

Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers



President's Report

March 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Anybody sick of WINTER YET?

As I write this article many things come to mind. This winter has been one for the record books! 60+ days of at least 5 inches on the ground and counting.

The disregard of the hard work that Letter Carriers do in these extreme weather conditions by Postal management is sad. The computer says you should be back in this amount of time. We'll here's some news I have yet to see that damn computer ever carry an ounce of MAIL! Garbage in Garbage OUT! Intimidation and harassment seem to be the way to make the magic numbers. This reminds me of an old saying "The Beatings will Continue Until the Moral Improves"

Did anyone see the new show after the super bowl, about undercover Bosses going out and doing what his employees do for a living? It was quite interesting. The CEO got fired because he couldn't pick up trash fast enough. The Big Cheese learned how a garbage pick-up driver had to use a can as a restroom stop because if she left her route she would be running late. This CEO got it! He learned that the number crunching decisions that looked so great in the corporate board room when applied to the real world don't look so good after all. Go figure, Does this remind you of our Postal so called leaders. Seems to me many don't have a clue what it takes to be a Letter Carrier day in and day out. Most of them went into management in the first place because the job was too tough for them.

Remember that MIRAP is a numbers driven program. How many times have we told people to carry your route the same way day in and day out, take your lunch, take your breaks, and make sure you get credit for all the mail you case every day? Eight hours work for eight hours pay. Brothers and sister I know how tough things are. This is the time we need to hang together. An injury to one is an injury to all. The Union has your back make sure you have the carriers back around YOU!

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COLCPE- Are you a contributor? By looking at the February Postal Record many of you are not contributors. COLCPE is our way to protect our hard earned wages and benefits. Isn't \$5 a pay period worth protecting what you have? How about you retirees, too? We have benefits to protect also. Sign up today!

Hang in there THINK SPRING

Yours in Unionism,

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