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Honoring Freedom, Service, and Community: Celebrating Juneteenth and Independence Day

By James Perryman, President

As we celebrate both Juneteenth and Independence Day, we are reminded of the enduring values that unite our nation—freedom, equality, opportunity, and service to others.

Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865—the day when enslaved African Americans in Texas learned they were free, more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued. It is a day to reflect on our nation's journey toward freedom and justice while recognizing the contributions and resilience of those who helped shape our country.

Just weeks later, Independence Day marks the birth of the United States and celebrates the principles of liberty and self-government that continue to define our nation. Together, these holidays provide an opportunity to honor both the promise of freedom and the ongoing work required to ensure those freedoms are shared by all.

For Letter Carriers, these celebrations carry special meaning. Every day, Letter Carriers serve communities across America, connecting neighbors, businesses, and families through reliable service. Whether delivering mail through city streets, suburban neighborhoods, or rural roads, Letter Carriers embody a commitment to public service that strengthens our nation's communities.

Letter Carriers have long played a vital role in supporting and uplifting the people they serve. Beyond delivering mail, they check on customers, support charitable efforts such as the NALC Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, and serve as trusted and familiar faces in neighborhoods throughout the year.



As we gathered with family and friends to celebrate Juneteenth and the Fourth of July, I hope that we all took the time to remember the importance of community, unity, and service. These values are reflected every day by the dedicated men and women of the Postal Service who proudly serve the American public.

Tri-Valley Branch 2902 hopes that everyone had a safe, meaningful, and joyful Juneteenth and Independence Day. May these holidays continue to inspire us to build stronger communities and honor the freedoms that bring us together as Americans. I hope everyone had a Happy Juneteenth and Happy Fourth of July!

Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

On behalf of Tri-Valley Branch 2902, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to everyone who helped make this year's NALC Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive an extraordinary success. Together, we collected an incredible **121,767 pounds of food** to support local families and individuals facing food insecurity. This remarkable achievement reflects the generosity of our community and the dedication

of the men and women who serve it every day. We were able to accomplish this mission despite the horrible economy and outrageous high cost of living that Americans are currently facing.

I would like to personally thank Letter Carriers, Postal employees, family



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members, volunteers, community partners, and residents who contributed their time, energy, and donations. Your commitment to helping others demonstrates the very best of what our union and our community stand for.

The Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is about more than collecting food, it is about neighbors helping neighbors and making a meaningful difference in people's lives. Because of your efforts, local food banks and pantries will be better equipped to provide assistance to those who need it most.

I am incredibly proud of the members of Tri-Valley Branch 2902 and grateful for the overwhelming support we received throughout this campaign. The success of this year's food drive shows what can be accomplished when we come together with a common purpose. Thank you for your generosity, your hard work, and your continued commitment to serving our community. I also want to send a heartfelt thank you to our Branch Food Drive Coordinators Mary Stanley, and Walter Williams, and Local Coordinator Rochelle Harvey for making sure that the food drive cards were dispatched to our Postal installations throughout the Tri-Valley area in a timely fashion. Together, we are making a lasting impact and helping to Stamp Out Hunger.

Tri-Valley Branch 2902 Hosts Successful MDA Bingo Night Fundraiser

On Saturday, May 16, 2026, Tri-Valley Branch 2902 came together for an evening of fun, fellowship, and giving back during its Muscular Dystrophy Association

(MDA) Bingo Night Fundraiser. Thanks to the generosity and participation of branch members, family, and friends, the event successfully raised **\$377.00** in support of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The fundraiser brought members together for a night filled with friendly competition, laughter, and community spirit, all while supporting an important cause. Participants enjoyed several rounds of bingo and the opportunity to contribute to the ongoing efforts of the MDA, an organization dedicated to empowering people living with muscular dystrophy, ALS, and related neuromuscular diseases through research, care, and advocacy.

While the amount raised is certainly worth celebrating, the true success of the event was the spirit of solidarity and generosity demonstrated by everyone who attended. Every dollar raised helps support programs and services that make a meaningful difference in the lives of individuals and families affected by neuromuscular diseases.

