

Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers



President's Report
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Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Last month I mentioned that legislation the NALC was aggressively pursuing, HR 82 The Social Security Fairness Act, needed 218 signatures on a Discharge Petition to force the bill to the House floor for a vote. Thanks to all of our member's efforts that goal was met, and the prediction is HR 82 will get that vote following the November Elections when Congress is back in Session. Please reach out to Representatives Hinson, Miller-Meeks, and Nunn and thank them for signing the petition, and ask them to sign the bill when it comes to the floor. Those in the 4th District need to contact Randy Feenstra's office and find out why he is not a cosponsor of the bill, or signer of the Petition. Our retirees have been shortchanged for 40 years, and to steal a slogan, "Enough is Enough".

I continue to encourage everyone to get out and vote and reach out to your family and friends to do the same. Voting is a right that we should never take for granted. Voting early will ensure that come Election Day nothing will inhibit you from fulfilling that right. Since becoming an officer on the State Executive Board, I have heard many members over the years say they are not interested in politics. Even though our jobs, and our retirements are at the mercy of Congress, these individual express little interest, or desire to become active. By active I mean making a phone call to a Representative's, or Senator's office, write a letter or email, visit a District Office, or attend a Town Hall. Please look up the meaning of the words disinformation, and misinformation. The definitions should influence you enough to fact check what you read on Social Media before you post items and pass them on.

The advice I read on a plaque, bears repeating again. "Live so that when your children hear these words they think of you... FAIRNESS, CARING, INTEGRITY, HONESTY, LOVE, TRUST". Remember everything you say and do is witnessed by someone. Let's all try to set an example for others to follow. Take care, and God Bless.

In Solidarity,

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