



# BRANCH 193 Bulletin

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## Messages from the President

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*Danny Laffan*

Spring is upon us and the hills that surround our valley are green and full of wildflowers displaying their colors. Spring is a time of renewal and change. As we come out of the winter doldrums we should focus on changing the things that keep us from enjoying life and all the blessing that have been bestowed upon us. It bothers me that so many of our members allow others to control how they feel. As I visit offices and listen to the membership, I am amazed at the number of carriers that tell me that there is nothing they can do to change the way things are going for them. It saddens me to think that some of our members allow themselves to be controlled to the point they complain to me about having to skip breaks and lunches to keep their supervisor off their back. Anyone who skips breaks and lunches is contributing to the problem not the solution. Carriers are required to give their best estimate once they are aware of their entire workload. If your supervisor does not give you the time needed to complete your assignment then you are required to notify management you can not complete the assignment in the time allotted and request further instructions. This is accomplished by either submitting a 3996 if you know you will need additional time before you leave the office or by calling the office and requesting further instructions if you become aware of the need for additional time after you leave the office. If you call in to request further instructions, management can not tell you to finish the assignment but don't use any additional time. That is an improper instruction as is finish the assignment but the overtime is not authorized. If you run into either of these situations, contact your shop steward immediately so they can address this issue. Remember it is your responsibility to notify management if more time is needed to complete the assignment. Failure to notify could lead to disciplinary action so take the time and drop the dime. Our responsibility is to provide a fair day's work. Do the best you can and take pride in the

work you do. Do not allow yourself or other to be treated inappropriately. If you are or you witness others being treated unfairly, contact your shop steward so we can address the situation. Not doing so only allows the situation to continue and spread to others. You deserve to be treated with dignity and respect; do not accept anything short of that. Remember to take pride in the work you perform and give a fair day's work for a fair day's pay.

### FOOD DRIVE

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Letter Carriers Food Drive will take place on Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be collecting food to help stock the shelves of the Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara County. This food will help feed the needy over the summer months when there is normally a shortage. This annual event gives us the opportunity to use our daily presence in the neighborhood in a way that will help those who are in need. I realize collecting bags of perishables as you deliver the mail requires extra effort on your part. I want to thank you in advance for your willingness to participate in this very worthy cause. Without you many people would go hungry. Thank you.

### OFFICERS

- Danny Laffan ..... *President*
- Stanley Halfacre ..... *Vice President*
- Laurie Duarte ..... *Second Vice President*
- Pat Mulligan ..... *Recording Secretary*
- Sharon Epp ..... *Financial Secretary*
- George Katai ..... *Treasurer*
- Gene Lorenzo ..... *Sgt at Arms.*
- Guillermo Martinez .... *Legislative Liaison*
- Christine Hernandez ..... *HBP/MBA Rep*
- Tom Stewart ..... *Trustee*
- Laurie Lykam-Halfacre ..... *Trustee*
- Jaswinder Nijjar ..... *Trustee*
- Joe Rosa ..... *Trustee*
- Guillermo Martinez ..... *Trustee*

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## MDA Fundraiser - Day at the Races

On March 30, 2008 77 members, family, and friends attended Bay Meadows Race Course to try their luck on the ponies. For some it was their 1<sup>st</sup> time and others were like old pros but all had a fun filled day while helping to raise \$525 for Muscular Dystrophy Association. I would like to thank all that attended and the shop stewards for helping to sell the tickets.

Laurie Duarte  
Day at the Races Coordinator



# LAST PUNCH BUNCH

## Recent Retirees



Mike Potter, *Berryessa*



Paul Brewer, *St. James*



Mark Farrelly, *Los Gatos Dell*



David Caudillo, *Hillview*



## Tony Cortese Food Drive May 10, 2008

The Tony Cortese food drive this year will be on Saturday, May 10, 2008 and will benefit the Second-Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara County. The food drive collection is totally voluntary and has been agreed between management and union not to cost the Postal Service any additional time or money.

