

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



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

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we enter a new political season the NALC has many challenges. The pre-funding of retiree health care is still a major hurdle that will have to be addressed in the upcoming months. Health Care debate in Washington has been so watered down in the Senate I have about had it! The divisiveness or the chaos created is by design by a certain political party. The House version is still the preferred bill. Today is, as I write this article is AFL-CIO's National Health Care day of action. I know everyone probably got the robo call from President Rolando urging them to make a couple of calls. I just got thru calling our Senators and my Congressman urging them to pass meaningful Health Care that doesn't tax current health care benefits. I hope everyone else made those calls.

The MDA Bowl-a-Thon held back in November nationwide was very successful \$302,922 dollars were raised to fight Muscular Dystrophy. Only three Iowa Branches participated, I know many Branches hold theirs at a different time though out the year. Maybe this year we can add a few more Branches and everyone can hold theirs on the same date in November.

I hope every Branch signs up for the NALC Food Drive to be held on May 8<sup>th</sup> 2010. The need to help those less fortunate is increasing every day with layoffs and cut backs. The chickens have come home to roost, years of shipping jobs to Mexico and China. But I digress I'll save that rant for another day Hope to see everyone in St. Louis at the annual Rap Session February 20<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 2010

Yours in Unionism,

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