Tri-Valley Branch 2902 extends its sincere appreciation to all who participated, donated, volunteered, and helped make the event a success. Your support reflects the union's long-standing commitment to helping others and strengthening our communities. We look forward to future opportunities to come together for worthy causes and continue supporting organizations that make a positive impact. Thank you to everyone who helped make the MDA Bingo Night Fundraiser a memorable and successful event. Together, we raised more than funds, we strengthened our commitment to caring for others and making a difference.

I wanted to send a belated Happy Fathers Day to all the fathers out there. I hope the day was a memorable one.

That's all for now. I'll be back with more. God bless you all.



Pictured above is Charlie Lovitt from Reseda, as he accepts his Union Retirement Watch from President Perryman.



Pictured above (l-r) is NALC National Vice President James Henry, Branch 2902 President James Perryman, and Corey Walton. James Henry and Corey Walton are running for National President and National Executive Vice President respectively under the banner of the "CLC" (Concerned Letter Carriers) against the current National Executive Board. Branch 2902 voted at the June 2026 meeting to endorse James Henry in his endeavor of running for National President.



Lunch, Breaks, and Working off the Clock

By Albert Reyes, Executive Vice President

In late March, OPM released its 2027 “Carrier Call Letter” for the FEHB and PSHB Programs, focusing on prevention, wellness, and long-term health. The theme is “well care,” emphasizing physical and mental wellness. While details vary by health benefits program, OPM prioritizes prevention and wellness across these programs.

Throughout our branch, I continually hear from Letter Carriers about a fellow Carrier working off the clock. The Collective Bargaining Agreement states that management should not allow employees to work off the clock, including during their 10-minute breaks. Unfortunately, supervisors have often failed to address these incidents.

The JCAM, in relevant part, states in Article 41.3.K that supervisors shall not require nor permit employees to work off the clock. This usually happens when someone is seen working before their shift or after it ends. Many Carriers have seen routes that have been “mysteriously cased” before clocking in and are ready to pull down.

When a Letter Carrier works off the clock, several issues arise. First, this time is not logged as work hours, making it difficult to accurately adjust the route. Essentially, the Carrier reduces the route’s recorded time without proper record keeping. Working off the clock hurts not only the Carrier assigned to the route but also the office as a whole.

This can also affect PTFs and CCAs seeking full-time or career positions. For example, when a Carrier works off the clock, it may reduce the availability of an eight-hour day or a 40-hour week for other Carriers (PTFs and CCAs) and limit opportunities for overtime. This happens because hours worked off the clock are not recorded as work hours, resulting in less support available in the office.

When less assistance is used in an office than is genuinely required, additional auxiliary assistance “may” reduce the hours for Overtime Desire List or Work Assignment Carriers. Furthermore, Carriers who operate beyond official working hours can develop bad habits and will continue to skip breaks and lunches because it’s easier than telling their supervisor they’re behind.

I often hear “Letter Carriers are underpaid.” Additionally, off-the-clock work discredits honest Carriers, making their

performance appear worse than that of those who follow the rules, and it undermines wages and work standards. I do not understand why a Carrier would work for free and then be frustrated that they are not paid enough.

Put an End to This Nasty Habit

Wages and work rules are negotiated by the Union and approved by the United States Postal Service. Everyone must obey these rules; Shop Stewards oversee compliance, but every Letter Carrier is responsible for enforcing them. If you are working off the clock, STOP.

Each route has authorized break and lunch locations where Carriers can stop working and rest. These locations, including the permitted route exit points for lunch, are recorded on PS Form 1564-A, which is found in the route book at each Carrier case. See Handbook M-41, City Delivery Carriers Duties and Responsibilities, Section 251.6, Lunch Information.

Some Carriers may not know the authorized location to leave the route for lunch or to take a street break. If you have any questions, please see your Shop Steward. Management may not know where the authorized lunch information is. Ask questions, and do not assume management will be accurate when sharing it.

For carriers on different routes each day, review the authorized lunch spots for each route in Form 1564-A before leaving. Every letter carrier, including CCAs, receives two paid 10-minute breaks daily. Even if you start at 10 am, you qualify for a 10-minute office break if your LMOU (local memo of understanding) allows it.

National Arbitrator Britton ruled that the Postal Service must ensure that all employees stop working during an office break. Contractual breaks must be observed and cannot be waived by employees (H4N-3D-C 9419, December 22, 1988, C-08555). A Carrier who works without pay violates the National Agreement and harms others.

