

## IOWA RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

### President's Message

This is my final "President's Message" as I will be leaving the IRSPA Presidency, which I have enjoyed working for all of you very much. I want to thank the IRSPA Executive Board Members and those unit officers who were of help along the way and who have been instrumental in keeping me advised and up-to-date on what has been happening within your units. But you will not get rid of me that easily. I will become your Immediate Past President and serve as a contact person if you need some questions answered or help within your organization. Also, I will continue to be your Newsletter Editor and Public Relations Person.



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I have met so many of you, yet there are so many of you I have not met that I want to become acquainted with. Hopefully you will be attending the Annual Meeting on October 4-5 in Cedar Falls. My final request of all units, is that you will send at least one member from your unit to the Annual Meeting. Do you realize that one of the duties of being a unit officer is that you are required to attend the Annual Meeting every year and also required to attend your District meeting each year? This is how important information that is reported at each of these meetings is disseminated back to your unit members.

Also at the Annual Meeting, **next year's IRSPA Personnel Directory will be available for each unit to pick up and take back to your unit along with other important information** so that I do not have to mail this information to the units who do not send a representative. And remember that all IRSPA members at the meeting will vote on either accepting or not accepting the proposed changes to our State By-Laws. This will be a very important issue and we need all of you to be at the Annual Business Meeting on Thursday afternoon, October 5. **PLEASE BE IN ATTENDANCE ON THE AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 5 TO MAKE YOUR VOICES HEARD. The registration form for the Annual Meeting and the proposed changes to our By-Laws are also included in this newsletter.**

As I say Good-Bye to all of you one last time, keep up the good work. **All of you are very important to IRSPA, and thanks for all you do.**

TAKE CARE & GOD BLESS!  
Dawn

### IRSPA New Benefit: Thousands of Discounts for Members!

IRSPA is pleased to announce our new member benefit, myAMBAdiscounts.com. This member-only web portal is now available for you to sign up and start saving!

#### What is it?

myAMBAdiscounts.com is a FREE web portal that gives you access to discounts from thousands of merchants. You can save on travel, wellness, event tickets, shopping, dining, and so much more!

#### To activate your new myAMBAdiscounts membership, follow these steps:

- Visit myAMBAdiscounts.com and click "Register Here."
- Enter your email address, then on the next page enter the activation code 'ambasavers'
- Register your basic information and sign up for email alerts. Here you may opt-out of the dining upgrade if you do not wish to join that program. It is not necessary to add your credit card information to take advantage of Passport discounts.
- Get ready to start saving! You can also download the mobile app to get discounts on the go!

\*Available for iOS, Android and Windows Phone.

**Questions? Please feel free to contact  
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Benefits made available by Association  
Member Benefits Advisors**

**Wear it Proudly....**

**An IRSPA Pin.**

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# Sights & Sounds of Black Hawk County



October 4 and 5, 2017  
**IRSPA Annual Meeting**  
Clarion Inn University Plaza  
5826 University Avenue  
Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613



**Please use a separate form for each registrant.**

First Name:	Last Name:	First Name for the Badge:
Address:	City:	State:                  Zip:
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	Email:
Unit Name (for example, Black Hawk County unit is BHRSPA):		

Hotel Reservation must be made by September 15, 2017 in order to receive meeting rates.  
Call direct to the Clarion Inn at 319-277-2230 for room registration.  
Rooms available at 3:00 pm on day of arrival.

Check (✓) the functions you will attend. Choose Tour A or B but not both!

✓	Registration Form	Fee
	IRSPA Executive Board Buffet, Wednesday 11:00 am (circle if need "vegetarian option")	N/C
	*Tour A (Wed. 12:45 to 4:15 pm): Gallagher-Bluedorn PAC; One Room Schoolhouse; Barn Happy	\$5
	*Tour B (Wed. 12:45 to 4:15 pm): Veterans Museum; John Deere Museum; Single Speed Brewery	\$5
	Social Hour & Cash Bar, Wednesday 5:00 and Complimentary Wine & Cheese 5:30 – 6:00	N/C
	Dinner Buffet, Wednesday 6:00 pm (circle if need "vegetarian option")	\$25
	Pastries, Juice & Coffee, Thursday, 8:00 – 9:00 am	N/C
	Buffet Lunch, Thursday at 12:15 pm (circle if need "vegetarian option")	\$18
<b>Total of Payment</b>		

*\*See related article for information on the six tour sites.*

Transportation will be provided for both tours. Buses will load at 12:45 at the Clarion.

