



# BRANCH 193 Bulletin

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## Messages from the President

No. 1 - 09 Jan - Feb 2009

**Danny Laffan**

I would like to thank the membership for your vote of confidence when you elected me as your President for the 2009-2011 term of office. It is truly an honor and privilege to serve as your President. Branch 193 members are hard working letter carriers who care about their customers and the future of the Postal Service. I am committed to developing the future leaders of this Branch to a level at which they will be ready to lead the Branch strongly as we face the challenges the near future holds. I look forward to working closely with Vice President Laurie Duarte, Second Vice President Bill Cunningham, Treasurer Stan Halfacre and all the officers and stewards in providing quality representation and increased benefits to the membership.

I want to thank Gene Lorenzo and Tom Stewart for their many years of service to the members of Branch 193. These two young gentlemen have a combined service time of over fifty years as officers of this branch. They have served with honor and distinction. These gentlemen have given many hours to the development of officers and stewards as well as the creation and maintenance of a very effective legislative program. Branch 193 is well known in the legislative arena and much of that recognition is a direct result of their efforts. Gene and Tom decided not to seek re-election this term but I am confident they will continue to provide guidance and share their wisdom with the officers and stewards. Once again, thank you for all that you have done for this branch. I wish you good health and much happiness in the future.

### Route Adjustments

Our national leadership has negotiated an agreement with the Postal Service that is designed to help adjust routes across the country in a less invasive and less expensive manner. The recent decline in cased volume has created a need to

adjust routes. They have identified a period of time (May and September 2008) that will be used to evaluate our routes. Actual time used by the regular carrier during this period will create the evaluated time of each route. After cleaning up the data in the DOIS program to establish this starting point, letter carriers will be asked if they agree with this evaluation and if so how can we adjust the routes to eight hours. A plan to adjust routes will be developed from the input received from the carriers. A second consultation will be conducted with all carriers to ensure the plan will produce the desired results.

It is critical that we help the Postal Service address the problems it faces due to the downturn the economy has taken recently. We are not immune from the impact created by this economic crisis. There is a saying that the easiest way to predict the future is to create it. Our national leadership is doing just that they are working with the Postal service to help the organization that provides our employment to be able to survive this crisis and move strongly into the future. We need a strong viable Postal Service in order to ensure we will be able to provide for our families. I am confident this proactive approach

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### OFFICERS

- Danny Laffan .....President
- Laurie Duarte ..... Vice President
- Bill Cunningham ...Second Vice President
- Pat Mulligan .....Recording Secretary
- Sharon Epp .....Financial Secretary
- Stanley Halfacre.....Treasurer
- Guillermo Martinez.....Sgt at Arms
- Guillermo Martinez ....Legislative Liaison
- Jackie Lanto ..... HBP/MBA Rep
- Jim Miller .....Trustee
- Laurie Lykam-Halfacre .....Trustee
- Kelvin Kamachi .....Trustee
- Joe Rosa .....Trustee
- Lin Zhou .....Trustee

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**Branch 193 Election Results  
2009 -2011 Term of Office**

Ballots Mailed - 1506  
Ballots Returned - 746  
Ballots Counted - 738  
Ballots Returned, Undeliverable - 4  
Ballots Voided, Unable to Verify - 4

**Second Vice President**

Bill Cunningham (BHS) - 371  
Pam West (AVS) - 343

**Treasurer**

Stanley Halfacre (RET) -513  
Victor Barrientos (HVS) - 183

**Sgt. at Arms**

Guillermo Martinez (BHS) - 465  
Leo Torres (WLG) - 232

**Health Benefits/MBA Rep.**

Jackie Lanto (RVS) - 384  
Christine Hernandez (WLG) -310

**Offices Uncontested**

President, Danny Laffan  
Vice President, Laurie, Laurie Duarte  
Financial Secretary, Sharon Epp  
Recording Secretary, Patrick Mulligan

