

# IRSPA



## IOWA RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION



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### President's Message

At this writing (April 15) I wonder when Old Man Winter is going to go away.

#### Your IRSPA Executive Board

honored Mr. William Wimmer at a dinner on Tuesday, April 3 in Des Moines. Mr. Wimmer has served IRSPA as it's lobbyist for 38 years. IRSPA presented Mr. Wimmer with a Certificate of Appreciation for his many years of service, loyalty, and trust to our organization. (Many thanks, Mr. Wimmer). The next day your Executive Board met for its spring meeting (April 4) at the AARP Office. We invited Mr. Wimmer to meet with us and make recommendations for his replacement. It was agreed to have Phil Tetzloff, (IRSPA's Legislative Repr.) to head a committee for this task. Mr. Holland and Mr. Swanson will also serve on this committee to do preliminary work of meeting, interviewing, etc. and then make recommendations to the board. Pertinent legislative issues can be very important so we feel it very necessary to find another "cornerstone" for our organization. The Board also recognized Mr. Kent Sovern, AARP State Director, who is also retiring. IRSPA presented Mr. Sovern with a Certificate of Appreciation for his dedication to our association...(many thanks, Mr. Sovern).

**FYI: Another "cornerstone"** Mr. Craig Downing, who serves IRSPA as it's Parliamentarian (and a former IRSPA President) turned 96 on April 12. We send him belated wishes on reaching this milestone. Also, Craig was one of the Iowa Veterans honored at the Univ. of Iowa Basketball Halftime Honors Show. We say "Congratulations" and "well deserved". All Committee Chairs gave updated reports on their committee happenings. All District Coordinators presented plans for their District Spring Meetings. Your State Officers will attend all of these meetings and look forward to visiting each district, seeing old friends and meeting new ones. Minutes of the April 4 Board Meeting are published elsewhere in this Newsletter. Please refer to them.

#### District meeting dates for 2019:

**May 7:** District 6, **May 21:** District 1,  
**May 8:** District 5, **May 22:** District 2,  
**May 9:** District 4, **May 23:** District 3.

Also, in 2019 we will be electing a Vice President, President Elect, and Secretary. Anyone interested, please contact your District Coordinator or any officer.

#### **Annual Meeting: Iowa City October 3 & 4: A GREAT CITY TO VISIT!**

Preliminary plans include great tours, great sessions & speakers, & good times. Don't let this one pass you by. Registration is open.

**REMEMBER:** IRSPA belongs to you...it's members. We, as officers, were elected to take IRSPA into the future. We welcome any criticism, recommendations, and your concerns. Thanks for your continued support.

#### **HAVE A GREAT & SAFE SUMMER.**



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**IRSPA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
AARP OFFICE • DES MOINES, IOWA  
April 4, 2018**

The IRSPA Executive Board Meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by President Chris Campidilli. Kent Sovern, AARP, welcomed us to Des Moines and started our meeting. He will be retiring after almost seven years at AARP. Chris thanked him for all his time and effort to support IRSPA.

President Elect, George Holland, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Chris asked for a moment of silence for Eileen Eckrich, Past President from 2011-2013. President Campidilli appointed George Holland to serve as Parliamentarian.

The meeting agenda was reviewed and accepted as printed. Secretary Mary Jo O'Connell completed the Roll Call, and the names of attendees and guests in attendance are listed at the end of the minutes. Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting held October 4, 2017 were presented and available. Approved as printed. (Copy of minutes attached to these minutes).

Bob Swanson, IRSPA Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report covering the period October 1, 2017 to April 1, 2018. Balance on hand as of 10/01/17 was \$42,015.97 and Balance on Hand as of 4/1/18 = \$32,392.47. Investments are as follows:

*Money Market Account – Security National Bank, Sioux City = \$23,593.00*

*Certificate of Deposit – Security National Bank, Sioux City = \$51,010.12  
@.65% interest – matures 3/30/2018*

*Goldman Sach Bank CD – Cetera Investments = \$50,000 @ 5% interest –  
matures 5/29/20*

*American Express CD – Cetera Investments = \$50,000 @ 2.05% interest –  
matures 12/23/19*

Total membership at this time is 5,644. That includes 621 life members and 170 new members. (A copy of this report is attached to these minutes).

**Committee Reports** (a copy of each report is included with the minutes)

**Constitution and Revision:** George Holland distributed copies of the new Constitution & Bylaws which included the changes passed at the October State Meeting. They have been sent for inclusion in the Newsletter and on the Website.

Sandy Thede moved that we delete Section 3, Eligibility B (in officers) Article VI. It states the following: "a member is eligible for re-election to the same office only once".

Seconded by George Holland. Motion carried.

**Historian:** Linda Foland updated the following information about where materials are stored: 1) The top drawer contains files on Unit Histories, the NRTA News File, History of Iowa Retired Teachers (1917-1979), Membership Awards, the Osceola Proclamation plaque, video of NRTA 1999 Convocation Highlights, and various books; 2) the 2nd drawer contains State Directories, Newsletters, etc.; 3) the 3rd drawer contains files of the State Secretaries minutes; and 4) the 4th contains supplies for meetings. At this time, Linda submitted her letter of resignation. It was suggested that she leave all of her materials at AARP until someone is appointed. Then they could get together and go over the materials.

**Supportive Services:** Sandy and Jay Thede reported the following: 1) remind members to keep track of their volunteer hours because they only have 5 months to accumulate them; 2) divide volunteer hours in "youth and education and community".

**Health Advocacy:** Marge Swanson reported that "Mental Health" was the topic chosen for all of the District Meetings in May, 2018. She has arranged for speakers at all six May meetings.

**Legislative/AARP:** Phil Tetzloff reported that as of April 1 no action has been taken by the Iowa Legislature regarding IPERS. He will continue to watch for more information throughout the year. IPERS can be proposed next Session but not voted on until the following year. He will be participating in NRTA webinars that deal with public pension plans. He is also serving as the IRSPA representative on the Iowa AARP Executive Council. We received a handout about AARP Enterprise Strategy. AARP has advocated for passage of a bill for Caregivers and Health Telecommunications bills. No action has been taken.

**Membership:** Gerald and Shirley Barth presented information that will be given to each local membership Chairman and President. This included information about getting new members and what IRSPA does.

**Newsletter and Delta Dental:** Dawn Rogers reported the newsletter is going well, and the cost of undeliverable newsletters for March was \$65.39 for 129 returned but for December, 562 were returned at a cost of \$331.58. Dawn and Chris are going to investigate and see what we can do to get the return cost down. New IRSPA Brochures have been reprinted and are now available. The Website is being updated. Dawn was asked to include a thank you and information about the following retirees in the next Newsletter: Kent Sovern, Bill Wimmer, Lyle Stirling, and Linda Foland. April 21 is the deadline for the next Newsletter.