**Please mail this registration form and payment to:**  
**Alice Walther-Ellis, 228 Washington, Box 836, Hudson, IA, 50643 • (319) 988-3771**  
**Please make checks payable to "IRSPA 2017 Annual Meeting"**

**Registrations are due by September 15, 2017.**

**Questions:** Send email to [brown1022@mchsi.com](mailto:brown1022@mchsi.com) with "annual meeting" in the subject line.

**Cancellation/Refunds:** Refund requests must be made in writing and mailed to the address above.

Refunds will be made if cancellation/refund request is postmarked prior to September 15, 2017.

Refunds will not be issued after September 15 except in the case of documented medical or family emergency.

All refund requests are subject to a \$10 administrative fee.

Details about “Tour A” offered on October 4<sup>th</sup> at our Annual Meeting:

Transportation will be provided. Buses will load at 12:45 at the Clarion.

**GBPAC (Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center)**

(gbpac.com)



Hosting more than 300 performances each year, the GBPAC showcases the world's finest artists, ensembles of the UNI School of Music, the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Symphony and many other regional events. The GBPAC is a \$23 million, 100,000 square foot complex that features three state-of-the-art concert halls, a soaring glass-walled lobby and dozens of teaching and rehearsal spaces. All three

halls have been designed with superb acoustics and intimate sightlines. The Great Hall also has cutting-edge theatre technology, enabling the center to present artists spanning from chamber ensembles to the biggest Broadway shows.

**The Marshall Center One Room Schoolhouse**

(museum.library.uni.edu)



The Marshall Center School was built in 1893 in the Marshall Township of Pocahontas County. It was moved to the campus of the University of Northern Iowa in 1987 and restored as it was in the early 1920s, including original furnishings and period artifacts. An active reminder of Iowa’s historically prominent role in quality education, the school shares the story rural schools played in shaping 19<sup>th</sup> century America.

**Barn Happy**

(barnhappy.net)



A dairy barn built in 1925 was transformed into a one-of-a-kind place called Barn Happy in 2003 by its owners, Tim & Kris Boettger. Barn Happy works to give customers and visitors a genuine snapshot of Iowa. They feature foods and items made in Iowa. There is a great selection of food, arts and crafts, seasonal gift items and a hayloft full of antiques and primitives. Barn Happy serves up yummy made from scratch pastries, sweet treats and a coffee bar that features unique drinks such as the farmer’s wife latte!

Details about “Tour B” offered on October 4<sup>th</sup> at our Annual Meeting:  
Transportation will be provided. Buses will load at 12:45 at the Clarion.

## **Grout Museum & Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum**

(groutmuseumdistrict.org)



The Grout Museum of History and Science features permanent and continually changing exhibitions of area history, regional flora and fauna, and the only public planetarium in Northeast Iowa, which holds weekly shows.

The Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum honors the service and sacrifice of all Iowa veterans from the Civil War to present. Step into their stories through traditional exhibits, interactive activities and an electronic Wall of Honor. The Museum consists of over 35 interactive exhibits. Interviews collected via the *Voices of Iowa Oral History Project* total over 1,500.

## **John Deere Engine & Tractor Museum**

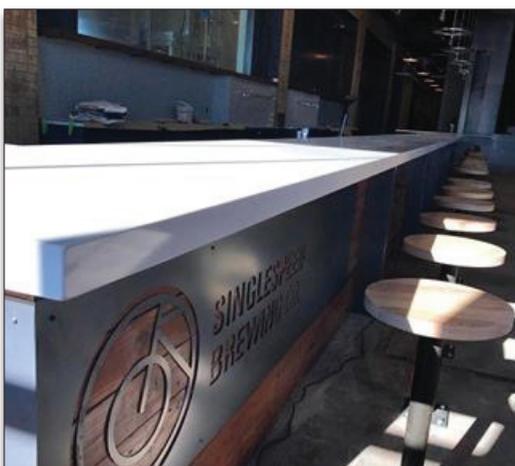
(deere.com)



While touring the current exhibits in this museum you will trace the evolution of work from people power to the early days of tractors and engines; discover the story behind John Deere's arrival and growth in Waterloo; follow the production of a historic John Deere tractor from design to assembly; and experience how John Deere tractors and engines help people do their work today.