**Trustees (5)**

Laurie Halfacre (HVS) - 526  
Jim Miller (HVS) - 413  
Kelvin Kamachi (STJ) - 406  
Joe Rosa (FHS) - 377  
Lin Zhou (MIL) - 323  
Candice Wurthmann (SARA) - 299  
Jaswinder Nijjar (AVS) - 285  
Jasbir Saggi (FHS) - 192

**Election Committee** - Danny Laffan, Ray Gauthier, Sharon Epp, Tom Stewart, Angel Montelongo, Michael Jeung, Al Denison, Dan Degen, Teresa Hernandez, Moe Bedolla, Steve Munyon, Patrick Mulligan, Gene Lorenzo, Bob Krauth Verna Krauth, and Laurie Duarte.

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will be successful. Along with the route adjustment agreement our leaders also negotiated agreements that put an end to two issues that have been difficult to address. The Postal service has agreed not to contract out any city letter carrier work during the life of this contract. Also, all new deliveries in city letter carriers limits will be given to city letter carriers. These agreements benefit us in that they ensure we will not be losing any work and all new deliveries will come our way. At a time when the only constant in our future is change, I believe these agreements give us the ability to eliminate some of the problems we would have faced if things had continued the way they were. Our leaders have created a framework for us to help our employer survive and prosper. We must keep in mind that things will not change overnight. We must also keep in mind that the survival of the Postal Service is the most important issue we can address at this time.

**In Closing**

I would like to thank National Business Agent Manny Peralta and Regional Administrative Assistant Brian Voigt for attending our January Branch meeting and conducting the Installtion of Officers and Stewards for the 2009-2011 term of office. Manny addressed the membership concerning the agreements that have been made and the importance of the membership becoming more involved by signing up for programs such as E-Activist, Gimme Five and the Carrier Corps. He told us how we made a difference in the recent elections and how that effort will benefit us in the future. The evening ended with a lively question and answer session. Thanks again, Manny and Brian. Please save the date of March 4th on your calendars. We will have our annual Members BBQ that evening. Make plans to attend for an evening of good food and great company as letter carriers gather together. Remember to work safely and provide the best possible service to your customers. Come to work with a good attitude, do the best you can and take pride in your work.

**NALC Branch 193 Howard Quackenbush Scholarship**

**Eligibility Criteria:**

Applicant must be son, daughter, grandchild or legally adopted child of an active, retired or deceased letter carrier. Stepchildren are eligible if they live with the member in a regular parent-child relationship. The applicant's parent or grandparent must be a member in good standing of the NALC at least one year prior to December 31, 2008.

**Requirements:**

Category I - Applicant must be in grade 12 of high school, have an SAT score of 900 or above and a 2.75 grade point average or above in their secondary school. Grade transcripts and a copy of the original printout of SAT scores must be mailed with the application.

Category II - Applicant must be in grade 13 or above and have a 2.75 grade point average or above, commencing with grade 13. Grade transcripts must be mailed with the application.

All category I and II applications must be postmarked on or before March 31, 2009

**Regulations:**

The scholarship is to be used toward pursuing an undergraduate degree at an accredited college of the recipient's choice. Winners may accept other college scholarship assistance in addition to the Branch 193

award. If the winner suffers certified serious illness, the scholarship will be held in abeyance for not more than one year.

**Method of selection:**

Eight \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded at the April 2008 branch meeting. Four names from Category I and four names from Category II will be drawn at random.

**Terms of award:**

A check in the amount of \$1,000 will be given to the winners after proof of entrance is given to Branch 193.

**Application for 2009 NALC Branch 193 Scholarship**

I am the  son /  daughter  grandchild of  active /  retired /  deceased letter carrier,  
\_\_\_\_\_ of Branch 193

\_\_\_\_\_ first name middle name last name

In the city of \_\_\_\_\_ Station \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
first name middle name last name

Student's Address \_\_\_\_\_  
city state zip

Telephone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed form to : NALC Branch 193, P.O. Box 5721, San Jose, CA 95150-5721.  
Must be postmarked by March 31, 2009.

