

Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers



President's Report

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Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

By the time you see this message the Rap Session in Houston will be history. I'm sure the training and updates will prove beneficial to those who attend in our efforts to represent letter carriers across Iowa - both contractually and on the political front.

Later this fall there will be training in Washington for activists from across the country that will focus on the political and legislative positions of the NALC, and how to translate those positions and ideas into action. Those attending will receive training and be able to share ideas among themselves, and then bring an action plan back to the letter carriers in their states. We, as a union, must educate all of our members so that any letter carrier can tell their lawmakers what would be beneficial to maintain a strong and viable Postal Service. We need to educate our representatives in Washington about the Postal Service.

I'm sure most of you are aware Iowa is in the forefront of the national decision making process when it comes to the presidential election... and the 2016 campaign season has been in full swing for quite some time. We have somewhat easy access to presidential candidates. The "up close and personal" process allows us many opportunities to meet directly with the candidates and express our ideas directly to them and to their staff. Sometimes it can be overwhelming. There are so many people who want your attention. They also want a commitment to support this or that candidate in the upcoming caucuses. If they want your commitment - ask them what they are willing to commit to.

Many of the presidential candidates will be at the Iowa Federation of Labor convention the first week of August. Fred Rolando will also be speaking at the convention. We look forward to having our President in Iowa to get a glimpse of the Iowa political scene and to address our union brothers and sisters. I hope to see the affiliated branches represented at the convention.

The MDA golf tournament will be hosted by Cedar Rapids branch 373. There is a fillable registration form available on our website: www.iowalettercarriers.org.

COLCPE is another good cause. For a few bucks a week you can ensure the future of your job. If you haven't done so already, make a commitment to your family's financial security.

Get involved – make a difference.

In Unionism,

Jim Beach
President

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