

Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers



President's Report October 2022

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Many thanks to Waterloo Branch 512 which had a successful MDA Golf Tournament on Labor Day Weekend. To quote Branch Vice President Tom Kinn, "After balancing the books, there is \$6099 going to MDA for the Golf Tournament. Much credit to Melanie Lichty- she is a fund-raising machine for MDA." We would also like to say thank you to all that participated this year. This was the first post pandemic golf outing since 2019.

Since the end of September, I have been involved with our National NALC, volunteering to work a phone bank to make Labor to Labor calls concerning the November 8th election. Our main objective is to let labor friendly households know which candidates have been endorsed by their unions, and to encourage those voters to be registered, and have a plan to cast their votes. Preferably we are asking them to either request a mail ballot or vote early in person. You never know what can disrupt your plans on election day. I mention this, to also remind and encourage our members to know your candidates and cast your vote. Every election is important. Branch elections, school board, city council, Iowa State, and voting for our U.S. Senators, and Representatives are important. Local elections, to National elections effect your life. Be active.

This was a summer of reflection for me. I had several opportunities to be with former friends, and classmates from my high school days. One was in town for a class reunion in north Iowa. For some reason every time I'm with this individual he lives in the past, going over our escapades from many years ago. It was a reminder to me about life in general. Memories are great, but we can't live there. There are successes, regrets, and failures. In a perfect world we would learn from the past, live in the present, and plan for the future. As a union, we had a very successful year legislatively. Postal Reform was a great accomplishment. Stay focused on what we need to do now in the present and have a plan for the future. Listen to our leaders and be willing to do the work. We have a lot of intelligent, and talented members here in Iowa. We need to use them. Take care, and God Bless.

In Solidarity,

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