The Union has always maintained that CCAs are Letter Carriers and that no one may be required to work more than six consecutive hours without a lunch break. Letter Carriers should never work through a lunch break. The Postal

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Pictured at right (l-r) is Erik Reyes, Rochelle Harvey, Abel Salazar, Mary Stanley, Alan Chan, and Walter Williams. This is the behind-the-scenes crew that helps to make the Food Drive such a success.



Service automatically deducts thirty minutes if you work six consecutive hours.

The Employee and Labor Relations Manual (ELM), Section 432.33, states: *“Except in emergency situations or where service conditions preclude compliance, no employee may be required to work more than six continuous hours without a meal or rest period of at least 1/2 hour.”*

If thirty minutes are deducted and no lunch break has been taken, you are working off the clock.

Also, Letter Carriers at the delivery unit will receive two 10-minute break periods. The local union may annually opt to have either (a) both breaks on the street or (b) one of the 10-minute breaks in the office and one break on the street. If two 10-minute street breaks are taken, they must be separate and not combined with each other or the lunch. National settlement M-00834 also confirms this, but the settlement also clarifies that there is no requirement to take one break before and one after your lunch. Read up on M-00834 for clarification and ask questions so you can exercise your rights to rest and lunch breaks.

As for properly documenting your right to a no lunch, I am aware of PS Form 3971 and PS Form 3189. Requesting a temporary schedule change for personal convenience. It is

essential when waiving an employee’s right to a lunch break. However, I have never seen a waiver of an employee’s right to an office or street break.

Over time, local offices have tried to change office break times. Office breaks have traditionally been 30 minutes after clocking in. Now, offices are requiring Letter Carriers to take their office break five minutes after clocking in. Not to mention the Carriers who are casing mail off the clock in the morning.

Where are the rallies against the Postal Service for requiring Carriers to take a break after clocking in? Where are the rallies against the Postal Service for allowing Carriers to case mail before clocking in? Rallies for higher hourly pay are understandable; however, why can’t we all agree to recognize that some Carriers are working for free?

I have yet to meet a new employee who says, “No matter how long it takes me, I will take my breaks and lunches.” Again, what are we doing to our hard-earned, fought-for rights to breaks and lunches? Why are senior Carriers working off the clock? Why are senior Carriers allowing new employees to skip their earned breaks and lunches?

For those who continuously work off the clock, don’t complain that you don’t get paid enough. Thanks to every

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Treasurer’s Report

5/1/2026 - 5/31/2026

General Account

Previous Balance	\$14,979.73
Deposit from USPSFCU Convention Fund (Nat’l & State Conventions)	\$180,350.00
Receipts	\$47,863.55
Sub-Total	\$243,193.28
Disbursements	\$46,141.650
Total-on-Hand	<u>\$197,051.63</u>

Payroll Account

Previous Balance	\$21,700.14
Receipts	\$30,000.00
Sub-Total	\$51,700.14
Disbursements	\$38,550.13
Total-on-Hand	<u>\$13,150.01</u>

Convention Fund

Previous Balance	\$41,149.63
MM Checking #7 0.15% APY earned USPS CU (Dividend/Int.)	\$4.82
(Active & Retirees 1,625 x \$2 per By-Laws)	\$3,250.00
Sub-Total of MM Checking #7	\$44,404.45
Transfer to MM18 Convention Fund for higher interest rate	\$39,154.45
Total of MM Checking #7	<u>\$5,250.00</u>
MM Cert #19 3.85% APY earned USPS CU (Note: Closed on 5/5/2026)	
MM Cert #18 3.80% APY earned USPS CU Convention Fund Investment	\$104,756.06
(MM #7 Checking transferred for higher interest rate)	\$39,154.45
Total of MM18	
Total Convention Fund	<u>\$149,160.51</u>