**Past President Report:** No report this meeting.

**AMBA:** Paul Strid reported that AMBA has been going through numerous changes since 2017. Currently they are introducing multiple mailings to include information about their products. They have added 3 new products term life insurance, a short-term care plan, and my AMBA discounts. He would like a representative to speak at local meetings to discuss all the plans.

**District Coordinators' Reports:** (a copy of each report is included with the minutes)

**District 1:** Barbara Songer – 2018 Spring Meeting is May 3 at 1st Presbyterian Church in Spirit Lake.

**District 2:** Chris Campidilli – 2018 Spring Meeting is May 2 at Vinney's BBQ in Humboldt.

**District 3:** George Holland – 2018 Spring Meeting is May 1 at the Mount Carmel in Dubuque.

**District 4:** Venita Escher – 2018 Spring Meeting is May 15 at the Community of Christ Church in Council Bluffs.

**District 5:** Lyle Stirling – 2018 Spring Meeting is May 16 at St. Mary's Parish Center in Oskaloosa.

**District 6:** Linda Miller – 2018 Spring Meeting is May 17 at First United Methodist Church in Fairfield.



**Unfinished Business:** George Holland moved that the District Coordinators assist Dawn Rogers in the collection of local unit leadership information and recruit local unit members to serve on IRSPA standing committees at their 2018 District meetings. Seconded by Jay Thede. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

- 1) Dawn Rogers reported that the 2018 Annual Meeting will be October 3 & 4 at the Clarion Inn in Iowa City.
  - 2) Our lobbyist since 1997, Bill Wimmer, is retiring. He suggested Larry Murphy from Oelwein as an individual we might be interested in talking with. He is a former State Senator and was on the IPERS Advisement Board. Bill suggested looking for someone with trust, bi-partisanship, and political courage. He also suggested someone who has multiply clients. Chris appointed George Holland, Phil Tetzloff, and Bob Swanson for a committee to search for Bill's replacement. We hope to see Bill at our Annual Meeting in October.
  - 3) District meeting for 2019:
 

District 6 – May 7	District 1 – May 21
District 5 – May 8	District 2 – May 22
District 4 – May 9	District 3 – May 23
  - 4) Elections for 2019 will be for Vice President and Secretary.
  - 5) There is a new contact at Delta Dental – Laurie Graybill. (See Agenda)
  - 6) Thanks to the following retirees for their service to IRSPA: Lyle Stirling, District 4 Coordinator; Kent Sovern, State Director AARP; Linda Foland, State Historian.
  - 7) See Agenda for the 2017-18 Goals
- Meeting adjourned at 1:45.

Mary Jo O'Connell, IRSPA Secretary

**Members in Attendance**

Chris Campidilli	Sandy Thede	Paul Strid
George Holland	Jay Thede	Barbara Songer
Mary Jo O'Connell	Phil Tetzloff	Venita Escher
Robert Swanson	Shirley Barth	Linda Miller
Marge Swanson	Gerald Barth	Kent Sovern
Linda Foland	Dawn Rogers	Bill Wimmer

## IRSPA Leaders –

**Today is my last day as state director for AARP Iowa. I will continue to be engaged as an advocate of Livable Community and Age-Friendly City work as I transition to my 'What's Next?'**

**My new contact information is attached.**

**Please visit @LivablePlaces on Facebook and give it a 'like' and send me a facebook friend request as well.**

**Of course, you'll want to visit [www.aarp.org/livable](http://www.aarp.org/livable) regularly as the site is refreshed regularly.**

**Don't forget about the NRTA free resources available to you and your members from AARP.**

**<https://www.aarp.org/about-aarp/nrta/>**

**I pray our professional paths will intersect again soon.**

**Warmest Regards,  
Kent**



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February 19, 2018

Ms. Sarah Jennings  
Regional Vice President, AARP Central Region  
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Dear Sarah:

The day we knew would arrive is here.

This letter serves as notice that I intend to step away from my current position as the AARP Iowa State Director effective June 2, 2018.

I have pondered how I might be challenged to balance my emotions at this moment. As you might guess, emotions are mixed at best. I am at the same time; unsettled, at peace, apprehensive and exhilarated. I believe that those who have come to know me in this role understand that I love AARP's enterprise mission, work, colleagues, volunteers and members.

At the very center of my circle of gratitude is Phyllis, my most ardent supporter, friend and partner in all that life delivers.

Serving as AARP Iowa's State Director has been the absolute pinnacle of my professional career. To the extent that aggressive performance goals were set, achieved and often exceeded during my tenure; I give all credit to the wonderful and talented professional staff and volunteers who serve AARP members and all the people of Iowa.

Those who aspire to excel at service leadership know that the vision, strategy, tactics and everyday work must be enthusiastically embraced by colleagues. I am blessed to have served with an exceptional group of professionals each of whom has embraced every challenge and excelled beyond expectations including Ernestine Blango and her successor Julie Betts, Connie Eastman, Ann Black and her successor Jeremy Barewin, and Anthony Carroll.

Our marvelous volunteers are invaluable contributors to the success of our work with 'hats off' to State Presidents Tony Vola and Martha Willits, the Iowa Executive Council members, GREAT Volunteers and community engagement volunteer leaders who each in their own way elevated our work through #innovation and #relevance.

For almost seven years, I have been honored to help advance the AARP mission with you and my #SuperCentral colleagues. Your guidance, support and counsel along with other regional and state office colleagues served invaluable as together we set the course and created Real Possibilities for the 50+ across the enterprise.

I could fill pages of this letter with individual acknowledgements of colleagues throughout the organization who provided support to our efforts in the state office during my tenure.

I can't say enough to adequately praise the support received through the inspiring leadership of CSN by Nancy LeaMond. Suffice it to say that over the past years, our work in Iowa found support through willing and helpful collaborations from every group within SCE - Campaigns, Government Affairs, SASI, OSA, State Research, Multicultural Leadership, Volunteer Engagement, and all of the Program areas especially; Livable Communities, Caregiving and Financial Security.

Our state work in Iowa was also directly supported by the AARP Board members, CEO Jo Ann Jenkins, the AARP Foundation, PPI and AARP International.

As I ponder my 'What's Next?', I am confident that a very strong long-term relationship with AARP will continue especially through the Livable Communities and Age-Friendly Communities work. I will seek to continue engagement with AARP by offering contracted professional services and as a volunteer.

I am blessed through my experience at AARP and I am especially grateful for the opportunity to be a small contributor to the social mission of this wonderful organization.

Thank you Sarah for all you have done to provide me support and counsel during my time with the organization.

Best wishes to you and all my colleagues for great health, happiness and fulfillment.

