

Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers



President's Report

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

There was an announcement just released about the Postal Service deploying new Mobile Delivery Device scanners starting this August. They will replace the aging paired Intelligent Mail Device and clamshell cell phones.

We just got the aging paired Intelligent Mail Device and clamshell cell phones in our office, to be deployed this weekend. Maybe we'll get the new Mobile Delivery Devices in a few years - just before they're rendered obsolete by the next great advance in scanners.

Is it any wonder the Postal Service has a bad reputation when the vision of our leaders keeps us one step behind the competition?

The scholarship requirements have been sent out to all of those who applied so the completed packages should be sent back soon. The winner will be announced at our Spring Training.

It was good to see some CCA's at the Rap Session, even better to see some former CCA's that have been converted to career status and interested in picking up some responsibilities as stewards. They are the future of this union. Spring Training will be May 4 - 6 at Prairie Meadows in Altoona. We will have training for new stewards and use of computer resources – send your stewards, and laptops. There likely will be new memos issued by May to discuss as well as legislative issues to tackle.

Please keep a watchful eye on legislation moving through Congress. We may need a few thousand carriers to make phone calls to our Senators and/or representatives if bills come up for votes. Check www.nalc.org and be sure to sign on as an e-activist so that you are aware of the latest.

In Unionism,

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