The food drive post cards should be delivered a few days prior so that your customer's can put out non-perishable items by their mail box on May 10th. Your job is to pick up their contributions and bring them back to the office. Please remember to size up the load before lifting. These bags and boxes of food can be heavy so use proper lifting techniques and take some extra tubs to put the food in: it'll make it easier. Once again money will be given to your stations coordinator so that your station can have a BBQ after or to spend on however your station decides. Let's make this the best food drive ever. Thank you in advance for your time and effort in supporting the Tony Cortese Food Drive.

Laurie Duarte  
Food D□

### Moving.....

Let us know of any changes in your mailing address!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Mail changes to:

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

### Branch 193 MDA Golf Tournament Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

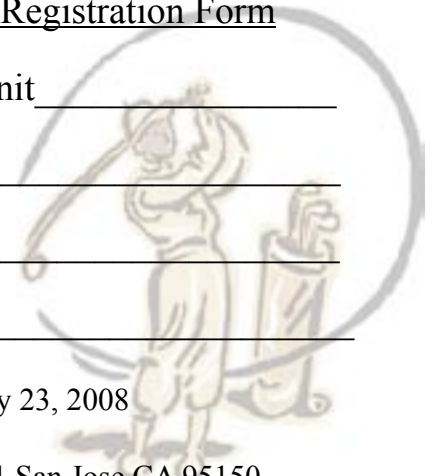
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please pair with \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline for Registration is May 23, 2008

Send to NALC Branch 193 P.O. Box 5721 San Jose CA 95150



# 2008 Branch 193 BBQ



Over two hundred fifty Branch 193 member came together on March 12<sup>th</sup> to enjoy our annual BBQ. About three hundred steaks and ninety pounds of chicken were served as letter carriers enjoyed each other's company. Plenty of laughter and good cheer filled the air as carriers exchanged stories and memories of the good old days.



Many people contribute to the success of an event like this and I would like to thank them. Our caterer Joe Peralta cut the steaks and his crew provided plenty of tasty beans, salad, garlic bread and desserts. Retirees Tom Tan, Sancho Zabala and Tim Daves along with SJP carrier Heng Sok did an outstanding job manning the BBQ pit. Ray Gauthier and Mike Harding took care of things behind the bar. Tom Stewart and Steve Munyon helped with the



tables and chairs. Bob Krauth did a great job taking pictures of all the activities. Laurie Duarte set up a MDA table and sold Day at the Races tickets. Guillermo Martinez, Sharon Epp, Tommy Rivera and his son Tyler provided information about donations to COLCPE. Tom Stewart, Laurie Halfacre, Bob Bracken and Patty Cramer help with the raffle tickets. Stanley Halfacre did a great job making sure the bar was properly stocked and everyone had what he or she needed to be successful. Many thanks to all those who helped make the evening so enjoyable.



## Milpitas Letter Carriers Connect Leads Generate Over \$1.1 Million in New Revenue

Letter Carriers at the Milpitas Post Office have done an outstanding job generating leads for the Customer Connect program. Their leads have led to \$1,116,000 in new revenue for the Postal Service. Coordinator Lin Zhou and Officer-in-Charge Valerie Spring have worked together to maintain enthusiasm for this important program. Customer Connect



is a joint effort between the NALC and USPS. The concept is to parlay the relationships letter carriers have with their customers into new revenues for the Postal Service while saving the customer money. Carriers provide leads to the Marketing Department who follow up with the customer and explain the advantages of using our services compared to other delivery companies.

In recognition of their efforts on March 12<sup>th</sup> the employees at Milpitas were served breakfast by District Manager Kim Fernandez, Marketing Manager



James Tatum, RAA Brian Voight and local NALC officials. Our thanks go to the Milpitas carriers for the hard work and dedication they have put forth to make this joint effort a huge success in their office.