With Great Affection,

Kent Sovern  
State Director  
AARP Iowa

# Constitution & Bylaws

## Iowa Retired School Personnel Association (IRSPA)

October 2017

Approved May 20, 1976; Amended May 26, 1977; Amended October 18, 1979; Amended November 5, 1981; Amended May 5, 1983; Amended October 9, 1986; Amended October 5, 1989; Amended October 2, 1991; Amended October 2, 1992; Amended October 5, 1994; Amended October 3, 1996; Amended October 2, 1997; Amended October 5, 2000; Amended October 7, 2004; Amended October 5, 2005; Amended October 4, 2012; Amended October 6, 2016; Amended October 5, 2017

### ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of the organization shall be Iowa Retired School Personnel Association. The acronym **IRSPA** may be used in place of the full name of the association.

### ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be the promotion of the educational, social and economic welfare of its members.

### ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1. Active Member.** Any retired employee of the nation's schools shall be eligible for membership.

**Section 2. Associate Member.** Associate membership shall be open to spouses of above and any person who supports education and who wishes to affiliate with Iowa Retired School Personnel Association.

**Section 3. Public Librarians.** Membership shall be extended to retired public librarians with associate membership offered to their spouses.

**Section 4. Life Membership.** Life membership shall be open to any member eligible for active or associate membership upon payment of \$300 dues.

### ARTICLE IV – DUES

**Section 1. Annual Dues.** The annual dues of members and associate members of the Association shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00). New members paying dues after April 1 of their first year of membership

shall be given credit as of having paid dues to October 1 of the following year.

**Section 2. Terminated Membership.** A member whose dues remain unpaid after October 1 shall be dropped from membership.

**Section 3. Reinstated Membership.** A member whose membership has been terminated for non-payment of dues may be reinstated in good standing upon payment of dues for the current year.

### ARTICLE V – ORGANIZATION OF UNITS

**Section 1. Unit.** A unit of the Iowa Retired School Personnel Association may be organized in any Iowa area in which members can conveniently meet.

**Section 2. Affiliation.** A written application for affiliation with the Iowa Retired School Personnel Association together with the constitution of the local unit, which shall in no way conflict with the state association constitution, shall be sent to the President of the Iowa Retired School Personnel Association.

**Section 3. Unit Membership in State Association.** Twenty-five percent of the members in a local unit must be members of the state association.

**Section 4. Attendance at District Workshop.** Each local unit is encouraged to send representatives to the District Workshop.

### ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

#### Section 1. Officers

- A. Elected Officers of this organization shall be President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Past President, and Secretary.
- B. The President shall appoint the Treasurer, District Coordinators and Newsletter Editor and they shall serve on the Executive Committee.

#### Section 2. Elections

- A. The Vice-President shall be elected annually and Secretary shall be elected in the odd numbered years.
- B. Names of the members of the Nominating Committee shall be published in the Association Newsletter in time for members of Iowa Retired School Personnel Association to submit names of qualified nominees to the committee.
- C. Officers so elected shall take office following the close of the Annual Meeting and serve until their successors are elected or appointed.

### Section 3. Eligibility

- A. To be eligible to hold an office in the Iowa Retired School Personnel Association, a person must be a member in good standing in a local unit, the Iowa Retired School Personnel Association and NRTA, AARP's Educator Community.
- B. A member is eligible for re-election to the same office only once.

### Section 4. Nominations, Elections, and Term

- A. The Nominating Committee shall be all District Coordinators.
- B. The nominations approved by the Nominating Committee and the candidates' pictures and profiles shall be included in the June Newsletter.
- C. A ballot shall be sent to each member in the June Newsletter. There will be a space for a write-in candidate for both Vice-President and Secretary. There will be no nominations from the floor at the Annual Meeting.
- D. All ballots must be postmarked by the July 15 deadline and mailed to the Chair of the Nominating Committee. The ballots shall remain sealed until counted by at least two of the Nominating Committee by August 1. In case of a tie, the tied candidates will participate in a draw, overseen by the Nominating Committee Chair.
- E. Officers so elected shall take office following the close of the Annual Meeting and serve until their successors are elected or appointed.

### Section 5. Duties of Officers

#### Section 5. A. Duties of the President

- (1) Serve as chairman of the Executive Committee and Executive Board.
- (2) Preside at all meetings of the Association.
- (3) Call special meetings.
- (4) Appoint committees.
- (5) Provide opportunities for the President-Elect to become acquainted with IRSP Association and NRTA leaders, programs and goals.
- (6) Cooperate with the president-elect in developing plans and programs for Iowa Retired School Personnel Association the following year.

- (7.) Authorize all checks drawn in the name of the Association.
- (8.) Exercise all powers and authorities pertaining to the office.

#### Section 5. B. Duties of President-Elect

- (1.) Assist the President.
- (2.) Assume the duties of the president in the event the president is unable to serve.
- (3.) Serve as Program Chair of the Association's Annual Meeting.
- (4.) Serve as a member of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.
- (5.) Become acquainted with the Iowa Retired School Personnel Association and NRTA programs, leaders, materials, and goals.
- (6.) Attend Executive Board Meetings and Executive Committee Meetings.
- (7.) Cooperate with the President to develop programs and plans for the following year.

#### Section 5. C. Duties of Vice-President

- (1.) Assist the President and the President-Elect.
- (2.) Assume the duties of the president-elect in the event the president-elect is unable to serve.
- (3.) Serve as co-chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.
- (4.) Assist with Parliamentary Procedures during meetings.
- (5.) Become acquainted with the Iowa Retired School Personnel Association and NRTA programs, leaders, materials, and goals.
- (6.) Attend Executive Board Meetings and Executive Committee Meetings.
- (7.) Cooperate with the President and President-Elect to develop programs and plans for the following year.

**Section 5. D. Duties of Secretary** Keep the minutes of all meetings of the Executive Committee, the Executive Board, and of the Association, and submit a copy of these to the state officers and Unit Presidents as quickly as convenient.

#### Section 5. E. Duties of Treasurer

- (1.) Receive and keep a record of all monies paid into the Association.
- (2.) Pay all bills authorized by the president.

- (3.) Make a quarterly financial report to the elected officers of the State Association.
- (4.) Make an annual financial report at the Annual Meeting.
- (5.) Work closely with the Membership Chair.

### ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES

**Section 1. Standing Committees.** Standing Committees of the organization shall be:

- A. Membership
- B. Legislative
- C. Supportive Services
- D. Public Relations (Publicity)
- E. Historian
- F. Health-Care Advocacy
- G. Budget & Finance
- H. Constitution & Bylaws
- I. Insurance
- J. Nominating

**Section 2. Other Committees.** Such other committees as the Executive Committee or Board deems necessary or expedient.

**Section 3. Committee Chairs.** The Chair of these committees shall be appointed by the president.

### ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS

**Section 1. Annual Meeting.** The regular meeting of the Association shall be in October of each year and shall be known as the Annual Meeting.

**Section 2. Executive Board.** The Executive Board shall consist of the Executive Committee, the AARP Representative to the Iowa Retired School Personnel Association, and Chairs of the Standing Committees.

