

Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers



President's Report

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Does anyone make New Year's resolutions anymore? Does it make sense to have a simple plan, think about a long range goal – maybe even make a wish? Or are we just too busy with our day to day activities to think about where we are going?

You can start off small. Resolve to attend your next union meeting. Ask questions.

Resolve to tell a co-worker what you like about them or the job they do. You might provide a much needed bright spot in a day filled with mindless management directives.

Plan on checking www.nalc.org at least once a week to read the latest information about the future of the Postal Service and your job.

Make it your goal to do something about it.

It can be simple, like signing up to contribute to COLCPE. Make a phone call to your Congressman's office or write him a letter. There will be bills that will directly affect you in a dramatic way. Stay informed, voice your opinion.

Our long range goal should be to preserve the Postal Service as we know it. It's the Postal Service that is a low cost way for people to stay in touch, which allows a child to send a wish to Santa, which provides hundreds of thousands of good jobs, which would be on solid financial ground if Congress would allow it to be.

I wish all of you a great holiday season and a New Year filled with health and happiness. I hope you take a moment to sit back and reflect on what is important to you and envision what you would like the New Year to be, and make a plan to make it happen.

In Unionism,

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