## **Single Speed Brewing Company**

(singlespeedbrewing.com)



Opened in the spring of 2017, Single Speed's 20 BBL Brew House resides within a wonderfully renovated facility (the old Wonder Bread Bakery building in Waterloo). Featuring a traditional Beer Hall and Beer Garden for those craving a social dining experience, as well as a dining room for what we Iowans would consider typical dinner seating.

Tour and try a glass of one of Single Speed's many intriguing, quality ales!

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### ***Breakout Session Topics for October 5th, 2017***

- *Veterans Affairs* • *Iowa's Newest Little Gems* • *Barn Quilts* • *Hartman Reserve* • *Downsizing*
  - *Scams/Identity Theft* • *SHIP* • *AARP* • *Veterans Park* • *Cedar Falls Authors* • *Recruiting Members*
  - *Promise of Iowa* • *Wills & Estate Planning* • *Winter Wildlife Observation*
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**IRSPA BYLAWS CHANGES FOR APPROVAL AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IN OCTOBER 2017**

The Executive Board of IRSPA approved the recommended motions of the Constitution & Revisions Committee at their April 26, 2017, meeting. These motions are now to be presented to the membership in two issues of the association newsletter prior to the Annual Meeting to be held in October 2017. If you have any questions or concerns in regard to these motions, contact George Wm. Holland, Chair, at [dutchboygwh@gmail.com](mailto:dutchboygwh@gmail.com) or 563.582.2663.

**1. ADDITION OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT POSITION**

The following bylaws change is recommended to take effect with the 2019 elections.

*MOTION: The Committee moves to add the position of Vice-President to the Officers of the Association.*

Rationale: These bylaws changes reduce the time commitment for the office of President from six years to four years.

Current	Recommended Changes
<p><b>ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS</b>  <b>Section 1. Officers</b>                      A. Elected Officers of this organization shall be President, President-Elect and Secretary.                      B. The President shall appoint the Treasurer, District Coordinators and Newsletter Editor and they shall serve on the Executive Committee.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS</b>  <b>Section 1. Officers</b>                      A. Elected Officers of this organization shall be President, President-Elect, <b>Vice-President, Past President</b>, and Secretary.                      B. The President shall appoint the Treasurer, District Coordinators and Newsletter Editor and they shall serve on the Executive Committee.</p>

**2. IF THE MOTION FOR THE ADDITION OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT POSITION, THEN THE FOLLOWING BYLAWS NEED TO BE REVISED.**

The following bylaws changes are recommended to take effect with the 2019 elections.

*MOTION: The Committee moves the following edits be made to the Constitution and Bylaws related to the addition of the position of Vice-President.*

Rationale: These bylaws changes structures in the organization through the new position.

Current	Recommended Changes
<p><b>ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS</b>  <b>Section 2. Elections</b>                      A. The President-Elect 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 the following November 1 and serve two years or until their successors are elected or appointed.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS</b>  <b>Section 2. Elections</b>                      A. The <del>President-Elect</del> <b>Vice-President shall be elected annually</b> 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 <del>the following November 1</del> <b>following the close of the Annual Meeting</b> and serve <del>two years</del> or until their successors are elected or appointed.</p>

Current	Recommended Changes
<p><b>ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS</b>  <b>Section 4. Nominations, Elections, and Term</b>                      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 President-Elect 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 the following November 1 and serve until their successors are elected or appointed.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS</b>  <b>Section 4. Nominations, Elections, and Term</b>                      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 <del>President-Elect</del> <b>Vice-President</b> 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 <del>the following November 1</del> <b>following the close of the Annual Meeting</b> and serve until their successors are elected or appointed.</p>

