

Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers



President's Report

December 2017

Greetings Brothers, and Sisters,

First of all, I would like to wish everyone Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year! It has been an honor and a privilege, to serve the Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers in 2017. Thank you for the support you have given to me, and my executive board, as we continue to work to protect our jobs, in an uncertain political environment in Washington D.C. As this letter goes to print, we await the likely passing of tax reform legislation. Whether or not the middle class will benefit from the proposed changes has not been determined, as amendments continue to be offered to finalize a bill. We have also observed the sexual immoralities charges exploding in Congress, and across the nation as we close out the year.

Looking ahead to 2018, active and retired letter carriers, continue to be a target in budget talks. Increased pension contributions, up to \$3600 per year for active postal employees, eliminating COLAs for current and future retirees under FERS, slashing interest paid on Thrift Savings investments, putting the USPS "on budget", and \$46 billion in undefined cuts to the Postal Service, are some of the items being proposed. On the surface, 2018 looks to be a repeat of 2017 as we work towards favorable postal legislation, and putting the USPS in a financially secure position. But we can remain positive.

The NALC is a unique union. Where else do you have an organization actively defending its members contractually, while soliciting business, and lobbying Congress on behalf of its employer? Not only do we do this, but we are really good at it. Letter carriers have brought in \$billions in revenue for the USPS, and have established strong relationships with members of Congress. Political education is instrumental in moving positive postal legislation forward, and protecting the USPS from itself. Nobody knows the postal service better than letter carriers, and we express our position well thanks to a very well organized legislative department, at NALC headquarters.

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Our legislative department monitors election activity in each state, and has a daily presence on the Hill, as they represent the NALC, and USPS position. They seek out those members of congress that support positive postal reform, and educate those members that do not. It is a nonpartisan activity. Our legislative pac, [LCPE](#), is instrumental in getting this message to these members, Republican as well as Democrat. NALC's goal is to substantially increase contributions to LCPF in 2018. Brent Fjerestad, Legislative and Political Organizer for our area, is willing to attend any events or meetings of our local branches to sign members up. Take advantage of this opportunity. Brent's email is fjerestad@nalc.org.

Spring training at Adventureland will be April 29th,30th, and May 1st 2018. Fall training in Coralville is October 14th,15th, and 16th 2018. There will be more information on the Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers website soon. Thanks for all you do.

In solidarity,

Herb Copley, President
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By making a contribution to the LCPF, you are doing so voluntarily with the understanding that your contribution is not a condition of membership in the NALC or of employment by the USPS, nor is it part of union dues. You have a right to refuse to contribute without any reprisal. The LCPF will use the money it receives to contribute to candidates for federal office and undertake other political spending as permitted by law. Your selection shall remain in full force and effect until cancelled. Contributions to the LCPF are not deductible for federal income tax purposes. Federal law prohibits the LCPF from soliciting contributions from individuals who are not NALC members, executive and administration staff, or their families.