

Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers



President's Report

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Were to being this month? As we head into the holiday seasons I would like to take a positive approach. First of all we can be thankful that FERS employees can now get at least half of their sick leave credited for retirement now, and in 2013 they can get full credit. Second, the Congress passed healthcare on to the Senate. Three of Iowa's Congressmen voted for its passage. Boswell 202-225-3806, Braley 202-225-2911-Loebsack 202-225-6576 if they represent you call them and thank them for standing up and supporting working men and women! Third healthcare in the Senate will have a very strong Iowa influence Iowa's own Senator Tom Harkin will be pushing very hard to make sure healthcare includes a very strong public option. We can also be proud the NALC had such a large role in helping save the Postal Service 4.5 Billion dollars. This problem will not being going away we will need to have a long term solution again to help with the retiree pre-funding of health care. This underscores the need to reform health care NOW.

During our Fall Training School in Iowa City last month we had two invited gentleman running in the primary to take on Chuck Grassley. Tom Fiegen spoke after dinner Sunday evening gave a very good speech it was the first time I had met the gentleman I was impressed. The other gentleman Bob Krause did not show. Roxanne Conlin a noted Des Moines attorney just this past week announced her candidacy. Many of you might remember her she ran for Governor in the 1982 against Terry Branstad. She most recently took on Bill Gates and Microsoft and how should I say this knocked the stuffing out of them and won a multi- million dollar settlement for her clients. I'll keep this short this month but oh I have one better bit on news many of you knew NALC's regional field coordinator Lindsay Burr she has left the NALC to become Iowa's 2nd District Congressman Dave Loebsack's state political director and will be moving to Cedar Rapids to become an Iowan. Congratulations Lindsay and welcome to IOWA! Hope to see everyone at the Rap Session in St. Louis in February. You can find all the information post here on our website.

Wishing You All a Joyful and Happy Holiday Season

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