**Section 3. Special Meetings.** Special meetings may be called whenever the President or the Executive Committee deems it necessary.

**Section 4. Quorum.** Twenty-five active members shall constitute a quorum at any Annual Meeting.

### ARTICLE IX – EXECUTIVE BOARD

**Section 1. Executive Committee.** The Officers of the Association and the Treasurer, the District Coordinators, and the Newsletter Editor shall be the Executive Committee of the Executive Board.

**Section 2. Executive Board.** The Executive Board shall consist of the Executive Committee, the AARP Representative to the Iowa Retired School Personnel Association, the AMBA Representative to the Iowa Retired School Personnel Association, and Chairs of the Standing Committees.

### Section 3. Quorum

- A. Five members constitute a quorum for the Executive Committee.
- B. Ten members constitute a quorum for the Executive Board.

### Section 4. Duties of the Executive Committee

- A. Conduct the business of the Association during the interim between meetings.
- B. Fill vacancies in elected offices. If because of a death or disability, an officer is unable to complete a term, the Executive Committee by majority vote shall fill the unexpired term. In case of a vacancy in the Presidency, the President-Elect shall fill the unexpired term, and the office of the President-Elect shall be filled by appointment of the Executive Committee.

### ARTICLE X – AFFILIATIONS

The Iowa Retired School Personnel Association maintains a close relationship with the Iowa State Education Association and is affiliated with the National Retired Teachers Association.

### ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS

The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of its Iowa Retired School Personnel Association members present at the Annual Meeting. The written notice of the proposed amendments, the time and place of the meeting, shall be presented to the members not less than two weeks before the final vote.

### ARTICLE XII – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

In all matters not specifically expressed in this Constitution, the parliamentary authority shall be *Robert's Rules of Order, Revised*.

### ARTICLE XIII. Dissolution

Disposition of assets in the event of dissolution of the Iowa Retired School Personnel Association shall be transferred to AARP Foundation as part of the National Retired Teachers Association.



## Remembering an IRSPA Past President **Eileen Eckrich**

Serving as President in 2011-12  
and part of 2013.

The following was written by one of Eileen's Friends.

Eileen Eckrich,  
past president of IRSPA  
passed away  
February 26, 2018  
in Omaha, NE.



Born in Harrison County, Iowa in 1921, she devoted her life to educating citizens of our state for nearly seventy-five years. Ms. Eckrich held degrees from the University of Northern Iowa and the University of Nebraska, Omaha. She began teaching in one-room schools of Harrison County, eventually becoming the youngest county superintendent in Iowa, serving during the years of reorganization. Ms. Eckrich's career next took her to Council Bluffs where she served multi-year terms as principal for Meyers, Franklin, and Washington Schools. In the earliest days of the AEA system in Iowa, she served several years as a curriculum, reading and language arts consultant for the seven southwest counties of Iowa before returning to Missouri Valley to become principal at St. Patrick's School. No matter what issues were under consideration, she always insisted that solutions first serve students and their families. Her capstone career was as an instructor of Curriculum and Reading at the Buena Vista College site in Council Bluffs. Many talented and dedicated colleagues, teachers, and administrators of Southwest Iowa cite Eileen Eckrich as their mentor. Eileen served many terms of office for the Harrison County RSPA. As president of IRSPA, Eileen led the organization through a revision of by-laws and a study of teacher retirement funding across the United States. IRSPA recognizes Eileen for her dedication to education.

Marilyn Kelly

## A BIG THANK YOU

**TO THE DISTRICT COORDINATORS AND HOST  
UNITS OF THE SIX DISTRICT MEETINGS!**

This thank you comes from the IRSPA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS! We wish all District Coordinators and Host Units for all the long hours and energy you contributed in making your May All-Member District Meeting such a GREAT SUCCESS!

**DISTRICT 1 - MAY 3 IN SPIRIT LAKE - Barb Songer, Coordinator, Host Unit - Iowa Great Lakes Unit.**

**DISTRICT 2 - MAY 2 IN HUMBOLDT - CO-COORDINATORS, Anita Fagen and KayMuller ( recently appointed Co-Coordiators), host Unit - Humboldt Unit**

**DISTRICT 3 - MAY 1 in DUBUQUE - George Holland, Coordinator, Host Unit - Dubuque Area Unit.**

**DISTRICT 4 - MAY15 IN COUNCIL BLUFFS - Venita Escher, Coordinator, Host Unit - Council Bluffs Area Unit.**

**DISTRICT 5 - MAY 16 IN OSKALOOSA - Lyle Stirling, Coordinator, Host Unit - Mahaska County Unit.**

**DISTRICT 6 - MAY 17 IN FAIRFIELD - Linda Miller, Coordinator, Host Unit - Jefferson County Unit.**

Each meeting was unique and well-planned with interesting and knowledgeable speakers, good lunches, friendly hosts and great locations.

Thanks to all of you for your great hospitality!

## Newsletter Deadline

*Please e-mail articles &  
pictures if at all possible  
to avoid retyping.*



Articles for the **SEPTEMBER**

*newsletter are due no later than*

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 2018**

*Get info to Dawn Rogers, at  
[dawncrogers@icloud.com](mailto:dawncrogers@icloud.com)*

*or to 3703 Rohret Road, Iowa City, IA 52246*



## The Johnson County Unit Invites You To Iowa City For A



# **"HAWKEYE EXPERIENCE"**



**October 3-4, 2018 to be held at the  
Highlander Clarion Inn,  
2525 North Dodge Street, Iowa City.**

Directions to the Clarion Inn are....Take EXIT 246 off I-80. You will see a highway sign at that exit that says this exit is North Dodge Street and also goes toward HWY 1 toward Solon & Mount Vernon. Take a left at the top of the exit ramp and go to the next stoplight and turn right onto the driveway of the Clarion Inn when you see the Bowman Chiropractic Building on your right and follow the signs.

Please use a separate registration form for each person.

**Please Fill Out and Mail-in Registration Form on Next Page**

### **Wednesday, October 3, Executive Board Members ONLY.**

Executive BOARD MEETING is 9:30 AM with lunch following at 11:15 AM. No fee.

### **Wednesday, October 3, MEETING REGISTRATION 11:30 AM**

**BE AWARE THAT THERE IS NO PLACE AT THE CLARION FOR ATTENDEES TO EAT LUNCH!**

## **BEGIN LOADING BUSES FOR THE TWO TOURS AT 12:30 PM**

### **TOUR A**

THE NEW HANCHER AUDITORIUM, & VOXMAN MUSIC BUILDING,  
then walk across the street to the eleven story Hilton Garden Inn on S. Clinton St., to visit the  
"VUE", a rooftop Restaurant/Bar. View Iowa City and if hungry or thirsty get a bite to eat/drink.  
Then back to the Clarion for complimentary wine/beer & cheese at 5:00 PM.

