

Director of Retirees Report, 2007
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I wish to take this opportunity to urge all branches to be as politically active as possible and to stay on top of all development in the field of legislation. This is an area of great opportunity and can only be accomplished by becoming acquainted with legislators, becoming e-activists and writing letters or telephoning your congressmen and senators.

This past year we were able to elect people that are friendly to our needs at both the state and national levels. At the state level we elected a Democrat, Chet Culver for governor. And the State House of Representatives and Senators are Democrats. Nationally we elected two new Democratic Congressmen from Iowa, Bruce Braley, 1st District and Dave Loebsack, from the 2nd District.

The Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers has had its own political action fund for many years. It has given us the opportunity to directly support our local political allies. It is imperative that all letter carriers consider the consequences of not being politically active. Invest in your future by contributing to the ISALC-PAC (ILC-COPE) and the NALC COLCPE. Remember, it is now possible to contribute to the COLCPE through payroll deduction.

As a member of the Cedar County Democratic Central Committee, I was elected to serve as a delegate to the County, District and State Conventions. My wife Kathy and I worked many hours getting the Governor and 2nd District Congressman elected.

During the past year I attended all board meetings for the ISALC, the State Convention, the National Convention, the ISALC Fall Stewards Training and the NBA's Rap Session. Additionally, I raised funds for ILC-COPE and COLCPE.

Yours in Unionism,

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