

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



*President's Report*  
December 2020

Greetings Brothers and Sisters.

I have good news, and not so good of news this month. The not so good of news is a change in our State Convention date for 2021. Your Executive Board voted to change the Convention from the first Monday in May for two consecutive days, to the first Monday in October. As of the date of this article, the host branch Dubuque has not been able to guarantee this date with the Hotel Convention site. We should have details sent to all branches soon, along with the application request for the 2021 Joe Miller Scholarship. You may also visit the Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers website for updates. The date of convention was changed due to continued concerns with Covid-19, timing of vaccines becoming available, and following Headquarters guidelines to protect our members. It has definitely been a tough year for everyone. A sign that we are returning somewhat to normal is a request from our Legislative Department to start signing members up for our Letter Carrier Political Fund (LCPF), and to acquaint ourselves with those members of congress elected to SERVE you. Political action is one of our main duties, and we will be starting over with Postal Legislation in the next session. Please be prepared when requested to act.

I referenced good news in the last paragraph. To most of you it will be that 2020 will soon be behind us. It is easy to see all of the negative items we dealt with in 2020, but there were also positive take a ways as well. Some of my friends pointed to spending more time with family as a positive due to restrictions on social gatherings, distance learning at schools, and travel restrictions. Sometimes it is just human tendency to dwell on the negative, and not focus on the positives surrounding us now. I found this poem sent to Dear Abby, by 14-year-old author Jason Lehman, in 1985.

“It was spring, But it was summer I wanted,  
The warm days, And the great outdoors.  
It was summer, But it was Fall I wanted,  
The colorful leaves, And the cool, dry air.  
It was fall, But it was winter I wanted,  
The beautiful snow, And the joy of the holiday season.  
It was winter, But it was spring I wanted.

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The warmth, And the blossoming of nature.  
I was a child, But it was adulthood I wanted,  
The freedom, And the respect.  
I was 20, But it was 30 I wanted,  
To be mature, And sophisticated.  
I was middle-aged, But it was 20 I wanted, The youth, And the free spirit.  
I was retired, But it was middle-age I wanted,  
The presence of mind, Without limitations. My life was over. But I never got what I wanted.”

Pretty insightful for a 14-year-old. Praying for a wonderful Christmas, and New Year for all of you! Stay safe, and God Bless you and your families!

In Solidarity,

Herb Copley, President

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