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<p><b>ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS</b>  <b>Section 5. Duties of Officers</b>  <b>Section 5. A. Duties of the President</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1.) Serve as chairman of the Executive Committee and Executive Board.</li> <li>(2.) Preside at all meetings of the Association.</li> <li>(3.) Call special meetings.</li> <li>(4.) Appoint committees.</li> <li>(5.) Provide opportunities for the President-Elect to become acquainted with IRSP Association and NRTA leaders, programs and goals.</li> <li>(6.) Cooperate with the president-elect in developing plans and programs for Iowa Retired School Personnel Association the following year.</li> <li>(7.) Authorize all checks drawn in the name of the Association.</li> <li>(8.) Exercise all powers and authorities pertaining to the office.</li> </ol>	<p><b>ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS</b>  <b>Section 5. Duties of Officers</b>  <b>Section 5. A. Duties of the President</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1.) Serve as chairman of the Executive Committee and Executive Board.</li> <li>(2.) Preside at all meetings of the Association.</li> <li>(3.) Call special meetings.</li> <li>(4.) Appoint committees.</li> <li>(5.) Provide opportunities for the President-Elect to become acquainted with IRSP Association and NRTA leaders, programs and goals.</li> <li>(6.) Cooperate with the president-elect in developing plans and programs for Iowa Retired School Personnel Association the following year.</li> <li>(7.) Authorize all checks drawn in the name of the Association.</li> <li>(8.) Exercise all powers and authorities pertaining to the office.</li> </ol>
<p><b>ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS</b>  <b>Section 5. Duties of Officers</b>  <b>Section 5. B. Duties of President-Elect</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1.) Assist the President.</li> <li>(2.) Assume the duties of the president in the event the president is unable to serve.</li> <li>(3.) Serve as Program Chair of the Association’s Annual Meeting.</li> <li>(4.) Become acquainted with the Iowa Retired School Personnel Association and NRTA programs, leaders, materials, and goals.</li> <li>(5.) Attend Executive Board Meetings and Executive Committee Meetings.</li> <li>(6.) Cooperate with the President to develop programs and plans for the following year.</li> </ol>	<p><b>ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS</b>  <b>Section 5. Duties of Officers</b>  <b>Section 5. B. Duties of President-Elect</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1.) Assist the President.</li> <li>(2.) Assume the duties of the president in the event the president is unable to serve.</li> <li>(3.) Serve as Program Chair of the Association’s Annual Meeting.</li> <li>(4.) <b>Serve as a member of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.</b></li> <li>(5.) Become acquainted with the Iowa Retired School Personnel Association and NRTA programs, leaders, materials, and goals.</li> <li>(6.) Attend Executive Board Meetings and Executive Committee Meetings.</li> <li>(7.) Cooperate with the President to develop programs and plans for the following year.</li> </ol>
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<p><b>NEW AMENDMENT</b></p>	<p><b>ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS</b>  <b>Section 5. Duties of Officers</b>  <b>Section 5. C. Duties of Vice-President</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1.) Assist the President and the President-Elect.</li> <li>(2.) Assume the duties of the president-elect in the event the president-elect is unable to serve.</li> <li>(3.) Serve as co-chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.</li> <li>(4.) Assist with Parliamentary Procedures during meetings.</li> <li>(5.) Become acquainted with the Iowa Retired School Personnel Association and NRTA programs, leaders, materials, and goals.</li> <li>(6.) Attend Executive Board Meetings and Executive Committee Meetings.</li> <li>(7.) Cooperate with the President and President-Elect to develop programs and plans for the following year.</li> </ol>
<p><b>ARTICLE IX – EXECUTIVE BOARD</b>  <b>Section 2. Executive Board.</b> The Executive Board shall consist of the Executive Committee, the immediate Past President, the AARP Representative to the Iowa Retired School Personnel Association, and Chairs of the Standing Committees.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE IX – EXECUTIVE BOARD</b>  <b>Section 2. Executive Board.</b> The Executive Board shall consist of the Executive Committee, <del>the immediate Past President,</del> the AARP Representative to the Iowa Retired School Personnel Association, and Chairs of the Standing Committees.</p>

**3. COMMITTEE NAME CHANGE**

*MOTION: The Committee moves that the official name of the Constitution and Revisions Committee be changed to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.*

The following bylaws change is strictly editorial.