Contingency Fund

C.D. (6 mos) - 3.05% APY earned Premier CU #1	\$99,526.50
C.D. (6 mos) - 3.05% APY earned Premier CU #2	\$13,574.09
C.D. (1 yr) - 3.75% APY earned Premier CU #3	\$129,79.74
MM Cert #21 - 3.36% APY earned USPS CU	\$29,235.71
MM Cert #22 - 3.50% APY earned USPS CU	\$5,240.47
MM22 (Note: Remainder of Contingency Fund MM19 not part of Convention Fund)	\$114,403.76
MM Cert #18 - 3.80% APY earned USPS CU	\$27,357.87
MM18 (Note: Contingency Fund MM18 balance \$27,357.87 will be transferred to MM22 when it matures in 12/2026)	
MM Cert #19 - 3.85% APY earned USPS CU (Note: Closed on 5/5/2026)	\$0.00
MM Ckg Svgs #8 - 1.15% APY earned USPS CU	\$10,179.34
C.D. (6 mos) - 0.380% rate Priority One CU	\$34,448.16
Shares acct USPS CU	\$7.11
Total of Contingency Fund	<u>\$463,052.75</u>

Retiree Fund

Retiree Luncheon	<u>\$1,091.38</u>
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Mary Stanley, Financial Secretary-Treasurer



A Day That Makes A Difference All Year Long

By Rochelle Harvey, Vice President

As the coordinator for this year's food drive, I want to take a moment to personally thank our Carriers at our Thousand Oaks office for the incredible job they did. Every year I am impressed by their dedication, but this year they truly went above and beyond the call of duty.

I love seeing our team proudly wearing our Food Drive T-shirts and spreading the word throughout the community in the week leading up to the big day. It's amazing how a different-colored shirt can spark conversations and remind people of the difference we can make together.

I had the privilege of seeing firsthand the extra effort that went into making this food drive a success. Our carriers took on the added responsibility of collecting and transporting donations while continuing to serve their routes with professionalism and care. They did it with positive attitudes, teamwork, and a genuine desire to help others in our community. What makes me most proud is knowing that behind every bag or box of food collected is a carrier who was willing to go the extra mile. Their hard work will help pro-

vide meals for families facing difficult times, and that impact reaches far beyond a single day or event. I am honored to work alongside such an amazing group of people. The compassion, commitment, and sense of community shown by our carriers remind me why this food drive is so important year after year.

Thank you for your hard work, your generosity, and for representing the very best of what it means to serve our community. Along with my home office of Thousand Oaks, I want to thank our entire branch for the fabulous job each and every one of you did on this special day. This food drive means so much for the local food banks and the food we collected for them will carry them throughout the entire summer.

Below you will see just a few pictures from the day's accomplishments.

This accomplishment belongs to all of you, and I couldn't be prouder of what we achieved together (GO Thousand Oaks!)





Get on Board and Make the Call to your Representatives

By David Hyman, Branch 2902 Trustee & Political Liaison

Greetings, Sisters and Brothers. The “Protect Our Letter Carriers Act” bill, HR 1065, by Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) and Greg Landsman (D-OH) now has 215 co-sponsors including three of our service area representatives, Julia Brownley, Brad Sherman, and George Whitesides. The Senate version, S.463, by Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and Josh Hawley (R-MO) has 14 co-sponsors. Both of our Senators are on this bill. Both bills will increase penalties and assign more prosecutors to protect our Letter Carriers. Now we have to get Senator Padilla on board.

The anti-privatization resolution, H-Res 70 by Stephen Lynch (D-MA) and Nick Lalota (R-NY) has 237 co-sponsors, a majority in the House. All four of our local members of Congress are on this bill. The Senate version, S.147 has seven co-sponsors and was introduced by Gary Peters (D-MI), Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Susan Collins (R-ME), Thom Tillis (R-NC), and Maggie Hassan (D-NH). Again, we need to notify our Senators. Once a majority of the Senate is secured, the bill can move forward.

The Federal Retirement Fairness Act, HR 1522 by Representative’s Gerald Connolly (Deceased, D-VA), Nikki Budzinski (D-IL), David Valadao (R-CA), and Don Bacon (R-NE) has 150 co-sponsors including Rivas, Brownley, and Whitesides. This bill will allow FERS employees that had temporary government positions with no retirement benefits the option to get credit for this temporary time towards their retirement.

The PRO Act, HR 20, was re-introduced by Bobby Scott (D-VA) and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA). This bill protects the right to organize a union and strengthens unions by allowing for collective bargaining under the National Labor Relations Act. There are 219 co-sponsors on this bill including all four of our local members of Congress. The Senate version, S. 852 was introduced by Bernie Sanders, and it has 45 co-sponsors on this bill including both our Senators.

