

Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers



President's Report

January 2011

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

There was a changing of the guard on New Year's Day when Mark Fallis "retired" from his position as President of the Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers. I succeeded "Big Daddy" as President of the ISALC and look forward to representing the letter carriers of Iowa.

I will take this opportunity to publicly say thank you to Mark for keeping our membership informed on legislative issues that affect letter carriers and for his efforts to lobby and educate –for our benefit– our Senators and Congressmen on postal issues. Thank you Mark.

I have appointed Stephanie Stewart of Central Iowa Branch 352 as Vice-President of the ISALC. Her experience in the branch that represents the carriers of Des Moines and the surrounding area will prove to be a valued asset to all Iowa letter carriers. Welcome Stephanie.

Following last fall's elections, the legislative arena has become less friendly for the working men and women of our nation. Your state officers will need your help in convincing our legislators to vote for the bills that will keep the Postal Service a viable entity well into the future so that we may all enjoy retirement some day. Contacting our elected leaders cannot be left up to a few. We need the united voices of many letter carriers to send a clear message to Congress.

The Rap Session will be held in St. Louis Feb. 26 & 27 with an agenda that includes steward training, JARAP, NRP, OWCP, past practice and a retirement seminar. I hope every branch sends as many members as possible to the training so that we can fight management's ill conceived agenda of attacks on letter carrier's rights. Hope to see you there.

In Unionism,

Jim Beach
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