Current	Recommended Changes
<p><b>ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES</b>  <b>Section 1. Standing Committees.</b> Standing Committees of the organization shall be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Membership</li> <li>B. Legislative</li> <li>C. Supportive Services</li> <li>D. Public Relations (Publicity)</li> <li>E. Historian</li> <li>F. Health-Care Advocacy</li> <li>G. Budget &amp; Finance</li> <li>H. Constitution &amp; Revision</li> <li>I. Insurance</li> <li>J. Nominating</li> </ol>	<p><b>ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES</b>  <b>Section 1. Standing Committees.</b> Standing Committees of the organization shall be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Membership</li> <li>B. Legislative</li> <li>C. Supportive Services</li> <li>D. Public Relations (Publicity)</li> <li>E. Historian</li> <li>F. Health-Care Advocacy</li> <li>G. Budget &amp; Finance</li> <li>H. Constitution &amp; <del>Revision</del> <b>Bylaws</b></li> <li>I. Insurance</li> <li>J. Nominating</li> </ol>

**4. ADDITION OF AMENDMENT XIII - DISSOLUTION**

The following bylaws addition is recommended to take effect at the approval of the delegates at the Annual Meeting in October 2017.

*MOTION: The Committee moves the addition of Article XIII. Dissolution.*

Rationale: The current bylaws do not address the need to disperse funds if the association should ever need to dissolve.

Current	Recommended Changes
<b>NEW AMENDMENT</b>	<b>ARTICLE XIII. Dissolution</b> 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.

**5. OFFICIAL NAME OF THE ASSOCIATION**

The following bylaws change is recommended to take effect at the approval of the delegates at the Annual Meeting in October 2017.

*MOTION: The Committee moves the following edits be made to the Constitution and Bylaws.*

Rationale: There are many acronyms/labels used as the name of the association (Iowa RSPA, IRSP Association, etc.) This clarifies labeling.

Current	Recommended Changes
<b>ARTICLE I – NAME</b> The name of the organization shall be Iowa Retired School Personnel Association.	<b>ARTICLE I – NAME</b> The name of the organization shall be Iowa Retired School Personnel Association. <b>The acronym IRSPA may be used in place of the full name of the association.</b>

**6. ADDITION OF MEMBER TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

The following bylaws change is recommended to take effect at the approval of the delegates at the Annual Meeting in October 2017.

*MOTION: The IRSPA Executive Board moves that the AMBA representative be added to the Executive Board Membership.*

Rationale: AMBA provides multiple services to the members of IRSPA.

Current	Recommended Changes
<b>ARTICLE IX – EXECUTIVE BOARD</b> <b>Section 2. Executive Board.</b> The Executive Board shall consist of the Executive Committee, the immediate Past President, the AARP Representative to the Iowa Retired School Personnel Association, and Chairs of the Standing Committees.	<b>ARTICLE IX – EXECUTIVE BOARD</b> <b>Section 2. Executive Board.</b> The Executive Board shall consist of the Executive Committee, <del>the immediate Past President,</del> the AARP Representative to the Iowa Retired School Personnel Association, <b>the AMBA Representative to the Iowa Retired School Personnel Association,</b> and Chairs of the Standing Committees.

**7. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP OPEN TO OTHERS**

The following bylaws change is recommended to take effect at the approval of the delegates at the Annual Meeting in October 2017.

*MOTION: The IRSPA Executive Board moves that associate membership be open to anyone who supports education.*

Rationale: AMBA provides multiple services to the members of IRSPA and those services are open to anyone affiliated with IRSPA. These benefits will provide many opportunities for associate members.

Current	Recommended Changes
<b>ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP</b> <b>Section 2. Associate Member.</b> Associate membership shall be open to spouses of above and any person in the education field who wishes to affiliate with Iowa Retired School Personnel Association.	<b>ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP</b> <b>Section 2. Associate Member.</b> Associate membership shall be open to spouses of above and any person <del>in the education field</del> <b>who supports education and</b> who wishes to affiliate with Iowa Retired School Personnel Association.



# District 1 Crawford County

## Senior Scams is Topic of April Program

The regular meeting of the Crawford County Iowa Retired School Personnel Association was held on April 28, 2017 at Cronk's Café at 1:00 p.m.

President Joan Swensen welcomed the members and 3 guests, Carol Ehlers, our speaker from the ISU extension office; Rosella Baker and Shirley Plambeck, visitors/potential new members from Harrison County. After the prayer we enjoyed our lunch served by Cronk's. Carol then presented her program on Senior Scams.

President Joan then called the meeting to order. We said the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was then answered by 17 members. The response was to tell what we had done on Easter weekend. The minutes from the last meeting were read and Barb gave the Treasurer's report and both were approved. The town reports were given and the volunteer clipboard was passed around.