The USPS Shipping Equity Act, HR 3011 introduced by Dan Newhouse (R-WA). This bill would allow the USPS the rights again to ship alcohol in the mail, something that was legal until prohibition became law over 100 years ago. It’s off to a slow start and has 14 co-sponsors so far.

The Equal COLA Act, HR 491 introduced by Gerald Connolly (Deceased, D-VA) has 82 co-sponsors including Brownley. This bill, which has also been introduced in prior Congresses, would make changes to the cost-of-living-adjustment (COLA) under the Federal Employees’ Retirement System (FERS). Specifically, the Equal COLA Act would remove the cap for the FERS COLA under current law, which reduces the COLA when the change in the measure of inflation is above 2%. Thus, under the Equal COLA Act, the FERS COLA calculation would be the same as the COLA for Social Security benefits

and retirement benefits under the older Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS).

Julia Brownley is retiring after this term and she has endorsed Assembly member Jacqui Irwin of Thousand Oaks to replace her next year.

The Senate version is S.624 and it was introduced by our own Alex Padilla. There are 20 co-sponsors on this bill including Adam Schiff. Please call the Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and ask for your member of Congress or the Senate to get on the above bills if they currently are not on them. If they are on them, you can always call them to thank them for being on our bills.

Some of the endorsed Los Angeles City primary candidates in the recent primary election endorsed by the Los Angeles Federation of Labor are in the November runoff. They are Mayor Karen Bass, Sheriff Robert Luna, and City Attorney candidate Marissa Roy. Xavier Becerra will be labor’s candidate for Governor.

Hopefully, if all goes well the Dodgers are on their way to a third consecutive championship later this year. Branch 2902 will be in the house Labor Day weekend. We will attend the Sunday night game that weekend, which is only \$45 per ticket—cheaper than last year because there are no promotions this night. See the full page ad on the next page to get your tickets—first come, first served.



Pictured above is Yvette Solache from the San Fernando PO as she accepts her 35-year Union Membership Pin from President Perryman.

Hey, Branch 2902 Members. It's Time for Dodger Baseball!



Tickets on Sale Now

Los Angeles Dodgers vs Washington Nationals

Join us for a fun and exciting time at the ballgame.



Date: Sunday, September 6, 2026
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Let's Own Labor Day Weekend!

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Tax Free Income With Hospital Plus

By Chris Alessi, MBA/NSBA Representative

This time of year would be a good time to evaluate your insurance needs to see if you will have enough insurance in the case of a death of a loved one or the breadwinner in your family.

Hospital Plus is a great way to receive extra cash when you are confined to a hospital. The MBA will pay you up to \$100 per day when you are in the hospital. This confinement could also be a legally-operated institution, sanitarium, or clinic having accommodations for resident bed patients.

Insurance coverage pays you \$30, \$50, \$75, or \$100 per day, based on your choice of coverage. Since this money is not considered income, it is not subject to federal income tax. Every cent is yours to spend the way you want to spend it.

The children's coverage is 60% of the adults, \$18, \$30, \$45, or \$60 per day. Insurance pays when the children are unmarried, legal children under the age of 19 years living with the insured or under the age of 24 and a full-time student.

There is no medical exam required, and to claim benefits there is just one short page claim form and attaching a copy of the hospital bill. Hospital Plus will pay any claim up to 365 days, that could be an adult benefit amount of \$36,500, ranging from \$210 to \$700 for a full week's stay associated with an accident, illness, surgery, or other acceptable conditions.

When an accident or illness requires a return to the hospital, Hospital Plus will continue. Returns that occur within six months for the same or related cause are covered up to policy's limit of 365 days. Stays that are separated by six months from an earlier event, even if related to the same cause, are considered new, and the 365 days starts counting over.

For pre-existing conditions, Hospital Plus will start paying benefits for the covered person once they have gone 12 consecutive months, or one year from the time the policy became effective for the insured without any further treatment or medical advice.

Some examples of how you can use the benefits are: to pay for travel to and from the hospital, childcare, medical costs not covered by health insurance, co-pays and deductibles, legal fees, relative and guests offering their support staying at your home, long distance calls, and gifts to comfort them also. All these things could add up to a lot of extra expense.

Pregnancies are also a covered benefit by Hospital Plus plan provided the policy was in effect before the start of the pregnancy. With the family coverage the newborn will be included on the 16th day following the birth.