**(Please note that the two tours run simultaneously so only choose one tour).**



### **TOUR B**



**HAWKEYE HALL OF FAME on Mormon Trek Boulevard.**

Visit University of Iowa Kinnick Stadium Press Box, view the football field, and new addition  
on the north end of the field. Look across the field at the Stead Family Children's Hospital where the  
fans, teams, officials, etc., wave back and forth to the children in the windows of the hospital.

Then on to the Big Grove Brewery, South Gilbert Street in case some need food/drink.

Then back to the Clarion for complimentary wine/beer & cheese at 5:00 PM.

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### **Wednesday Evening Buffet Dinner** served at 6:00 PM at the Clarion.

There will be a cash bar in the dining room at 5:30 PM. You have your choice of two entrees, a cheese lasagna and beef au jus, two salads, a mixed green salad and spinach salad, steamed veggies, red roasted potatoes, assorted desserts, your choice of coffee, lemonade or iced tea.

Cost of dinner will be \$40.00 each.

**Hotel Reservations must be made by September 15 to receive Special meeting rates.**

Clarion Inn Phone is (319)-354-2000. The room rate is \$69.00 + taxes.

Rooms are available at 3:00 PM on day of arrival.

**Send annual meeting registration form no later than September 15.**

Prepaid tours will not be available after September 15.

Place an X next to the appropriate registration type and fill in fees on registration form.



# HAWKEYE EXPERIENCE REGISTRATION FORM 2018



First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name for Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact with Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(For Example) Johnson County

X HERE	REGISTRATION TYPE	FEE
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Wednesday, October 3, Executive Board Members ONLY, No fee.....	NC
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Board Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

<input type="checkbox"/>	Wednesday, October 3, MEETING REGISTRATION 11:30 AM .....	NC
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<input type="checkbox"/>	TOUR A - THE NEW HANCHER AUDITORIUM, VOXMAN MUSIC BUILDING, THIS TOUR WILL COST \$5.00. ....	\$ .00
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<input type="checkbox"/>	TOUR B - HAWKEYE HALL OF FAME THIS TOUR WILL COST \$5.00. ....	\$ .00
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After dinner entertainment will be a University of Iowa Music Department steel drum ensemble.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Thursday Morning, October 4, 8:00- 9:00 AM.</b> Registration and coffee, juice, assorted pastries, NO COST. ....NC Thursday morning registration and breakout sessions 9:30 AM to noon. Sessions will be explained in the September Newsletter as they are being planned at this time, vendors are also invited.	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Thursday 12:15 PM Lunch,</b> BBQ buffet menu: chicken breast or pulled pork, potato salad, cole slaw, fresh fruit, cookie, beverages, Cost is \$25.00. ....	\$ .00
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<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$ .00</b>
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ALL FUNCTIONS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE BUS TOURS will be held at the Highlander Clarion Inn

Copy your registration form and check for your records. Hotel reservation are due no later than September 15

PLEASE HAVE THIS REGISTRATION FORM AND YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER MADE OUT TO IRSPA.

MAIL TO: SHARON RAFFENSPERGER, 1308 BROOKWOOD DRIVE, IOWA CITY, IA, 52240

No Later than September 15.

## **District 1 • SIOUX CITY**



**Pictured are: Mary Sieper, Jane Berger, Marge Swanson, Richard Lilly, Don Kingery, Lexie Sprague, Bill Lyle, Bob Swanson, Joni Mitchell, Judy Lilly, Ann Peterson, Dee Ford, Ron Peterson and Doug Harrold.**

For ten years Sioux City Retired Educators have filled food packs at the Food Bank to be given to students to take home for the weekend. Fourteen of our members met at the Food Bank to fill 600 – 700 food packs.

SCRE meet the third Tuesday of every month at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Sioux City for lunch and a program. The lunch is prepared by the Mission Group of the church, and so we enjoy a delicious lunch, and the church makes money for their mission work. We average 110 members at our meetings.

Recent programs have featured Dr. Paul Gausman, school superintendent, and Ron Demers, KTIV meteorologist. Sister Shirley Fineran from Briar Cliff University, spoke on “Human Trafficking: Modern Day Slavery.” The East High Choir entertained us in January, and we look forward to a concert by the East Middle School Jazz Band.

We raise money to give scholarships each year to graduating high school seniors. The Scholarship Committee meets and chooses the winners from applicants from schools in the Sioux City area. Two \$1,000 scholarships were given last year.

By Marge Swanson



## **District 1 CRAWFORD COUNTY**

The regular meeting of the Crawford County Retired School Personnel Association was held on December 8, 2017 at Cronk's Café in Denison at 1:00 p.m.

President Judy Jepsen welcomed the members and our guest speaker, Don Luensmann of the CCMH. After the prayer we enjoyed our lunch served by Cronk's. Mr. Luensmann then told us about all the volunteer opportunities through the hospital.

President Judy then called the meeting to order. We said the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was then answered by 20 members. The response was to tell everyone where we would be spending Christmas Day. The minutes from the last meeting were read by Rhonda

and the Treasurer's report was given by Barb. Both were approved. The town reports telling of future events in our communities, were given. The volunteer clipboard, on which we record how much time we donated in the past two months, was passed around.

We had no unfinished business.

For new business we made our annual donations for TAP. We collected \$231. Barb will take care of seeing that is delivered to them.

Judy thanked Marilyn Jepsen, Mary Koenig, and Karen Woods for handling today's committee obligations. The next meeting will be February 23, 2018 with Barb Songer, Annette Boeck, and Joan Swensen as hostesses.

All retired school personnel of this area are welcome, not only Crawford County. We meet at Cronk's at 1:00 for lunch to start our meetings.

The meeting was then adjourned.

### **Nineteen IRSPA members from Crawford County Brave the Winter Weather to hear about Bees**

The regular meeting of the Crawford County Retired School Personnel Association was held on February 23, 2018 at Cronk's Café in Denison beginning at 1:00 p.m.

President Judy Jepsen welcomed the members. After the prayer we enjoyed our lunch served by Cronk's. Angie Carlyle, our speaker of the day, then presented a very interesting and informative talk about her bee-keeping hobby.

President Judy then called the meeting to order. We said the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was then answered by 19 members. The response was to tell a favorite WWII memory. The minutes from the last meeting were read and the Treasurer's report was given. Both were approved. The town reports were given and the volunteer clipboard was passed around.

For unfinished business we briefly discussed IRSPA member benefits.

For new business Judy informed the membership that the district meeting this year will be held in Spirit Lake on May 3. All members were encouraged to attend. We also discussed the current IPERS situation.

Judy thanked Joan Swensen, Annette Boeck, and Barb Songer for taking care of today's committee obligations.

The next meeting will be April 27, 2018 with Barb Wuestewald, Marlene Blum, and Rhonda Christensen as hostesses. The meeting was then adjourned.