**Check one of the following:**

**Category I:** *I am a senior in high school. Enclosed are copies of my SAT and grade transcripts from high school.*

**Category II:** *I am in the 13th grade or above. Enclosed is a copy of all my collage transcripts.*

# Holiday Party 2008

On December 10th Branch 193 members, families and friends gathered for our annual Holiday Party. The Italian Heritage Hall was stretched to its limits, extra tables had to set up as the crowd arrived. Children were treated to face paintings and the balloon twisters were busy from beginning to end. Santa arrived on scheduled and distributed gifts to the children. A good time was had by all. Many thanks to all those who assisted in making this event a success.



## National Association of Letter Carriers, Branch 193 Balance Sheet As of January 14, 2009

Jan 14, 09

### ASSETS

#### Current Assets

##### Checking/Savings

1000-00 · Wells Fargo Bank - General Fund	34,735.49
1005-00 · WaMu 9261 - General Fund	50,676.52
1045-00 · WaMu 7323-3 - 20 Mo. CD	39,138.31
1050-00 · WaMu 1041-1 - Dental Checking	3,854.81
1055-00 · Bank of America-9mth CD-8651	50,097.94

Total Checking/Savings 178,503.07

Total Current Assets 178,503.07

#### Fixed Assets

1501-00 · Property & Equipment	
1501-01 · Building 1060 Minnesota	685,414.44
1510-00 · Furniture & Equipment	27,535.56
1511-00 · Accumulated Depreciation	-169,872.00

Total 1501-00 · Property & Equipment 543,078.00

Total Fixed Assets 543,078.00

**TOTAL ASSETS**

**721,581.07**

### LIABILITIES & EQUITY

#### Liabilities

##### Current Liabilities

##### Other Current Liabilities

2101-00 · Security Deposits (Building)	1,263.50
2209 · Federal Withholding payable	575.00
2210-00 · FICA Withheld	587.80
2212-00 · Medicare Tax Payable	137.48
2220-00 · State Income Tax Withheld	289.88
2250-00 · State Disability Withheld	52.14
2251-00 · FUTA tax payable	560.26
2252-00 · SUI & ET payable	855.97

Total Other Current Liabilities 4,322.03

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#### Equity

3001-00 · Capital Stock	297,830.65
3040-00 · Retained Earnings	428,740.79
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	16,789.97
Net Income	7,477.57

Total Equity 717,259.04

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

**721,581.07**

## RAFFLE WINNERS



\$100 - Rosie La'auli  
\$100 - Sergio Barrasa  
\$100 - Cesar Corral

2 Sharks Tickets - Torri Stewart  
(Donated by Lucy Laffan)

\$60 Safeway Gift Cards - Tom Cerna, John Nabarette,  
Haley Laffan, Anthony Cisneros, Barbara Estrada, and  
James Mulligan.



"Gene Lorenzo and Tom Stewart received Executive Board Appreciation Award for a combined total of over fifty years of dedicated service to Branch 193 membership. Also pictured, President Danny Laffan and NBA Region 1 Manny Peralta."