For old business we continued our discussion about our contribution to the Crossroads of Crawford County. After the discussion it was voted that we would make a donation of \$50.

For new business we were reminded that the District Meeting would be held in Estherville on May 16. Also we will have election of officers at our June 30th meeting. \$20 was sent to the Denison 20th Street Elementary School in memory of Marguerite Rath. We were also reminded that the State Meeting will be held October 4-5, 2017 in Cedar Falls.

Joan thanked Annette and Corene Ferguson for helping her with today's committee obligations. The next meeting will be June 30, 2017 with Jane Gronau, Mary Koenig, and Joyce Peterson as hostesses. The meeting was then adjourned.

Rhonda Christensen, Secretary



**The IRSPA BROCHURE  
IS BEING UPDATED!**

**It will be available at the Annual Meeting.**

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# District 1 Crawford County



## June Speaker from Huebner Funeral Home Presents Program on Funeral Planning and Pre-arrangements

The regular meeting of the Crawford County Iowa Retired School Personnel Association was held on June 30, 2017 at Cronk's Café at 1:00 p.m.

President Joan Swensen welcomed the members and 1 guest, Dennis Huebner, our speaker from Huebner Funeral Home. After the prayer we enjoyed our lunch served by Cronk's. Mr. Huebner then presented his program on funeral planning and prearrangements.

President Joan 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 a favorite summer memory. The minutes from the last meeting were read and Barb gave the Treasurer's report and both were approved. The town reports were given and the volunteer clipboard was passed around.

For unfinished business we had a recap from the 7 members that attended the District Meeting held in Estherville on May 16.

For new business we confirmed that the officers for next year would be Judy Jepsen, President, Mary Koenig, Vice-President and Barb and Rhonda would continue as Treasurer and Secretary respectively. We also collected more membership dues. We were also reminded that the State Meeting will be held October 4-5, 2017 in Cedar Falls and at that time they will be voting on the revised state by-laws. If you want to nominate someone for a community service award, let Joan know.

Joan thanked Jane, Mary, and Joyce for taking care of today's committee obligations. The next meeting will be August 25, 2017 with Judy Jepsen, Sandi Sharp, and Betty Nobiling as hostesses. The meeting was then adjourned.

Rhonda Christensen, Secretary

**IRSPA's Delta Dental**

If you do not currently have Delta Dental Insurance, and wish to sign up, please contact:

Nelda Perez  
(800) 258-7041  
e-mail - [nelda.perez@amba.info](mailto:nelda.perez@amba.info)



# Jackson County Unit



# Clarke Area Unit

Chris Campidilli visited the August 1 meeting which was held at Clover Ridge in Maquoketa. The program was by retired teacher Bill Mueller about his experiences teaching Driver's Education and he also gave driving tips for us. He has written an amusing book called "Come Drive with Me". To read more about Bill's book do an internet search for: Bill Mueller "Come Drive with Me".

Our June meeting was also at Clover Ridge and featured Camp Courageous. From the Camp Courageous Courier: "Felt right at home at the Jackson County Retired School Personnel. Mary Gibson had invited camp to give a program to the group a year in advance. This wonderful group's theme this year is "Horizons... The Possibilities are Endless When You're Willing to Broaden Your Horizons!" Had a wonderful time with these special folks!"

Roberta Rosheim

Clarke Area Retired School Personnel Association Osceola CARSPA has 9 monthly meetings with Dec., Jan., and Feb. as the non-meeting months. There have been many interesting programs throughout the year. In October, an AARP Representative provided interesting information on the Fraud Watch Network to a local gal, Sandy Mason providing us with an overview of the Hospice program in November. After the winter recess, the March program was given by a local, Carole Waterman with some information about The Readers Theater. She and a reader, Jan Short did some readings to show members some examples of the Readers Theater. One of our members, Bev Schader, gave information about becoming a Red Hat member and some of the activities she participated in during the month of April. In May, two local girls, who are Iowa State students, gave an account of their mission trips in 2016. Jenna Sandquist told of her trip to China and Megan Oswald told of her trip to Albania. Both were quite interesting! On May 17, 2017, CARSPA hosted the District IV meeting at the Osceola United Methodist Church. The focus group speakers were (1) Carly Vannoy, the 2017 Iowa Honey Bee Queen from Urbandale, who gave some quite interesting information about honey bees and their importance; (2) Marilyn Fluckey, a local who gave members an interesting account about her Grandmother who rode on the Orphan Train from New York to Iowa and her encounters.

