

Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers



President's Report

April 2019

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Congratulations to Waterloo Branch 512 for their second-place finish in the 2018 MDA Honor Roll, Category 8 (100-199 members), raising a total of \$11,156. Information on all fundraising efforts nationwide is available on page 20-21 of the April Postal Record. It is a great recognition for the branch, and our association is proud of their accomplishment. This year at the State Convention in Council Bluffs, Waterloo will be selling chances on an autographed Iowa Hawkeye football. The football was obtained through efforts by NBA Mike Birkett, and Waukon, Iowa letter carrier Perry Hesse. Perry's son Parker was a defensive lineman for the recent 2019 Outback Bowl champions, and he and many teammates signed the football. Chances are \$5 per chance, \$20 buys 5 chances. Go to the ISALC website for all the information, and to print off the flyer for bulletin boards at work. You can email the branch for more information at nalcbr512@gmail.com, or phone them at 319-274-2282.

I was recently invited to attend a retiree dinner, and officer installation by The Mike Birkett, Branch 257 Dubuque, Iowa. It was an honor, and privilege to receive the invitation, and to participate in the festivities alongside our NBA Mike Birkett. This event was a great reminder to me, of the importance of our union, and the gratitude we owe to those individuals that fought our past battles. In fact, not only did they fight past battles, but because of the Hatch Act, our retirees continue to lead the charge when asked to do so. Two of Dubuque's retirees, Jack Williams, and Tom Reisdorf were released to get out the vote in District 1, in the fall of 2018, and helped to turn the District to blue. So, it is not Happy Trails, and riding off into the sunset for our retirees, as one might think. Thank you, retirees, for your past involvement, as well as your present involvement, and undoubtedly future involvement. May your knowledge, and enthusiasm be encouragement for our working members.

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve this membership as the Iowa State President the past two years. It has been an honor, and an adventure at times. We frequently comment about our union being family, and I have definitely felt that during my term. I will close with some advice from a quote credited to John Wayne, "*Life is hard. It's harder if you're stupid.*" Don't be stupid.

In Unity,

Herb Copley, President
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