

Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers



President's Report August 2017

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Raise your hand if you've ever heard of the children's story The Little Red Hen. The story takes place in a barnyard setting with a pig, cat, rat, and our lead character the Little Red Hen. So the Little Red Hen finds some wheat seeds, and discovers that if she plants them, when they mature there would be enough harvest to make bread. "Who will help me plant the seeds?", Little Red Hen asks. "Not I" said the cat. "Not I" said the pig. "Not I" said the rat. (Does this sound familiar?) So the Little Red Hen plants the seeds herself. Whenever there was work to be done, the Little Red Hen would ask her fellow barnyard friends for help, but the answer was always the same. "Not I". So, the Little Red Hen, did all the work. She planted, harvested, ground the wheat into flour, and baked the bread.

When the work was done, and the bread was baked, The Little Red Hen asked, "Who will help me eat the bread?". The cat, pig, and rat all exclaimed, "I will!" But the Little Red Hen said, "No you won't", and ate the bread herself. One synopsis of the story could be, "A single mother discovers a way to make a little extra bread for the barnyard, but receives no help from her friends".

Every organization has "Little Red Hens", that work to provide "extra bread" for the "barnyard". We just have different names for them. In the NALC, we call them officers, or coordinators for the MDA, food drive, LCPF, legislative liaisons, etc. The list goes on, and on. The big difference with our "Hens", is that they share the bread no matter what. So thank you to everyone that takes on the responsibility of promoting, and protecting our member's interests no matter how much help they receive in the process. Know that you are appreciated beyond words.

We need you to return your registration for our [Fall Training](#) in Coralville, Oct 15th-17th, at The Radisson. Deadline is Sept 15th. Also feel free to submit topics you would like to see covered. Every branch should have received information, and it is also on the ISALC [website](#).

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I received an update on the [LCPF](#) contributions recently. Iowa is in 3rd place out of 4 in our region. We are at just over 8% in giving. The letter that accompanied the update used words such as pathetic to describe our efforts. When the NBA is from Iowa, I think we need to make a special effort to lead the way in contributions. Everyone has a stake in this. LCPF is used to get the NALC political position to our congressmen on legislation that directly affects our jobs. UPS, and FEDEX are very active politically, and their agenda includes attacks on the Postal Service, and our jobs. Speak up for yourselves, and start contributing today. The White House budget proposal for 2018 should be plenty of incentive for you. Look at the direct attack on pensions, retirement, wages, and billions of dollars in proposed cuts to the Postal Service. As an organization, the NALC is very close to getting meaningful legislation introduced in Washington. Help us to help you.

In solidarity,

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