




IOWA RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION



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President's Message

GREETINGS TO ALL:

Many of us enjoyed our IRSPA Annual Meeting, **"HAWKEYE EXPERIENCE"** held October 3 & 4 at Clarion Inn in Iowa City. We say a very special thank you to the Johnson County Unit and their President Marijo Mihalopoulos. The meeting was so well organized and very successful....and **FUN!**

The tours were the best and the Wednesday evening entertainment (steel drum ensemble from the Univ. of Iowa) was a true delight and those of us in the audience were truly amazed at the magnificent sounds of beautiful music.

IRSPA appreciated our special guests. The membership was introduced to our new lobbyist, Mr. John Cacciatore (we missed Christopher Rants) Senior Vice President of Policy Works in West Des Moines...we look forward to working with both Mr. Cacciatore and Mr. Rants. And we said our "good byes" to Mr. William Wimmer (our lobbyist of 38 years)...Mr. Wimmer was a true "cornerstone" for IRSPA...and please, Mr. Wimmer, don't become a stranger to our organization. We will miss you. Also, our membership met Mr. Brad Anderson, AARP State Director, and he filled us in on the latest AARP happenings; we were also honored with the presence of two representatives from AMBA: Mr. Christopher Gluck, AMBA Regional VP from Illinois, and Mr. Richard Rowland, AMBA Repr. We thank all of our guests for the giving of their time and sharing not only their information with us, but their friendship.

I personally want to express my appreciation to Mr. George Holland for giving us a very special and meaningful memorial presentation. It was a beautiful way to honor the memory of those members who passed during the past year.

Be sure to check out the minutes published in this newsletter; you will find the new approved bylaws, the changes made for the annual meetings, and the "new" rotation for each district's units to host the annual meetings; rotation as follows: District 1, 5, 3, 4, 2, 6.

The 2019 Annual Meeting is October 2 & 3, 2019, at Denison, hosted by District 1, to be held at the Boulders Conference Center. Lodging is available at Boulders Inn & Suites Majestic Hills: 712-263-2200 or Boulders Inn and Suites Oak Ridge: 712-263-2833.

The Spring District Meeting dates are: May 7 @ District 6, May 8 @ District 5, May 9 @ District 4, May 21 @ District 1, May 22 @ District 2, May 23 @ District 3.

In closing, we regretfully accepted the resignation of Dawn Rogers. We all say, "thank you for your many years of service and dedication to IRSPA".

Wishes to all for a very "MERRY CHRISTMAS" and a memorable holiday season.

Thank You... Many thanks to all of you who took the time to send a note or an e-mail to me following the Annual Meeting. Your support and positive comments are very much appreciated. True Success!

May 2019 DISTRICT MEETINGS:

May 7 - District 6 @ Davenport

May 8 - District 5 - T.B.A.

May 9 - District 4 @ Creston

May 21 - District 1 @ Sioux City

May 22 - District 2 @ Fort Dodge

May 23 - District 3 @ Oelwein

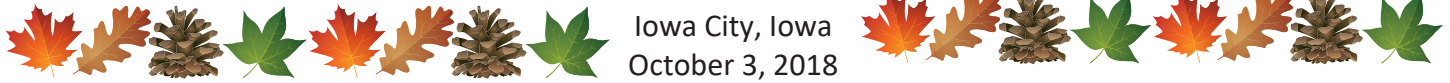
IRSPA
Wishes Everyone
A Very Merry
Christmas!



IRSPA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Clarion Inn

Iowa City, Iowa
October 3, 2018



The IRSPA Executive Board Meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by President Chris Campidilli.

President Elect, George Holland, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. President Campidilli appointed Jay Thede 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 April 4, 2018 were presented and available. Approved as printed.

Bob Swanson, IRSPA Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report covering the period October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018. Balance on hand as of 10/01/17 was \$42,015.97 and Balance on Hand as of 9/30/18 = \$46,469.98. Investments are as follows:

Money Market Account – Security National Bank, Sioux City = \$24,110.09

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

The Treasurer's Report was filed for audit.

