

Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers



President's Report

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Greetings Brothers, and Sisters!

Let's start out this month's offering with a bit of good news! Our winner of the \$1000 Joseph Miller Scholarship is Taylor French, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike French. Mike is a member of Council Bluffs Branch 314. Taylor, our 2020 Scholarship recipient will graduate from Lewis Central High School, this spring, and is recognized as an outstanding student, and leader in her school, and community. We wish Taylor success on her future academic endeavors. Thank you to all of the 2020 Scholarship applicants, may your futures also hold much success. The Joseph Miller Scholarship honors your current ISALC Director of Retirees, former State President, and Hall of Fame member, and former Region 5 NBA, Joe Miller.

The recent news on the appointment of Louis DeJoy as the 75th Postmaster General, brings with it the necessity to stay vigilant on making contact with our elected U.S. Senators, and House Representatives, as we bring our message on the need for financial assistance to the USPS. Mr. DeJoy is the first Postmaster General appointment in the last 20 years, with no postal experience background. It is imperative that we use the NALC website Take Action Portal, DAILY, to keep the flood of emails to Washington D.C coming in. He is currently in charge as the head fundraiser for the Republican National Convention, and a large political donor, and supporter of President Trump who has made it clear how he feels about the USPS. To improvise on part of a song from the Music Man," We've got Trouble with a capital "T" and that rhymes with "P" and that stands for POLITICS". Sadly, politics should not enter into the USPS. We currently have support for the USPS from 90% of the nation's population, and majority of the House of Representatives, but we must keep working.

People ask me why I care. I hear, "You have 38 years of employment and can retire at any time". My answer? I care, because I believe in the necessity of the USPS for my members, my customers, and my country. If you don't believe, and choose not to be active, you are part of the trouble I alluded to previously. Unfortunately, your job can be eliminated with a stroke of a pen. Sometimes you have to stand up and be heard. Is your job important enough to fight for? "Sometimes you need to remember, success is not final, failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts." Winston Churchill. If you want to be a good loser, consider the words of former Packers coach Vince Lombardi, "If you show ME a good loser, I will show YOU a loser". My opinion is if you fight for what you believe in, and you lose, you can still hold your head up high. God Bless you all!

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