

Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers



President's Report

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

First of all, I wanted to say our Fall Training at Prairie Meadows in October was a great success. A big thank you goes out to our NBA Dave Teegarden and his staff, Robin Clark- Bennett Director of the University of Iowa Labor Center, Tom Kinn Vice-President of ISALC for their training, and presentations to our members. I would also like to thank Ty Rushing Editor of Iowa Starting Line for his education on working with journalists, and media in general. We were also privileged to have Attorney Jay Smith speak to us on why we need to be knowledgeable, and active in the politics in Iowa that affect our lives. Last but not least, I would say thank you to all those in attendance. Your attention, and participation was a key to the training being successful.

The \$1000 Joe Miller Scholarship application is now available. Your branches will be receiving a copy, and we have also included a fillable application at www.iowalettercarriers.org . Our Spring Training dates are being set for Sunday May 5th - Tuesday May 7th and Fall Training for Sunday October 20th - Tuesday October 22nd. Information on registration will be sent to the branches and posted on our website soon.

A quick update on legislation currently in the U.S. House of Representatives is that the legislation such as HR 82 with 299 cosponsors is still sitting in the House. The majority party has disrupted the House responsibilities for about a month with disagreements within the party on choosing a Speaker of The House, and now agreeing to work for our country instead of their caucus group wants. It has been embarrassing to watch. Maybe giving each member a copy of the book by Robert Fulghum titled "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten" would give them an insight on how to treat each other.....like, but not limited to..... (1) Share everything. (2) Play fair. (3) Don't hit people. (4) Put things back where you found them. (5) CLEAN UP YOUR OWN MESS. (6) Don't take things that aren't yours. (7) Say you're SORRY when you HURT somebody. (8) Wash your hands before you eat. (9) Flush. (10) Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you. (11) Live a balanced life - learn some and drink some and draw some and paint some and sing and dance and play and work every day some. (12) Take a nap every afternoon. (13) When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together. (14) Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the Styrofoam cup: The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that. (15) Goldfish and hamster and white mice and even the little seed in the Styrofoam cup - they all die. So do we. (16) And then remember the Dick-and-Jane books and the first word you learned - the biggest word of all – LOOK."

Take care and God Bless. In Solidarity,

Herb Copley, President

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