Paul Strid reported on the new AMBA Benefits: AMBA Discounts, Mutual of Omaha Term Life Insurance, Kemper Senior Solutions Home Health Care, Aetna Recovery Care & Home Care Plus, and United World Insurance Company Medicare Supplement. They have been working on increasing membership through Delta Dental and Vision insurance. They are working on electronic applications and membership enrollment with credit cards or banking information.

Committee Reports

Constitution and Revision: George Holland distributed copies of the new Constitution & Bylaws with proposed changes.

Health Advocacy: Marge Swanson reported that since 2012 the following have been topics at the District Meetings: Diabetes, Alzheimer's Disease, Arthritis, Aging, Hospice, Home Care, and Mental Health. George Holland moved that we have HIPPA, DPOA, POA and funeral/legal issues for our 2019 Spring Meeting Health Advocacy topic. Seconded by Jay Thede. Motion carried. George Holland moved that Cancer be the Health Advocacy topic for Spring 2020. Seconded by Phil Tetzloff. Motion carried.

Historian: Mary Jo O'Connell reminded everyone to remind their local units to send any updated Constitutions and Bylaws to her.

Legislative/AARP: Phil Tetzloff reported that IPERS is doing a study on a Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP). They are also doing a study to see if an "in house" investment plan could be established. Currently, IPERS is funded at 81-82%. In May, Brad Anderson joined Iowa AARP as their Executive Director.

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 encouraging members to attend District and State Meetings.

Newsletter and Delta Dental: Dawn Rogers reported the newsletter is going well. She suggested that when someone reports a member's death they include a copy of the obituary. She does not have any Membership Brochures—they need to be updated. She suggested revising it before printing additional copies. The State Personnel Directory is incomplete because she has been having trouble obtaining current information. It will be sent out when completed.

Supportive Services: Sandy and Jay Thede reported the following: 1) this year IRSPA hours equaled \$9,674,920.33. This is down from last year because membership is down, and we have 4 less units, 2) we had 23 units that improved on their total hours from a year ago - 12 units improved for 3 years, 2 units improved for 4 years, and 3 units increased 5 years; and 3) please remember that hours are used by non-profit groups when applying for grants.

District Coordinators' Reports

All the District Coordinators had a successful 2018 Spring Meeting. They have been trying to attend local meetings in their District.

District 1: Barbara Songer – 2019 Spring Meeting is May 21 with location to be determined.

District 2: Anita Fagen-Miller – 2019 Spring Meeting is May 22 in Fort Dodge.

District 3: George Holland – 2019 Spring Meeting is May 23 in Oelwein.

District 4: Venita Escher – 2019 Spring Meeting is May 9 in Creston.

District 5: Mike Petersen – 2019 Spring Meeting is May 8 with location to be determined.

District 6: Linda Miller – 2019 Spring Meeting is May 7 in Davenport.



Unfinished Business: George Holland stated that all units have distributed membership cards. Plans are to investigate redesigning new cards next year because of all the changes in AMBA.

New Business:

- 1) Proposed changes by the Bylaws Committee
 - a. We move that the Constitution & Bylaws committee determine a policy and/or bylaws amendment to address selection and duties of IRSIPA Standing Committee members. Motion carried.
 - b. The Committee moved to eliminate the eligibility to serve as an officer in the organization to only one re-election. Motion carried.
 - c. The Committee moved to make payment of dues equitable for all members. Motion carried.
 - d. The Committee moved to add the position Historian to the role of the Secretary. Motion carried.
- 2) The District Coordinators meet and proposed the following recommendations for the Annual Meeting. They also prepared a breakdown of items that should be included at the Annual Meeting.
 - a. Linda Miller moved to facilitate the attendance of each Unit's President or his/her designee at the Annual State Meeting, one Wednesday night's lodging at the meeting hotel will be provided by IRSIPA if the distance to the meeting is greater than 60 miles. Seconded by George Holland. Motion carried.
 - b. Anita Fagen-Miller moved that the Annual Meeting & Conference committee be reimbursed up to \$100 for incidentals for the meeting. Seconded by Linda Miller. Motion carried.
 - c. Barbara Songer moved that each Spring District Meeting planners be reimbursed up to \$100 for incidentals for the meeting. Seconded by George Holland. Motion carried.
 - d. Mike Petersen moved that the Annual Meeting & Conference be conducted in a scheduled rotation which could encourage multiple unit participation. The rotation would begin in District 1 to 5 to 3 to 4 to 2 to 6. Seconded by Phil Tetzloff. Motion carried.
- 3) George Holland moved that the image created by AMBA be used as the official Logo of the Iowa Retired School Personnel Association. Seconded by Mike Petersen. During the discussion, we were reminded why the current tree design was developed. It is to represent a live oak tree with green leaves. Motion failed. Mary Jo O'Connell moved that the AMBA design be used but change the leaves to represent a green oak tree. Seconded by George Holland. Motion carried. George Holland moved that on or before November 15 we have choices of a new logo designed by AMBA. They need to be sent to the Executive Board for a vote. Seconded by Jay Thede. Motion carried.
- 4) Venita Escher moved to accept the resignation of Dawn Rogers as Newsletter Editor, Website Manager, and Public Relations Chair. Seconded by George Holland. Motion carried. We would like to thank Dawn for all her years of service to IRSIPA. Please relax and enjoy your retirement.
- 5) George Holland moved that we annually share our IRSIPA membership information with AMBA solely for the verification of membership in order to maintain our benefits. Seconded by Phil Tetzloff. Motion carried.

Announcements:

- 1) The Spring Meeting Dates: May 7, 8, and 9; and May 21, 22, and 23.
- 2) Elections next year will be for Vice President and Secretary.
- 3) The new contract for the lobbyist has been filed with the Secretary.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Mary Jo O'Connell, IRSIPA Secretary

Members in Attendance

Chris Campidilli	Barbara Songer
George Holland	Anita Fagen-Miller
Mary Jo O'Connell	Venita Escher
Robert Swanson	Mike Petersen
Marge Swanson	Linda Miller
Sandy Thede	Brad Anderson
Jay Thede	Guests
Phil Tetzloff	Linda Foland
Shirley Barth	Chris Gluck
Gerald Barth	
Dawn Rogers	
Paul Strid	



IRSIPA

Membership Benefits

- Home Health Care Insurance
- Long Term Care Insurance
- Medical Air Services Association (MASA)
- Cancer, Heart, Stroke & Accident Insurance
- Annuity
- Dental and Vision Plans
- Term Life Insurance
- Medicare Supplement Plans
- Final Expense Whole Life & Guaranteed Acceptance Life Insurance
- LaQuinta Inn and Suites Discount
- Rental Car Discounts (Avis, Budget and Hertz)
- Road Scholar
- Cruises & Vacation Benefits
- Orlando Employee Discounts
- myAMBAining.com
- 1-800-FLOWERS
- APPLE 1-800-my-apple / Code: AMBA
- Dell Computer Discounts
- Nationwide Pet Insurance

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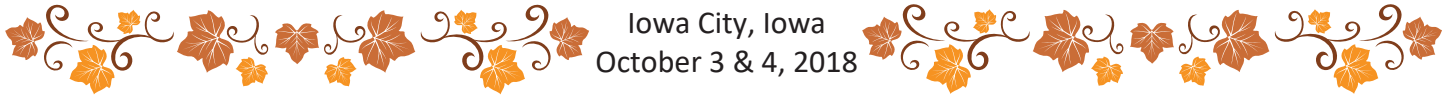
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IRSPA ANNUAL MEETING

Clarion Inn

Iowa City, Iowa

October 3 & 4, 2018



The following transpired on Wednesday, October 3, 2018:

9:00 - Executive Board Meeting

11:30-5 - registration was open

1:30 – 4:00 - Guided Tours

6:00 pm – Welcome Banquet – Excellent food and the University of Iowa, Steel Drum Ensemble, provided entertainment.