### **IRSPA Members From District One, Crawford County Hear about the Orphan Train**

The regular meeting of the Crawford County Retired School Personnel Association was held on April 27, 2018 at Cronk's Café at 1:00 p.m.

President Judy Jepsen welcomed the members. After the prayer we enjoyed our lunch served by Cronk's. Lori Vicker, our speaker of the day, then pre-



sented a very interesting and informative talk about the Orphan Train.

President Judy then called the meeting to order. Next we said the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was then answered by 21 members. The response, because it was Arbor Day, was to tell about a tree that you had planted. The minutes from the last meeting were read and the Treasurer's report was given. Both were approved. The town reports were given and the volunteer clipboard was passed around.

For unfinished business we were reminded about the upcoming district meeting in Spirit Lake on May 3.

For new business Judy introduced another guest, state association president Chris Campidilli. She reminded us about the state meeting in Iowa City on Oct. 3-4. She also informed us that now there will be associate memberships in the IRSPA. These will be for people that were not previous school employees, but are others just interested in promoting education in any form.

Judy thanked Marlene Blum, Barb Wuestewald, and Rhonda Christensen for taking care of today's committee obligations. The next meeting will be June 22, 2018 with Mardella Andresen, Donna Walker, and Maxine Pithan as hostesses. The meeting was then adjourned.

All Crawford County Articles by  
Rhonda Christensen, Secretary

## IRSPA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS HAVE RETIRED!

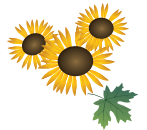
Lyle Stirling of Bloomfield is resigning his position as DISTRICT FIVE Coordinator for the past four years to go back into the classroom and to continue his Optimist duties. He has been President of the Davis County Unit for the past four years also. Thank you Lyle for the many years you gave of yourself to IRSPA. You are a dedicated individual and we all will miss your singing and piano playing!

If anyone is interested in applying for the DISTRICT FIVE COORDINATOR please contact Lyle and he will explain the duties of that position. And if you are interested in becoming the District Five Coordinator, contact IRSPA President Chris Campidilli at (515)332-2298 or ccampidilli.com

Linda Foland from Osceola has resigned her position as IRSPA Historian. She has been our Historian since 2005. And has been a very dedicated Board Member. She has organized all of the materials re: IRSPA since 2005 and they are housed in the AARP state office in Des Moines. She has gone to Des Moines often to add things to the files. We will miss her smiling face and gracious manner.

Incidentally, our state secretary, Mary Jo Oconnell will assume that position. THANKS MARY JO!

## District 2 WEBSTER COUNTY



The Webster County group met on March 5, 2018 at Friendship Haven. Deb Peterson called the meeting to order. Cheri Maehl, Book Committee chairman, reported that 1,013 books were collected and donated to Operation Christmas and Kemna Give Away. We still have 1,004 books in our collection, 600 in the 7-8 year olds, 20 in the under three, and 20 in the 11 and older group. 17 helpers participated in the two give aways.

Becky Nelson Reilly, volunteer hours committee chair, asked that members turn in their volunteer hours sheet.

The program was on the Cemetery Walk. This year, it will be held at Friendship Haven meeting room on June 9th at 2 p.m. and also at the Opera House on June 10th at 3 p.m. Cost is \$7.00 per person. Money raised will go back in Oakland Cemetery.

Door prizes went to Eileen Yung and Diane Larsen. Our next meeting will be at Trinity United Methodist Church on April 9th.

The Webster County group met on April 9th at Trinity United Methodist Church. President Deb Peterson called the meeting to order and a delicious lunch was served by the church ladies.

Our program was Birds in the Backyard given by Doug Harr. A slide show was presented on different habitats, feeding stations, birds for the backyard. Handouts were available on creating habitats for the birds.

Door prizes went to Barb Schultz and Kathy Campbell.

Our next meeting will be held on May 7th at First Covenant Church and the program will be our Scholarship/Memorial Service.

Submitted by Bonnie Rhodes

**[www.irspa.org](http://www.irspa.org)**

**Website is updated...  
Check it out!**

*I want to give heart felt thanks to  
Katie, the AMBA Digital  
Marketing Specialist for all her  
work updating the IRSPA Website.  
She is a gem and we have a great  
working relationship established.*

**THANK YOU KATIE**

*Dawn*

## District 2 HUMBOLDT COUNTY



New Co-coordinators for Iowa Retired School Personnel Association (IRSPA) District 2 Chris Campidilli, State President of IRSPA, recently appointed Anita Fagen-Miller and Kay Muller of Humboldt to serve as co-coordinators for District 2 of IRSPA. They will be responsible for coordinating the district IRSPA meetings, making visitations to the eight area units within the district, and attending both the IRSPA Executive Board Meetings and the IRSPA Annual Meeting.

### Humboldt Area Unit Hosts District 2 Meeting

The Humboldt Area of Iowa Retired School Personnel Association (IRSPA) hosted its District 2 spring meeting on May 2 at Vinny's BBQ in Dakota City. Attending the meeting were the state officers and members from District 2 units of Marshall County Unit of Marshalltown, Scenic City Area Unit of Iowa Falls, Webster County Unit of Fort Dodge, Mason City Area Unit of Mason City, and Humboldt Area Unit of Humboldt. The attendees heard 2 featured speakers: Carol Fuoss (pictured right) from Berryhill Center of Fort Dodge and Jessica Rundlett (pictured below) from Iowa Culture of Des Moines. All attendees were informed and invited to the IRSPA Annual Meeting on October 3 & 4, 2018, in Iowa City.



Humboldt Area Unit's next meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2018. All retired

school personnel and supporters of education are invited to attend.

by Chris Campidilli

Pictures below are more photos of the District 2 Humboldt IRSPA Meeting.



## District 4 COUNCIL BLUFFS

The Council Bluffs Area Chapter of the Iowa Retired School Personnel concluded its 2017-2018 school year with its meeting on April 18th. The program at that meeting was presented by the Engineering Design and Development Club from the Abraham Lincoln High School of the Council Bluffs Community School District.

The program at the March meeting was presented by Dan Danielsen and Friends, who entertained the group with guitar and harmonica and songs made famous by Hank Williams and Johnny Cash.

Officers for the 2018-19 school year were elected at the April meeting. Joann Tews will serve as president; Darlene Schwarzkopf, as vice president, and Sue Griswold and Carol Huffman will continue as secretary and treasurer, respectively. Patti Ford and Marge Miller will serve on the program committee.

The District IV meeting will be held at Community of Christ Church in Council Bluffs on May 15, 2018. Programs include "Honor Flights" presented by Bill and Jeff Ballenger, "From Prairie to Schools, a history of early Iowa one-room country schools" by Sandra Host and Dee Engstrom, and the "Teammates Mentoring Program" by Tom Osborne, former University of Nebraska, football coach.

