretary-Treasurer Broendel Announces!

### Training Set on LM-2 Electronic Filing System

The U.S. Office of Labor Management Standards (OLMS) will hold two 90-minute web-based training seminars on the LM-2 electronic filing system for union financial officers. This training is designed to explain the operation of the system, how to register and apply for a secure password and personal identification number (PIN), as well as the actual use of the LM-2 form.

In April, the OLMS held testing sessions with financial officers, comptrollers and accountants from a variety of labor organizations, searching for input on improvements to the electronic LM-2 system.

These upcoming online seminars, or "webinars," are geared toward national and branch officers who are responsible for completing the LM-2 form, as well as toward financial experts such as auditors and accountants who assist with LM-2 form preparation. Participation in these webinars, of course, requires a good Internet connection. PC users need Windows XP or newer, and Macintosh users need to have Mac OS X 10.4.11 (Tiger) or newer.

Pre-registration is required because participation in each webinar is limited.

The first webinar will be held Thursday, June 24, at 1 p.m. EDT. Register by going to this web address: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/450141689>. The second session is Thursday, July 15 at 1 p.m. EDT. Register by going to this web address: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/692399241>. (Note: both web addresses begin with https, not http..) Online training on Forms LM-3 and LM-4 will be held later.

## Optional Tours Available at Convention

All delegates and guests are welcome to participate in optional tours while in Anaheim for the NALC National Convention. To reserve tours online, please go to the NALC Convention web page: [www.nalc.org/news/conv/index.html](http://www.nalc.org/news/conv/index.html). All requests will be handled on a first-come, first-served, space available basis.

Reservations must be prepaid online or faxed to the tour operator, ACCESS Destination Services. Payment is due at the time of the reservation. You may also print the Optional Tour Form and fax it to ACCESS Destination Services.

Confirmations will be sent to those attendees who provide an e-mail address. Your Printed Confirmation Is Your Ticket. If you don't have e-mail, you may call 949-454-2111 to check your order. Allow one week for processing. Meals are not included on any tour; however time will be allotted on all-day tours for lunch on your own. Late and on-site tour prices will be \$3 more per ticket. Early bird deadline is July 23.

Tours will depart from the curbside in front of Hall A of the Convention Center. At the end of each tour, guests will be dropped at key hotels: Disney's Paradise Pier, Hilton Anaheim and the Hyatt Orange County. For further questions, contact ACCESS Destination Services at [nalc@accessdmc.com](mailto:nalc@accessdmc.com).