The following transpired on Thursday, October 4, 2018:

8 – 9 am – Registration in the Lobby. Complimentary Continental Breakfast was served.

9 – Welcome to the General Session by the State President, Chris Campidilli; President of Host Johnson County Unit, MariJo Mihalopoulos; and Kim Casco, President of the Iowa City/Coralville Chamber of Commerce.

9:30 – noon – Breakout Sessions attendees could choose to attend

12:00 – Luncheon served in West Ballroom.

1:00 – Pictures and Annual Business Meeting

President Chris Campidilli called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. She thanked the Johnson County Unit for holding this year's Meeting. President-Elect George Holland led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Dawn Rogers moved to approve the Agenda with a second from George Holland. Motion carried. President Campidilli appointed Jay Thede as Parliamentarian. She also introduced the State Officers, Lobbyists, and Guests.

Secretary Mary Jo O'Connell reported that 97 members were in attendance.

Secretary's Minutes: The minutes of the IRSPA 2017 Annual Meeting held October 5, 2017, in Cedar Falls were available and presented. The Minutes were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Swanson, IRSPA Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report covering the period October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018. Balance on hand as of 10/01/17 was \$42,015.97 and Balance on Hand as of 9/30/18 = \$46,469.98. Investments are as follows:

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The Treasurer's Report was filed for audit.

Budget Report: Mr. Swanson also presented the 2018-19 proposed budget with proposed breakdown of income and disbursements in the amount of \$78,000 (2017-2018 was \$75,500). Following review, Gerald Zavitz moved to approve the proposed budget for 2018-19. Motion Carried.

Special Reports:

Legislative Review: Phil Tetzloff reported that IPERS is currently funded at about 82%, and they have a little more than the projected increase. Please keep yourself up-to-date on what the Legislature will be doing in 2019. Phil introduced Jon Cacciatore from Policy Works in Des Moines, new IRSPA Lobbyist, and Bill Wimmer, Retiring IRSPA Lobbyist. They talked about the upcoming election. A number of elections are a toss-up this year, and you need to be well informed before you vote. He thanked Bill for all his years of service.

AARP: Brad Andersen is the new State Director of AARP. He also discussed issues with the upcoming election. Please remember to contact individuals that are running and ask them how they stand on issues that are important – like IPERS, school funding, collective bargaining, etc. Make IPERS a concern after the election, also.

AMBA: Paul Strid, District Manager and Christopher Gluck, Regional VP, explained that there have been changes in AMBA since last year. New products include My AMBA, Term Life Insurance, Home Health Care, and Medicare Supplement. If your Unit would be interested in additional information, please contact Paul or Chris.

Committee Reports:

Bylaw Update and changes: The Constitution/Bylaws Committee presented proposed changes.

Health Advocacy: Marge Swanson reported that the District Meetings in May, 2018, had speakers discussing "Mental Health/Depression". Each presentation was very informative. The health topic for the 2019 District Meetings will be "HIPPA, DPOA, POA and funeral/legal. It will be customized for the services in each area.

Historian: Chris thanked Linda Foland for all her years of service as Historian. Mary Jo O'Connell reminded each Unit to look and update their Constitution/Bylaws. If there are changes, please send her a copy of the new Constitution/Bylaws.

Membership: Shirley Barth sent letters to all Units with suggestions for increasing membership. Please encourage your members to attend the District Meetings in 2019.

President Elect: George Holland talked about the Pre-retirement Seminars being held in Cedar Falls, Burlington, and Creston this fall. He introduced the current District Representatives: District 1-Barbara Songer, District 2-Anita Fagen-Miller, District 3-George Holland, District 4-Venita Escher, District 5-Mike Petersen, and District 6-Linda Miller

Past President, Newsletter Editor, & Public Relations: Dawn Rogers thanked MariJo Mihalopoulos for all her hard work on organizing this State Meeting. Dawn announced that she is officially retiring from the Newsletter and Public Relations Committee.