In June, Christy VanWerden, a daughter of one of our members, who lives and works in Phoenix, AZ gave her account of being an (ATF) Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms officer in Arizona. She leads an interesting as well as a dangerous position, but is a much needed job to do. In July, the program was given by a local florist, Rhonda Audlehelm who owns the local flower shop, Flowers 'n More, and has for 37 years. She gave us some interesting tips on arranging 3 different flower arrangements.

The executive committee composed of Sec. Venita Escher, Treas. Sharon Cameron, V. Pres. Dottie VanWerden, and Pres. Linda Foland met a couple of times after having received some program ideas from members and having contacted those people as program presenters. Venita Escher did all of the typing, making any changes in the program booklet to be taken to the printer to be made into booklets for 2017-2018.

CARSPA members meet in the Osceola Senior Center on the 2nd Monday of the month. Each month has hostesses who are in charge of the refreshments.

There are a few members who are thinking of attending the state meeting in October which is held in Cedar Falls. Hope to see you there!

Linda Foland, President

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## District 4 Council Bluffs Unit

Executive Board members, Fred and Linda Maher, Joan Tews, Carolyn Forbes, Linda Cody, Carol Huffman, and Sue Griswold, of the Council Bluffs

Area Chapter of the Iowa Retired School Personnel Association met recently to discuss plans for the 2017-2018 school year.

The group has been in recess since April and will resume meetings on September 20. Executive board members will meet with Vineta Escher, District 4 Acting Coordinator, before that meeting to discuss plans for the District 4 meeting to be held in Council Bluffs on May 16, 2018.

Programs planned for the five monthly luncheon meetings include Denise Putnam speaking on Chanticleer Community Theater and the changes that are planned; Dr. Vicki Murillo, newly hired superintendent of the Council Bluffs Community School District; Courtney Brummer-Clark, recently named editor of the Daily Nonpareil; Dan Danielsen, singer and guitarist; and Robotics groups from local high schools.

Membership committee is in the process of notifying new retirees in hopes of getting many new members.

Sue Griswold, Secretary

# Newsletter Deadline!

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

**Articles for the  
DECEMBER  
newsletter are due no later than  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2017**

**Get info to Dawn Rogers, at  
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## DUES ARE DUE!

Our membership year runs from October 1 to September 30. It is time to renew your membership if you haven't already done so. If you are a member of a local unit, pay your local treasurer your state and local dues. The treasurer will then forward your state dues to me. If you are not a member of a local unit, you need to send your \$15 dues to me, Robert Swanson, 3221 Cheyenne Blvd., Sioux City, Iowa 51104-1835. We currently have just under 6,000 members and we need as many as possible when we go to the legislature with concerns about IPERS and other legislative issues concerning retirees.

**Bob Swanson, IRSPA treasurer  
September 2017**

## District 5 Davis County

The Davis County Retired School Personnel met on May 9. Elaine VonBon reported a book to honor deceased member, Willis Hoffman, was available. The book will be donated to the Bloomfield Public Library.

The election of officers for the upcoming year was also held. Lyle Stirling and Terry Rezai were elected Co-Presidents. Other officers are Carol McKee, Vice President; Sharon Van Cleave, Secretary; and Charlene Nash, Treasurer.

Following a traditional Costa Rican lunch of chicken and rice, members of the organization

learned of the history and renovation of the large Van Buren County home. A tour of the rural three-story home was available. Information regarding Costa Rican customs was also shared.

The group met again on May 30 to welcome new school retirees and to install its new officers.

The first Day of School meeting was held on March 24.

Peggy Rupe



**Left to right:**  
*Marlynne Urban, Past President;*  
*Lyle Stirling & Terry Rezai, Co-Presidents;*  
*Carol McKee, Vice-President;*  
*Sharon Van Cleave, Secretary;*  
*Charlene Nash, Treasurer*



*Don Combs helped Carol McKee try on a cowboy hat during a tour of hunting paraphernalia in April*

# [www.irspa.org](http://www.irspa.org) Check it out!



## District 6 Davenport Area Unit

After a 4 month summer hiatus, our Davenport Area Retired School Personnel Association will meet on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at The Best Western Steeplegate Inn in Davenport. Our agenda for the day includes registration, social time, luncheon, business meeting, and program.