# Branch 193 Shop Stewards

Almaden Valley.....	Dan Degn & Pam West
Bayside.....	Al Navarette & Bob Foster
Berryessa.....	Henry Semillano & Lawrence Wenceslao
Blossom Hill.....	Steve Miller & Tom Cerna
Cambrian Park.....	Ray Gauthier & David Martinez
Campbell.....	Rosie La'auli & Vacant
Station D.....	Vittorio Forde
Foothill.....	Art Parrilla
Gilroy.....	Debra Masten
Hillview.....	Manny Aguilar & Victor Barrientos
Los Gatos.....	Kevin Janton
Los Gatos Dell..	Ian Davies
Milpitas.....	Joel Baclig & Raj Kanda
Morgan Hill.....	Angel Montelongo
Parkmoor.....	David Judd & Vacant
Robertsville.....	Theresa Hernandez & Al Denison
St. James Park.....	Chris North & Vacant
Saratoga.....	Robert Vanderpool
Seven Trees.....	Moe Bedolla & Vacant
Westgate.....	Tommy Rivera & Vince Ramirez
Willow Glen.....	Bob Krauth & Jack Dusthimer
Collection Offier.....	Vera Martinez-Krauth

## Important Dates

Jan 14	Regular Branch Meeting/Installation of Officers
Jan 19	Martin Luther King, Jr Birthday Holiday
Jan 28	Executive Board Meeting
Feb 11	Regular Branch Meeting
Feb 16	President's Day Holiday
Feb 25	Executive Board Meeting
<b>Mar 4</b>	<b>Members BBQ</b>
Mar 25	Executive Board Meeting
<b>May 2</b>	<b>Annual Retirement Dinner</b>

Branch Meetings begin promptly at 7:00 PM:  
Italian American Heritage Foundation  
425 North 4th Street  
San Jose, CA 95112

Board Meetings begin promptly at 7:00 PM:  
Union Office  
1060 Minnesota Avenue, Suite 9  
San Jose, CA 95125

## *In Memoriam*

Deepest Sympathy to the families & friends of our departed brothers and sisters.

John David, Leroy "Flash" Martella, L Scott Robertson, Fred Shelton

## DEADLINE!

The Deadline for the March/April 2009 issue of the Branch 193 Bulletin is Friday February 28, 2009. News stories, articles, letters to the editor, drawings, cartoons, business cards, and/or photographs should be submitted to:

**Editor**  
**Branch 193 Bulletin**  
**P.O. Box 5721 San Jose, CA 95150**

# NOTICES - NOTICES

## Safeguard/Smilesavers Dental Plan

The annual premium of \$36 for those enrolled in the Safeguard/Smilesavers Dental Plan is due by March 1, 2009. Please make checks out to NALC Branch 193 and mail your payment to NALC Branch 193 P O Box 5721 San Jose CA 95150. If payment is not received your dental coverage may be suspended.

## Members BBQ

The Annual Members BBQ will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2009. A choice of steak or chicken with all the fixings will be available. Tickets are \$3 and will be available from your shop steward in February. Retirees are free of charge just a phone call to the Union Office (288-8138) is needed so we can be sure to have enough food. Remember this event is for members only. Mark the date on your calendar and come join your fellow carriers for an evening of camaraderie.

## 2009 Branch Scholarship Information

An application for the 2009 Howard Quackenbush Scholarships is located elsewhere in this bulletin. All eligible high school seniors and college students are encouraged to apply. We will award eight \$1000 scholarship by random draw at our April Branch Meeting. Deadline for submission of applications is March 31, 2009. If you have a child or grandchild entering or attending college don't miss this opportunity.

## Welcome New Members

Augustine Castro	Hasan Dulic
Nicholas Narcowich	Raul Roldan
Rajwant Singh	Mae Tucker

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW RETIREES

SERAFIN CANA - STATION D  
ANSELMO CASTRO - ST JAMES PARK  
ERNESTO LEGASPI - ROBERTSVILLE  
MICHAEL POTTER - BERRYESSA  
ORLANDO RAMIREZ - BAYSIDE  
JESUS ROMERO - ST JAMES PARK

## JACKPOT!!

Leticia Resendez from Foothill Station was not at the October Branch Meeting and Mary Doll from Los Gatos Main was not at the November Branch Meeting to collect the \$1,000 when their names were called for the jackpot. Irene Martinez from Milpitas was at the December Christmas Party and went home with an extra \$1000 to help make the Holiday Season a little happier in the Martinez household.