Supportive Services: Jay and Sandy Thede reminded everyone to keep track of all your volunteer hours and report them to your local Unit. These hours are used when non-profit groups apply for Grants. This year at the national rate of \$24.69 per hour, IRSPA hours equal \$9,674,920.33.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- (1) The Constitution/Bylaws Committee had the following proposals:
 - a. The Committee moved to eliminate the eligibility to serve as an officer in the organization to only one re-election. Motion carried.
 - b. The Committee moved to make payment of dues equitable for all members. Motion carried.
 - c. The Committee moved to add the position of Historian to the role of the Secretary. Motion carried.
- (2) The Executive Board accepted Dawn Roger's resignation with regrets. She has spent 12 years publishing the Newsletter and serving as Chair of the Public Relations Committee. We will miss all that she has done for IRSPA.
- (3) Barbara Songer invited everyone to Denison on October 2 & 3, 2019, for the State Meeting. It will be at the Boulders Convention Center. Because Donna Reed was born in Denison, the theme will be "It's a Wonderful Life". Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.
- (4) The Executive Board will be rotating the State Meeting schedule. It will be in District 1 in 2019, and then rotate to District 5 (2020) to District 3 (2021) to District 4 (2022) to District 2 (2023), and to District 6 (2024). They will also pay for 1 night's lodging for the Unit President or their designee.
- (5) The last Friday in October is the deadline for articles in the Newsletter.

Memorial Tribute: George Holland prepared a visual memorial tribute to all members we had past this year.

Awards and Recognitions: Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to Unit Past Presidents. The Travel Trophy was awarded to District Six for having the largest attendance at their District Spring Meeting. Special thanks went to the Johnson County Unit for holding such a great meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3 pm. Door Prizes were then awarded to lucky attendees.

Thanks for an Excellent State Meeting!

Mary Jo O'Connell, IRSPA Secretary



Group Photos of Attendees at the IRSPA Annual Meeting October 3 & 4, 2018, Clarion Inn, Iowa City



District One



District Two



District Three



District Four



District Five



District Six



IRSPA OFFICERS & GUESTS



**Thank you to Barb McGee, a Johnson County member, for all the pictures taken at the Annual Meeting Program.
Dawn Rogers**



District 1 CHEROKEE COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Cherokee Retired School Personnel Association was held on August 10, 2018 at Danny's Restaurant in Cherokee at 9:30 a.m. Rolls, coffee, and juice were enjoyed as the members arrived, with a short time to visit before the meeting.

President Pam Hughes welcomed everyone and the program committee introduced our guest speaker Pastor Jonathan Riggert from Trinity Lutheran Church. Pastor Riggert told us about the Pre-school their church has owned and operated for the last five years. It is growing fast, has a wonderful staff, and offers a Christian setting for young children in the Cherokee area.

President Pam then called the meeting to order and the members said the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with 22 members present, including a new member who joined our group that day. The minutes were read and Treasurer's report given. Both were approved.



***Pictured L-R:
Barb Songer-
District 1
Coordinator,
Pam Hughes-
Cherokee
President, and
Chris Campidilli-
IRSPA State
President***

Two special guests were introduced. Barb Songer, District 1 coordinator, told us about the May 3rd meeting held in Spirit Lake. Next year, the meeting will be held in Sioux City on May 21st. The second guest was, Chris Campidilli, state president. She reminded us of the state meeting in Iowa City on October 3-4. She encouraged us to attend. They were a welcome addition to our meeting.

Committee reports were heard and several members turned in their sheets of volunteer hours for the past year. The meeting was adjourned. Our next meeting will be held on October 12th at 9:30 a.m. at Danny's.

Submitted by Pat Friedrichsen, Vice President



District 2 HUMBOLDT AREA

Humboldt Area IRSPA met the second Tuesday of September and October with presentations on Greece and Her Islands and an update on the new Humboldt Recreation Center due to open in December. Projects included: providing school supplies and money to UDMO (Upper Des Moines Opportunity) for their Back

To School Program, giving a book to each elementary school library in Humboldt and sending notes of encouragement to all new employees of Humboldt CSD and St. Mary's School. Chris Campidilli, Anita Fagen-Miller and Darlene Stirling attended the State IRSPA Meeting in Iowa City. What a great Hawkeye Experience! The next Humboldt Area meetings are scheduled for April and May of 2019.