Most meetings usually have one unique or special happening; however, our September meeting is an especially enjoyable day. After the long break, members look forward to beginning a new year. There is always so much news to "catch up on". With all the excitement, anticipation, and positive energy in the room, it kind of reminds me of the first day of school.

Jim Kopel of East Moline will start the year off with a program about state fairs. He and his wife made a commitment to attend fairs in all 50 states and they did accomplish their goal. He will present interesting trivia and facts about the fairs to his audience. Handouts, comparing different events and activities of each state, will be made available for those who want them. It makes for some interesting reading. We were fortunate to hear him present at a Lions Club meeting a few years back.

A big thank you goes out to the officers that served the past two years. Lorraine Sewick, President; Dave and Julie Scott, Co-Vice-Presidents and Program Chairmen; Lynda Kuehn, Secretary; and Joyce Ceurvorst, Treasurer have completed their two year term and they did an excellent job. We thank them for their service to our organization.

The officers for the next two years will be as follows:

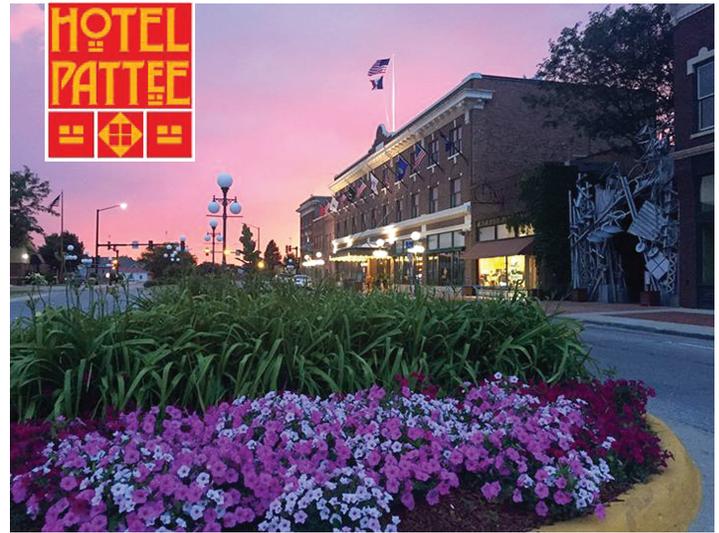
Dave and Julie Scott, Co-Presidents; Lynda Kuehn, Vice-President and Program Chairman; Linda Baustian, Secretary; and Joyce Ceurvorst, Treasurer. We welcome them on board. Our organization could not function without the officers, the Standing Committees, and our 410 plus members contributing to this important and worthwhile organization.

Of all the seasons of the year, autumn is my favorite. I hope everyone enjoys this wonderful season and all the different activities that it brings. Welcome Back Members!

Submitted by Lynda Kuehn



**Left to Right:**  
Dave Scott, Julie Scott, Co-Presidents;  
Linda Baustian, Secretary;  
Joyce Ceurvorst, Treasurer;  
Lynda Kuehn, Vice-President  
and Program Chairman



## Hotel Pattee

*Four years ago, we moved our family to Perry Iowa and re-opened this historic gem. Since that time, we have been the full time owners and operators.*

*Due to some health concerns, we need to slow down and take care of ourselves. We have placed the hotel on the market. Please know that the hotel is not closing, but it is for sale.*

*We plan on staying here in full force until a new owner comes into the picture and we are also willing to stay on for several months after the sale so that we can assist a new owner with the transition.*

*We cannot thank you enough for supporting us, our team of great employees, our town and our family. It has been a pleasure serving you and we do hope to have one last chance to be of service.*

*If you know anybody who might be interested in buying the Hotel Pattee, please forward this email to them. The hotel is thriving and the future looks bright!*

*Here is a link to the listing:*

<http://www.innpartners.com/inn/iowa-boutique-hotel-sale/>



**Once again,  
we'd like to thank you!  
Best Regards,  
Denise and Jay Hartz**

  
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### 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.

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