

Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers



President's Report

May 2016

Greetings Sisters & Brothers,

By the time you see this we will have completed one more successful food drive. This is an opportunity to work with our customers for a good cause – it's good to feel tired at the end of food drive day knowing that you participated in the largest one-day food drive.

And our contract is set to expire May 20th. Will we have a newly signed agreement by then– or move on to arbitration again?

Money, money, money - show me the money! It will be a big factor in negotiations, not only in pay but benefits as well. Letter carriers are the biggest asset the Postal Service has. We are the face of the Postal Service and the ones providing the service. We should be compensated accordingly.

So what happens to the money when it reaches your bank account? There's always a bill to pay or something we need – or want.

In case you have just a few bucks to spare – here are a couple of good causes:

- 1- Tony Gesell, a letter carrier in Waterloo, will be running the Chicago marathon this year to raise money for MDA. Marathons are 26 miles long – okay, 26.2188 miles to be a bit more precise, or the approximate distance from Athens to the town of Marathon in Greece. You can participate without risking blisters by making a donation on his website – maybe \$1 per mile? I found it by googling "[mda gesell chicago marathon](#)" and as if by magic Bank of America Chicago Marathon appeared. Scroll down to the Fundraising Honor Roll and click on Tony's name as it rolls by to get to his page, and then make a donation. You can make a difference in the life of someone with MDA –and help find a treatment or cure. Tony – as you follow in the footsteps of [Pheidippides](#) I hope you have a better ending to your marathon than he did. Niki!
- 2- LCPF. This time on Google use "lcpf nalc" and you should find the [Letter Carrier Political Fund](#) page. Look for "How do I become a member and/or contribute" and click to find your options... you can make a bigger difference in the election this fall (remember to vote) as we work to elect people who will look out for our best interests.

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