By Anita Fagen Miller

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

District 2 WEBSTER COUNTY



On October 1, 2018 approximately 80 members of WCRSPA met at Grace Lutheran Church. This was our first meeting at Grace Lutheran and the members did a wonderful job of decorating the tables and serving a delicious meal.



Our speaker for this meeting was Cyndie Salvatore. She is a member of the Webster County Retired School Personnel Association and Fort Dodge Area Quilters Inc. Cyndie spoke to our unit about the "Quilts of Valor" program. She

brought several quilts to share with our group and talked about the process of selecting the recipients for Quilts of Valor. Veterans are nominated by friends and family members. Fort Dodge Area Quilters Inc. then selects 6 veterans from those nominated. At the Quilts of Valor ceremony a biography of each veteran is read and two of the members of the Fort Dodge Area Quilters Club drape the quilt over the shoulders of the veteran receiving the quilt. The President of the Fort Dodge Area Quilters Inc. Cindy Kaufman said, "We consider it a privilege to honor you. These quilts are an expression of gratitude."

By Debbie Peterson



District 4 **DALLAS COUNTY**

A chance remark thanking those present for helping their child be successful at a meeting of Dallas County Area Retired School Personnel Association resulted in this year's theme: "Celebrating Our Successes."

After kicking off the new year with a social/mixer in September to allow members to reconnect after the summer break, in October we welcomed Miriam DeDios Woodward, 2000 graduate of Perry High School, as one of many successes.

Miriam came to the US as a kindergartener and is currently the CEO of Coopera Consulting and a Senior Vice President for Affiliates Management Company, the parent organization of Coopera. Miriam will soon take over as CEO of Policy Works, which is related to Coopera. She helps credit unions and other organizations reach and serve the Hispanic market as an opportunity for growth and financial inclusion.

Miriam earned her bachelor's degree from Iowa State University, her Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Iowa, and she is a graduate of the Harvard Business School's Leading Change and Organizational Renewal executive program. Her subsequent education and rise as CEO made many of those in the audience who had connected with her as a student, very proud.



Julie and Miriam



Keegan with his Mom, Mary

In November we heard from Keegan Kautzky, another 2000 Perry grad, who leads the national expansion of The World Food Prize Foundation's education programs, developing strategic partnerships and new opportunities to engage and inspire the next generation of young scientific and humanitarian leaders in the global effort to end hunger and poverty. He joined the Foundation as a George Washington Carver Intern in 2001 and returned as the Special Assistant to the President in 2005. He rejoined the staff in 2008 as the Director of National Education Programs and is now the Global Director of Education Programs.

Keegan holds a B.A. in Political Science from Iowa State University, as well as an M.A. in International Development Studies and a Masters in Public Health (MPH) degree from the University of the Witwatersrand in South Africa. Keegan's mother, Mary, is a member of DCARSPA.

Although our group is entering our winter break, we will still be active in the community volunteering at BINGO at a local retirement facility, supplying food for the annual community Christmas dinner, and helping serve senior citizen meals.

By Susan Leslie



District 4 **COUNCIL BLUFFS DISTRICT**

The Council Bluffs Area Chapter of the Iowa Retired School Personnel began the 2018-2019 school year with our first meeting in September, following our recess since April. The program was presented by Cati DeMasi who familiarized us with the activities of the Senior Center. The Center is blending with the YMCA. Services, available activities and funding will be beneficial to all members of the Center. The Council Bluffs Chapter added four new members. We began a new feature which we have named "Moments in Time". Members are encouraged to share memorable stories from their years of teaching.

The October meeting featured a program by Anna Christiansen on CASA. CASA's mission is to have adult volunteers act as advocates for children in court situations. She described the training that is required and the types of tasks a trained CASA volunteer would do.

