

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



### *President's Report*

September 2014

Greetings Sisters and Brothers,

What's in it for me? That is the real motivation for ... just about everything.

What's in it for me when I sign up to be a member of NALC?

Besides being protected from overzealous managers by your steward, a sense of belonging, of being part of something bigger than yourself. An opportunity to extend your hand to your brothers and sisters – or receive a helping hand when you need it.

The power of collective bargaining. You'll receive a COLA raise of 33 cents per hour beginning Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> because of our negotiated contract – it's likely that none of us could have done that on our own.

That's \$26.40 more per paycheck. How about giving \$5 of that to [COLCPE](#)?

What's in it for me?

COLCPE dollars will be put to good use protecting your job through political efforts – donations to candidates who will vote for legislation that will preserve the Postal Service - and our jobs; and paying for people who will reach out and inform voters about candidates running for office.

It would be great to see as many letter carriers as possible volunteer a couple of hours to go to union household doors on Columbus Day. Let our union brothers and sisters know who our endorsed candidates are, give them an absentee ballot request so that they can utilize the Postal Service by voting by mail. Call or e-mail me for information for events across Iowa.

What's in it for me?

A little recognition, being part of the [NALC Carrier Corps](#). Maybe a sense of pride and satisfaction that you made a contribution to our success.

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I haven't said anything about e-Activists for awhile, so here it is.

Sign up to be an e-Activist. Please.

What's in it for me?

You'll receive an occasional e-mail about legislation that affects the Postal Service and your job, or legislation that might take away some of your benefits - or cost you more for those benefits, or news about the state of the Postal Service, or a number of other items that could have a direct affect on you and your job.

Do you have to do anything when you get the e-mail? No, not required. You may be asked to e-mail or call your [Congressional representative](#) on critical matters, and hopefully you would take a few minutes to do so in an effort to save your job and/or benefits. Or you may just be given some information so that you stay informed about what's going on.

How do you sign up? I can send you a form if you want to contact me, or you can go to [nalc.org](http://nalc.org) and scroll about half way down the page to click on the link to the form.

Or, if you read this article on our website at [iowalettercarriers.org](http://iowalettercarriers.org) (**ISALC News** on left-side of page) – the Webmaster will probably put a link to the e-Activist form right about- [HERE](#).

*(Thanks Gary!)*

In Unionism,

Jim Beach

President

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