

Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers



President's Report

July 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Everyday seems like a new twist with the Postal Service. What the heck is up with Postal Management? Is it their mission to completely destroy the Postal Service? PMG Potter, everywhere he goes tells people well if we go from 5 day delivery to 4 day delivery theirs even greater savings! Well DUH! What is this telling our Postal customers go ahead and look for alternative ways to get your product delivered! And by the sound of things some mailers are doing just that! Now call me crazy but what kind of business sense does this make? Postal Management wants the public to believe that it's all due to reduced mail volumes and labor cost. Now let's set the record straight, Congressional Mandates and the recession have caused the Postal service recent financial problems. The PO ran a surpluses in 2007 (3.3 Billion) and in 2008 (2.8) billion which were erased because it had to set aside \$5.5 BILLION each year to pre-fund retiree health benefits. The Postal Service Retiree Health Care is 41% pre-funded no other federal agency has to pre-fund retiree health care. Long story short here folks is we (NALC) need to say to Congress calculate what is fair and we'll pay a reasonable amount and transfer back what we have overpaid and the Postal Service is back on stable financial footing.

Well we survived the political primary season, now on to the fall elections. The Governor's race and the Senate races are shaping up to be very interesting. Governor Culver - Former Governor Branstad the future versus the past. Governor Culver is a champion of Postal issues as Secretary of State he has pushed for Vote-by-Mail. Former Governor Branstad vetoed every labor backed bill in his numerous years at the helm and bragged about it. His claim to bring in 200,000 new jobs is quite a challenge. I do remember his claim back in the 80's oh he brought in jobs alright can you say IBP packing houses, yep low wage jobs that eventually ran all the Union meat packing jobs out of the state. But hey "he" brought jobs in; his idea of good paying jobs is under \$10 an hour. On the Senate race Chuck Grassley the champion of big business and all that goes with it versus Roxanne Conlin a known fighter of working men and women.

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Last month it was my privilege to present to Branch # 352 individuals Brother Bob Buntz a 60 year Gold card and Brother George Jensen his 50 yr gold card. Congratulations Gentlemen!!

Anyone interested in helping out with the MDA Golf Outing contact me we need help with registration and on course par three challenges and the John Daly Long drive special event!

If any individual or Stations wish to sponsor a hole the cost is \$50. Remember it's all for Muscular Dystrophy. The NALC has been involved with MDA since 1952. See your Union Steward for MDA 40 inch Sony TV raffle tickets. \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

Don't forget to enter the MDA golf tourney!

Yours in Unionism,

Mark "Big Daddy" Fallis

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