We finished the year with 73 paid memberships. Our new year will begin with our meeting the third Wednesday in September.

Sue Griswold, Secretary

## District 6 HENRY COUNTY



Henry County Retired School Personnel Association has had a great season. Our members have grown, our volunteer hours are up and our travels have been wonderful.

Our first meeting was a trip to Bentonsport in Van Buren County. The group went to Iron and Lace which features handmade original works of art in Pottery, Weaving, and Ironwork. Betty Printy is the potter and weaver and her husband, Bill, is the blacksmith. Everything is created by hand and each piece is unique and very special.

Cindy Dorrell was the featured program in November. She gave a talk on "Music Becomes America." She explained how music began with the slaves and their rhythm. These eventually generated into jazz. It was a formative and fun program.



In March, the group toured the Northeast Animal Hospital in Mount Pleasant, with Travis J. Van De Berg, DVM. He has over 12 years experience practicing preventative medicine and offers complete comprehensive care for our pets. The facility had recently been remodeled and updated. Services include vaccinations, lab/medical services and boarding.

Our next trip took us to the Doll Muesum at the Old Threshers in Mount Pleasant. Glenna Voyles gave a great program about the Bussey Dolls and other dolls in the collection. Mrs. Wilma (Nye) Bussey was married to Donald Bussey in 1939, in Bloomfield, Iowa. They were frequent visitors to the Old Threshers Reunion. Mrs. Bussey passed away in 1978. It was her wish that her dolls not be separated. Don Bussey decided he would like them to be in Iowa and felt the Old Threshers Museums would be a fitting "home" for them. You will find Rose O'Neill's "Kewpie", a small "Googly", and "Chatty Cathy." The Hawkeye Doll Club & volunteers under the direction of immediate past Hawkeye president, & Bussey collection curator, Glenna Voyles, have labored to repair, restore, and stabilize the dolls. Currently approximately 150+ are exhibited.

Another trip was to Hillcrest Hostas and More in Donnelson. The grounds and gardens display over 2000 varieties of Hostas and 100 varieties of Ornamental grasses. The grounds included a nursery as well as display gardens. Walking among the different plants and grasses was wonderful experience.

A trip to the historical Fort Madison Fort in Fort Madison was very educational. The fort had it's origins in 1804. It began as a trading post and factory warehouse for the Sauk and Fox tribes. The original fort was destroyed during the War of 1812. Replicas of major buildings (except the guardhouse, tail blockhouse and kitchens) were fabricated from oak timbers by inmates at the Iowa State Penitentiary, who volunteered to assist on the project. After completion at the prison, the log structures were dismantled and re-erected. Today it is remembered with an accurate reconstruction of the first military fort on the upper Mississippi.

In July, the group toured the Old Capitol in Iowa City. It was once the main government building for the state of Iowa, and it now stands as the landmark for the University of Iowa's campus and, it is a US National Historic Landmark. The building housed the State Government, and some University offices. It has been renovated several times and in 2001, a fire caused considerable damage to the dome. May 6, 2006, the Old Capitol Building was reopened to the public. The ground floor of the building is now a museum, with exhibits about the history of the building, the university, and the State of Iowa. University meetings and speeches can again take place at the Old Capitol, and as in the past, Ph.D. students often make their doctoral defenses in the chambers of the Old Capitol Building.

By Linda Russell



## District 6 CLINTON COUNTY

**BEWARE** all retired senior citizens, for we have predators out there who are trying to entice you out of your savings with false promises. That's what Seniors vs. Crime speaker Randy Meier told the members of the Clinton County Retired School Personnel.

Meier works with the Clinton County Sheriff's Department, helping senior citizens with fraud. These unscrupulous people hide behind scare tactics, using your phone, computer, and U.S. mail. Example: relative in trouble, taxes due, wonderful trip offers, Walmart or Target free gift cards, social media, web sites, quick money, etc.

**PLEASE DON'T engage them in conversation. HANG UP!** Throw away those tempting mailings, DON'T CLICK on those colorful computer ads. BE VIGIL!!!

Anybody have a scam story to tell? It happened, the old fixing a computer, getting rid of alleged viruses just click and use your credit card to pay. As you suspected computer still not working., credit card "hacked". Now take it to a reliable computer software specialist, which isn't cheap.

Let's hear another tale of "woe". Here is the old grandchild ruse and how vulnerable one can be when you get a phone call from someone pretending your grandson is in jail and needs money to be released bail, court costs, etc. All you need to do is get a money card from Best Buy or Walmart and give the caller the card number and it's good-bye money. It was told that over a couple days the scammer "took a years worth of my IPERS, how could I be so gullible" in a sorrowful tone, "I walked into a family function a few days later and there was my grandchild. I asked, did you get out of jail? Looking surprised the response was, I was never in jail", surprise, surprise!

Meier investigated this incident to find the scam call came from Canada. His response, your money is GONE!

These people want YOU to reveal your bank account number, social security number, credit card numbers, confirm your name and address, or any thing to take your identity.

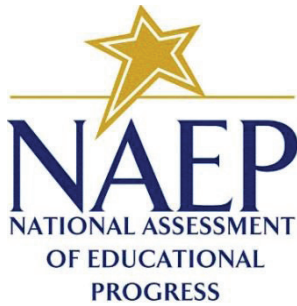
Meier concluded with some final advise, just THINK and use your better judgement. **BEWARE!**

Our guest was Linda Miller, district 6 coordinator. We had great response from our members to bring non-perishable food items. They will be distributed to the food pantries of Clinton County.

General business was taken care of, a bit of humor from light-hearted jokes, our drawing for those special door prizes with a thank you to our hosts, reminder of our next meeting. Meeting Adjourned!

By Sharon Leonard





**Temporary Job Opportunities: Assessment Administrators**

We are seeking motivated individuals who are committed to excellence and have experience working in schools with students. Westat is recruiting for the 2019 **National Assessment of Educational Progress**, also known as **NAEP** or **The Nation's Report Card**, for the **National Center for Education Statistics**, which is part of the **U.S. Department of Education**.

The position involves conducting assessment sessions with 4th-, 8th-, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students using touch-enabled tablets in participating schools across the country. You will work on a team of 2-4 people. This opportunity is ideal for retired educators.

Your duties will include:

- Administer assessment sessions using tablets in schools;
- Prepare the room and set up equipment;
- Check student attendance and read directions aloud to students;
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- Answer student questions using prepared guidelines;
- Collect assessment materials when the assessment is complete;
- Ensure quality control is achieved; and
- Assist in packing assessment equipment.

Westat provides complete paid training, paid time and mileage reimbursement for local driving to and from schools, weekly paychecks with direct deposit, and opportunities for advancement based on performance.

