

## ***Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers***



### ***President's Report***

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

The 2015 convention is behind us. Thank you to Sarah Jackson and Dave Burke and the rest of Davenport Branch 506 for a convention that was put together nicely so that we could take care of business and have a little fun along the way. We were pleased to welcome Director of City Delivery Brian Renfro as our guest. Brian and NBA Mike Birkett and RAA's Stephanie Stewart and Charlie Sexton presented valuable training and information to the delegates.

Congratulations go out to Molly Stoos – winner of the Joseph Miller Scholarship, she is the daughter of Brian Stoos of Le Mars Branch 1040. We wish you the best in your academic endeavors.

Oh, Congress! Are you following the money that fills your campaign coffers and personal bank accounts, or are you doing what's best for the United States and its citizens? Will you allow corporations to write the financial laws at the risk of our economic well being?

Will you quit penalizing the Postal Service for employing union labor?

I'm guessing there are many in Congress who will do whatever they think they can get away with. These men and women were elected to represent our best interests. If you don't communicate with them – they will listen to the people and corporations who do communicate with them.

Tell your representative and senator that it does not make sense to require the postal service to pre-fund retiree health benefits for people who have not yet been born. Tell them it does make sense to deliver mail 6 days a week – and packages 7 days a week. Tell them the postal service is making a profit from operations – the loss comes because of financial obligations imposed by Congress.

Look at <http://www.nalc.org/government-affairs/legislative-activities> for information regarding the issues before Congress and why it's important to your job and your future. Contribute to COLCPE so we can get our message out. Stay informed by signing up to be an e-activist. You can do it on our web page. [www.NALC.ORG](http://www.NALC.ORG)

You can also find a link to Congressman King of Iowa delivering mail for a day and finding out firsthand about some of the issues we face. Thank you to Herb Copley for making that happen.

In Unionism,

Jim Beach  
President

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