



REGION 5 NBA REPORT



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National Business Agent's Report

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Region 5 would like to send condolences to the family of Earl Anthony Dunn of Los Angeles who recently passed away due to a vehicle accident. Our jobs are inherently dangerous and especially when we have to watch out for other at fault drivers that may do us harm. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

I have been in this office for over 18 years and I am pleased to announce that we just completed one of the most successful RAP sessions in my time. It was also an honor and privilege to have President Rolando in attendance to share updates on the plight of National Negotiations and our struggles with the current political climate. Fred's insight and vision of our future gave the members present, faith and hope that with the help of the NALC, the USPS will remain a vital part of America's history and future. Over 300 members attended this Rap and were treated with a wide variety of topics that covered Caser/Streeter, new deliveries, Article 12, grievance handling, Food Drive, 3999 training, and Community Involvement. All in attendance left with renewed hope and guidance that will be spread throughout the Region.

The logistics behind holding such an event as this is amazing. It came together without a hitch only because there were so many people in the background that made this a success. As National Business Agent I cannot run the entire Region without your most capable and able Regional Assistants, J Mark Sims & Mike Birkett. We had to negotiate hotel contracts, provide transportation for President Rolando and Tucker McDonald, NALC Political Director and arrange meals for the meetings and cocktail reception, while providing training material copies. Beside these two, our Field Secretary, Cheryl Stout had numerous duties and phone calls to keep up with. I personally want to thank Mark, Mike & Cheryl for putting up with my many mood changes and attitudes during this time; it was not an easy task.

We used a cadre of Leadership Academy graduates while at the same time depending on members who faithfully gave up their time and patience to put on this event. Rod Holub, David Davis, Melvin Moore, Anthony Mitchell, Gary & Anita Franklin, Kevin Boyer, Kevin Holmes, Bill Hezel, Mark Godbee, David Stewart, Gale Wade, Ed Gorman, Mike Jarrett, Carol Woods, Chuck Walls, Jeff Connell, Andy Tuttle, Larissa Parde, David Teegarden and Branch #30, and **I especially want to thank all the Branches who brought door prizes for the NBA cocktail reception.** An event this size could not have been organized without the assistance of the above. We are all family and friends and **WE** made it happen. Thank you for being there at the 2012 Region 5 Rap Session.

Casers & Streeters? As most of you know, the Postal Service has pushed ahead with a unilateral pilot to test a "new" method of casing and delivering routes. The old saying; *there's nothing new under the sun* couldn't be more true. Some of us with enough gray hair have

seen a variation of this pilot before when we had *Routers* years ago. The Service has begun this pilot, or will shortly, in over 50 offices nationwide. The RAAs have been sent to observe the pilots which consist of carriers, picked by management, to case 4-5 routes each morning and the remaining carriers coming in to carry routes that have been adjusted to about 7 ½ hours on the street. NALC, at the National Level has initiated a grievance over this pilot and branches are filing local grievances against the local violations. I'm not saying it will work and I'm not saying it won't, but I have my doubts. In our Region the pilots are being conducted in Hannibal, Sedalia and Kansas City (Parkway Station) Missouri. From the early reports it appears to be a colossal failure; overtime is up and customers are not happy. I'm sending Mark and Mike back out in a few weeks to observe the progress of the pilot—we'll keep you posted.

New Deliveries. Almost four years ago NALC and USPS came to an agreement that all new deliveries would be assigned to City Delivery (M-01694). The Postal Service has acknowledged it did not fully comply with this agreement and we are in the final stages of preparation to meet with management at the District/Area level to make sure all the deliveries which should have been assigned to City Delivery are converted to City Delivery. Gerard Henke, Chuck Walls, Jim Beach, Don Rowlett and Ron Lewis have been working for this office long and hard to contact branches to get information as they get ready to meet with their management counterparts. If you, or your branch, has been contacted to get this information it is imperative you do your best to get; addresses, maps, photographs or whatever else is requested of you so we can get these deliveries as quickly as possible. This may be our best and last opportunity to secure this work for the Letter Carrier craft and time is running out.

We've all got a lot on our plate and our jobs are being threatened almost daily by the foolishness of L'Enfant Plaza and our enemies in Congress. Thanks for all your hard work and stay tuned, the battle is heating up!

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