Qualified applicants must:

- Be available to work 20 to 30 hours a week, during daytime hours, when work is available, from January 28 to March 8, 2019; and
- Complete required components of training, including an online course to be completed independently, and a one-day in-person meeting during January 2019.
- Be willing to complete background check requirements, including an FBI fingerprint check;
- Have access to telephone service with a long distance calling feature;
- Have access to computer, broadband Internet connection, and personal, private email account;
- Have a valid (current) driver's license that is not under suspension and regular access to an insured, reliable vehicle to travel to and from schools; and
- Have a high school diploma or GED.

The following criteria are preferred:

- Prior experience working in an educational setting or working with students;
- Prior experience working in a team environment;
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills;
- Strong interpersonal skills;
- Basic computer proficiency;
- Self-motivated, organized, flexible, and detail-oriented;
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## **My Favorite Things – Senior Version**

**A Humorous Parody**

**Words: Anonymous**

**Music: "My Favorite Things," Richard Rodgers**

*Maalox and nose drops and needles for knitting,  
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,  
Bundles of magazines tied up in string,  
These are a few of my favorite things.  
Cadillacs and cataracts and hearing aids and glasses,  
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,  
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,  
These are a few of my favorite things.  
When the pipes leak, When the bones creak,*

*When the knees go bad,  
I simply remember my favorite things,  
And then I don't feel so bad.  
Hot tea and crumpets, and corn pads for bunions,  
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,  
Bathrobes and heat pads and hot meals they bring,  
These are a few of my favorite things.  
Back pains, confused brains, and no fear of sinnin',  
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin',  
And we won't mention our short shrunken frames,  
When we remember our favorite things.  
When the joints ache, when the hips break,  
When the eyes grow dim,  
Then I remember the great life I've had,  
And then I don't feel so bad.*

*Submitted by Lyle Stirling*

## **District 6 DAVENPORT AREA UNIT**



Members of the Davenport Area Retired School Personnel Association convened on Tuesday, February 13, for the first meeting of 2018. Before usual business was conducted, we learned more about benefits available to all IRSPA members from AMBA representative, Paul Keough.

Christina Kastell, Putnam Museum Curator of History and Anthropology, then transported us back to the 1960's. Her presentation on "The British Invasion" provided a nostalgic look at the Beatles' impact on American culture. Heads nodded in agreement as we recalled fashion trends, art, politics, and especially the music of that time.

The DARSPA clan gathered once again on March 13 at Davenport's Steeplegate Inn. Following lunch and the business meeting, we had the luck of being entertained by fourteen members of our local Chordbusters Barbershop Chorus. The comradery of the gentlemen was evident as they offered a cappella harmonizations of several familiar tunes. When they concluded with "An Irish Blessing," our members felt gratitude for the many warm friendships and memories we possess.

Linda Baustian, Secretary



*Call a Friend!*

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- Long Term Care/Home Health Care Policy
- Long Term Care Annuity
- Medical Air Services Association (MASA)
- Medicare Supplement Insurance Plans
- Orlando Employee Discounts
- Rental Car Discounts (Avis, Budget and Hertz)
- Road Scholar
- Tax Deferred Annuity
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### Medical Air Services Association (MASA)

MASA is dedicated to providing life-saving emergency assistance from home or while traveling. The coverage is designed to protect members against catastrophic financial loss when emergencies arise.

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Benefits paid directly to you. Members select the benefit level that best suits their needs.

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This plan offers the freedom of choice to select the doctors, hospitals, and clinics that members want, and they will never be cancelled because of age or health.

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866.257.4711 | [www.dell.com/epp](http://www.dell.com/epp) | Code: PS95750248

### Apple

1-800-MY-APPLE | Code: AMBA  
<http://store.apple.com/us/go/eppstore/amba> (Not all products are eligible.)

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### myAMBAining.com

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[www.myAMBAining.com](http://www.myAMBAining.com)

Some benefits not available in all states. Association membership required to obtain benefits. Some associations have made a special benefits website available to their members. Register at [myAMBAbenefits.info](http://myAMBAbenefits.info).

# Newsletter

## Iowa Retired School Personnel Association

3703 Rohret Road  
Iowa City, IA 52246

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### WE REMEMBER

<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Unit</u>
Bryant, Cleo	Fort Morgan, CO	No Unit
Buehler, Vae Jean	Mitchell, SD	Sioux City Area Unit
Carson, Frances	Bettendorf, IA	Davenport Area Unit
Christofferson, Charles	Muscatine, IA	Muscatine County Unit
Clingman, Virginia	Bettendorf, IA	Davenport Area Unit
Cook, Leland	Newton, IA	Jasper County Unit
Crooks, Dorothy	Boone, IA	Boone County Unit
Davis, Carlene	Sioux City, IA	Sioux City Area Unit
Eckrich, Eileen	Omaha, NE	Harrison County Unit
Grady, Jerry	Davenport, IA	Davenport Area Unit
Hartz, Barbara	Perry, IA	Dallas County Unit
Hendricksson, Helen	Decorah, IA	Winneshiek County Unit
Houck, Lorraine	Decorah, IA	Winneshiek County Unit
Houser, Gladys	Centerville, IA	Appanoose/Wayne Unit
Johnson, Carolyn	Sioux City, IA	Sioux City Area Unit
Kann, Catherine	Marion, IA	Jefferson County Unit
Kridelbaugh, Margaret	Chariton, IA	Lucas County Unit
Lego, Wendy	Sioux City, IA	Sioux City Area Unit
Losen, Bill	Hazleton, IA	Oelwein Area Unit
McGaffey, Joan	Sioux City, IA	Sioux City Area Unit
McNair, Lee	Boone, IA	Boone County Unit
Minnick, Clarice	Creston, IA	Creston Area Unit
Mixdorf, Gordon	Iowa City, IA	Johnson County Unit
Preston, Joseph	Muscatine, IA	Muscatine County Unit
Rupe, Peggy	Bloomfield, IA	Davis County Unit
Rusch, Jean	Lake Park, IA	Ia Great Lakes Area Unit
Septer, Marvin	Fairfield, IA	Jefferson County Unit
Smith, Cindy	Montrose, IA	Lee County Unit
Sullivan, Iva	Sioux City, IA	Sioux City Area Unit
Tarvin, Ruth	Sioux City, IA	Sioux City Area Unit
Tharaldson, Karen	Oelwein, IA	Oelwein Area Unit
Thomas, Beula	Leon, IA	Decatur County Unit

### LEGISLATIVE FUND

Contributions to the Iowa Retired School Personnel Association legislative fund for the improvement of retirement benefits are being accepted for the current year (Oct. to Oct.) Please make your contributions as generous as possible.

\$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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### MAIL EITHER FORM TO:

Robert Swanson, IRSPA Treas. • 3221 Cheyenne Blvd.,  
Sioux City, IA 51104 • Make Checks payable to IRSPA

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Iowa Retired School Personnel Association

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Annual Dues: \$15 • LIFE MEMBERSHIP: \$300