

Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers



President's Report

June 2023

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

So, the last month has gone quickly. Mother's Day has come and gone, our Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive was a success, and on Memorial Day, we paid our respects to our military veterans that lost their lives protecting our freedoms, and before you know it Father's Day, and Summer will be here.

I was finally able to finalize our Fall Training accommodations with Prairie Meadows Hotel and Casino in Altoona, Iowa. The training will be held October 15th-17th, and registration has been set at \$150 per person, and includes all training and materials, breakfast and lunch on Monday, and breakfast on Tuesday. Snacks, coffee, soda, and water will be available during classes as well. Hotel room rates are \$119 plus taxes for a Double Room or King. All information and registration has been sent to individual branches and is also available online at the Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers Website.

In recent House Oversight Committee hearings on the impact of Delivering for America Plan, there has been much discussion on securing a safe working environment for our employees, and combating mail theft and crime, particularly violent assaults on letter carriers. Protecting our members should be the number one priority of the USPS. No member should be in fear of their safety from violent attacks while performing their duties. There are enough issues letter carriers deal with daily including dog bites, weather, slips, trips, and falls without fearing attacks from criminals. June 12th is the target date for Postmaster General DeJoy to get back to the committee on more information on the plan to protect our employees.

On the legislative front, NALC continues to focus on HR 82, The Social Security Fairness Act, which currently has 279 cosponsors in the U.S. House of Representatives, House Resolution 376, Door Delivery, and House Resolution 277, Service Standards. Please take the time to look up the information on each of these, so that you are able to talk to others on the importance of getting this legislation passed. When you are dealing with fellow union members, management, politicians, neighbors, friends, or anyone else, I have a thought for the month. "When you tolerate what is wrong, you will always contaminate what is right". Take care, and God Bless.

In Solidarity,

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