Mammographies are also a covered benefit, upon the referral of a physician, nurse practitioner, or certified nurse midwife providing care to the covered person and operating within the scope of practice for breast cancer screening or diagnostic purposes. Hospital Plus will pay up to \$100 for a baseline mammogram for women ages 35 to 39. Women 40 to 49 inclusive, every two years or more frequently based on the physician's recommendation, and a mammogram every year for women 50 years and older.

Payroll deductions make it easy to pay the premiums, you can have your premiums paid bi-weekly, monthly, or yearly. The premiums are as low as \$1.95 bi-weekly. The MBA is non-profit, with no sales agents to pay commissions so they pass on the savings to the members. You can keep your policy as long as you like regardless of the benefits you received or future health conditions.

Membership Pins

The following members are invited to the next General Meeting or the next Retiree's Luncheon (if you are a retiree) to be presented with their membership pins. Please call the Union Hall at (818) 700-9615 and let us know if you will be present to accept yours.



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Letter Carrier who takes their office and street breaks. Out of our eight-hour day, seven hours and ten minutes belong to the Postal Service. Fifty minutes of paid rest and break time belong to you, enjoy every minute of them!

Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger 2026 Thank You!

The Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive took place on Saturday, May 9, 2026. This wonderful community event wouldn't have been possible without the help of the Postal Service and our dedicated volunteers. It was truly inspiring to see everyone working together so diligently to unload Postal vehicles and make a positive impact.

Praise all the Letter Carriers throughout our branch for working extra hard on this beautiful day. It's humbling to see all the work that goes into making this day possible. The volunteers from the food banks say the food they collect can last through the winter holidays.

Once again, I had the pleasure of being stationed at the Sylmar/San Fernando Installation, where the dedicated team of Carriers from San Fernando, Sylmar, North Hills, Granada Hills, and Mission Hills came together to make this community event a success. This success was made possible by the invaluable support of Chief Shop Steward, Javier Torres and North Hills Shop Steward, Fernando Aguilar.

Carriers and volunteers unloaded food across all five ZIP codes. Their dedication, hard work, and genuine effort mean a great deal and are deeply appreciated. Again, thanks to all the Carriers across our branches who delivered the food drive cards and collected the many bags our customers filled for us.

And Yes, a Thank You to Management!

DeAngelo Johnson, Sylmar/San Fernando Postmaster, barbecued burgers, hot dogs, and hot links. Appreciation is also extended to the entire San Fernando management staff for their financial support of the barbecue and for providing refreshments for the Letter Carriers at the end of their shift. Local management has consistently endorsed this charitable food drive barbecue for more than 25 years, regardless of leadership changes.

Once again, I want to express my deepest gratitude to every Letter Carrier who went above and beyond to support this community service event. Let's continue to support and look out for one another. Enjoy your time with friends and loved ones this summer. Stay hydrated. Use your rest breaks, including lunch breaks. Continue to watch out for one another. Educate each other. If you haven't already, download the NALC app. As always, be safe out there!

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Simi Valley S.S.	Daniel Cabrera
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	Rochelle Harvey
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JULY

Where: Golden Panda
1825 Madera Rd.
Simi Valley
When: Tuesday, July 21, 2026
Time: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

AUGUST

Where: Golden Panda
1825 Madera Rd.
Simi Valley
When: Tuesday, August 18, 2026
Time: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Calendar of Events

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| JUL 16 | Regular Branch Meeting 7:00 pm
Union Hall-Chatsworth |
| JUL 21 | Retiree Luncheon 11:00 am
Golden Panda-Simi Valley |
| AUG 3 | NALC National Convention Opens
in Los Angeles |
| AUG 13 | Executive Board Meeting 6:00 pm
Executive Council Meeting 7:00 pm
Date change due to National Convention
week of August 3-7 |
| AUG 18 | Retiree Luncheon 11:00 am
Golden Panda-Simi Valley
CANCELLED |
| AUG 20 | Regular Branch Meeting 7:00 pm
Union Hall-Chatsworth |
| SEP 3 | Executive Board Meeting 6:00 pm
Executive Council Meeting 7:00 pm |
| SEP 7 | Labor Day-Holiday |
| SEP 15 | Retiree Luncheon 11:00 am
Golden Panda-Simi Valley |
| SEP 17 | Regular Branch Meeting 7:00 pm
Union Hall-Chatsworth |