

Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers



President's Report

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

First off – the deadline for the Joseph Miller Scholarship application has been extended to Feb. 28 to allow for notification of all branches across Iowa. If you have a son or daughter who will graduate from high school this spring please take a moment to fill in the initial application to give them a boost in their financial planning.

Speaking of finances, Rep. Issa has found a new twist to dismantle the Postal Service.

Congress rejected a reduction in military retirees' COLA's. "Yay Congress!" You got something done, and it was good.

In order to "pay" for the projected cost of not reducing military pension COLA increases, Issa has introduced a bill that would immediately eliminate Saturday mail delivery.

Everyone sees the connection, right? The solution is so obvious.

The bill then would phase out Saturday parcel delivery by 2019. Any delivery point added since September of 2012 would not be eligible to continue to receive parcel delivery on Saturday. Then the "savings" associated with eliminating the cost of delivery will be claimed by the federal government instead of the Postal Service.

Ummh, what? It's almost as if he doesn't have a clue about the Postal Service's revenue coming from stamp sales instead of tax dollars.

The regional rap session is coming up March 1 & 2 in Kansas City. Look for information about Iowa's spring training on May 4-6 at Prairie Meadows in Altoona to be sent out soon to branches.

In Unionism,

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