**Branch 193 Shop Stewards**

Almaden Valley.....	Dan Degn & Pam West
Bayside.....	Al Navarette & Bob Foster
Berryessa.....	Henry Semillano & Ron Bingham
Blossom Hill.....	Steve Munyon & Bill Cunningham
Cambrian Park.....	Herman Echevarria & Ray Gauthier
Campbell.....	Mike Harding & Rosie La'auli
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.....	Mike Campbell & Lin Zhou
Morgan Hill.....	Angel Montelongo
Parkmoor.....	David Judd & Vacant
Robertsville.....	Paul Allen & Theresa Hernandez
St. James Park.....	Kelvin Kamachi & Chris North
Saratoga.....	Candice Wurthmann
Seven Trees.....	Herb Olivera & Moe Bedolla
Westgate.....	Tommy Rivera & Barbara Estrada
Willow Glen.....	Leo Torres & Bob Krauth
Collection Officer.....	Vera Martinez-Krauth

**Important Dates**

April 30	Executive Board
May 14	Regular Branch Meeting
<b>May 17</b>	<b>Retirement Dinner and Dance</b>
May 28	Executive Board Meeting
<b>June 8</b>	<b>MDA Golf Tournament</b>
June 11	Regular Branch Meeting
June 25	Executive Board Meeting

Branch Meetings begin promptly at 7:30 PM  
 Italian American Heritage Foundation  
 425 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street San Jose, CA 95112

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

**JACKPOT!!**

T. S. Alvarado from Campbell was not at the February Branch Meeting, Anna Flores from Station D was not at the March Branch Meeting and Benny Hinh from Parkmoor Station was not at the April Branch Meeting to collect the \$1,000 when their names were called for the jackpot.

**DEADLINE!**

The Deadline for copy of the July/August 2008 issue of the Branch 193 Bulletin is Friday June 20, 2008. 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**

**Retirement Dinner**

Our Annual retirement Dinner & Dance is scheduled for Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup>. The evening will start with cocktails at 6:00 PM. A Buffet Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM. We will honor those who have retired since our last dinner and acknowledge all the retirees present. Dancing to music provided by DJ Vince Ramirez will follow. Tickets are \$5/person and are available from your shop steward. Mark your calendar for this event.

**Safeguard/Smilesavers Dental Plan**

The annual premium of \$36 for those enrolled in the Safeguard/Smilesavers Dental Plan is now due. If you have not already done so, please send your payment as soon as possible to the Union Office at P O Box 5721 San Jose, CA 95150. Please make checks out to NALC Branch 193. If no payment is received by May 30, 2008 your coverage may be terminated.

**Golf Tournament for MDA**

On June 8th we will be hosting a golf tournament at the Villages Golf Course. Proceed will be donated to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. This is a opportunity to enjoy a day of golf on a country club course while helping Jerry's Kids in finding a cure for this disabling disease that strikes so many at an early age. The cost of registration is \$85. This includes green fees, cart, range balls and a hot dog or hamburger , soda and bag of chips at the turn. First tee time is at noon. Look for the registration form elsewhere in this bulletin, contact your shop steward or call the Union Office at 288-8138 for further information.

**Welcome New Members**

Robert Bartolome	Jaime Pascual
Victor Bernal	Anita Olimpo
Jaspal Brar	Lerisa Puckett
Quan Bui	Alexandra Ruiz
Alyssa Carnes	Linda Spedding
Tiana Coe	Arnel Suarez
Leslie Ghio	Anthony Tirado
Daniel Hartman	Phuong Tran
Shwe Kyi	Thanh Tran
Thanhson Le	Keene Troung
Lewis Lopez	Julie Vo
Khoi Nguyen	Tuan Vo
Midgie O'Bryan	

*In Memoriam*

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

- DOUG BEECK
- JOSEPH MANNINA
- JUAN ORAP
- FRANK PONTURERI
- BERNARD SANTAMOOR
- CARMEN WILLIAMS