Our November meeting will feature a program by Kori Nelson on the Midlands Humane Society. We are encouraged to bring paper towels and other supplies to donate to the Humane Society. We are also encouraged to bring gifts for all ages for the Community of Christ Church community-wide Christmas project.

Republican Senator Tom Shipley from the 11th District stopped by to answer questions. He assured us that IPERS is safe.

By Sue Griswold, Secretary

GREETINGS TO ALL:

**Today I am very happy to make this appointment:
IRSPA HAS A NEW IRSPA NEWSLETTER EDITOR....**

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**Toni will begin taking any & all articles for the
MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER (we assume the dead-
line for articles will be about End of January 2019)
Toni is a retired High School English Teacher and
we hope to have a "bio" in the March Newsletter.**

**If any of you have any questions, please e-mail me.
Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.
Regards...Chris Campidilli, IRSPA President**



District 5 JASPER COUNTY

The Jasper County Retired School Personnel Association in District 5 celebrated their 45th Anniversary at the First Presbyterian Church in Newton, IA. Meetings are



held the last Tuesday of Sept., Oct., Nov., Feb. March and April at 1:30 p.m. After an informational or entertaining program the focus of the meeting is food, fun, and fellowship. Members are retired from the five school districts in Jasper County - Baxter, Colfax-Mingo, Prairie City-Monroe, Lynnville-Sully, and Newton.

Thank you,
Sandra Prendergast, Co-President JCRSPA
Tori Reynolds, Co-President JCRSPA



District 6 JEFFERSON COUNTY

The Jefferson County Unit started the 2018-2019 year off with two great guest speakers. In September, Moni Hayne, an entomologist (butterfly expert) from Jefferson County Park, provided members with a lot of information about Iowa butterflies and ways humans can help them prosper. For example, during the pupa stage, butterflies can stand all types of bad weather, but during the other stages, they do best with a lot of native plant species in the area. Oak trees and a variety of native flowers throughout the growing season are particularly beneficial, so a yard with an oak tree and/or even a small flower garden space can help.

In October, Christie Kessel, founder of Little Superheroes, was the guest speaker. Little Superheroes is an organization where families with chronically ill children can apply for support and financial assistance to alleviate expenses such as transportation, motels, therapies, and special education needs that families facing serious medical crises must shoulder. If anyone wants further information on Little Superheroes, the website is littlesuperheroesfairfield.com or call 641-233-7600.

Michele Weber, Secretary



District 6 DAVENPORT AREA



The Davenport Area unit of IRSPA met on September 11, 2018. Members present were heard catching up with long-time friends and making new ones. The significance of the day could not be forgotten. The afternoon included a time of silence in remembrance of lives lost and forever changed by the events of 9-11-01.

As we prepared for the business of a new year, we felt grateful for all who continue to lead and serve our organization locally and statewide.

We enjoyed a musical stroll down memory lane with Ray and Scott Wierson, father and son vocal duo. Their harmonies and ability to actively engage the audience put smiles on our faces. They provided a wonderful kick-off for our year.

With election day approaching, we were pleased to welcome Scott County Auditor, Roxanna Moritz, to our October 9th meeting. She reviewed our county's election process and clarified the present and future voter identification requirements. We were reminded about early and absentee ballot procedures as well as the steps in place to maintain security and voter privacy. We came away confident in our county's efforts to assure our votes are in good hands every election day.

All District 6 members are urged to mark their calendars for the spring meeting to be held in Davenport on Tuesday, May 7, 2019!

Linda Baustian, Secretary

PLEASE NOTE NEW EDITOR INFO BELOW

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

Articles for the **MARCH** newsletter are due no later than **THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2019**

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District 6 CLINTON COUNTY



The shout of TIM-BER echoed in our minds as the Clinton County Retired School Personnel entered the Sawmill Museum in Clinton, for our destination adventure.

Stepping back in time when the lumberjacks, many immigrants from Germany, roamed the huge forests during the "lumber boom" in 1837, along the upper Mississippi River.

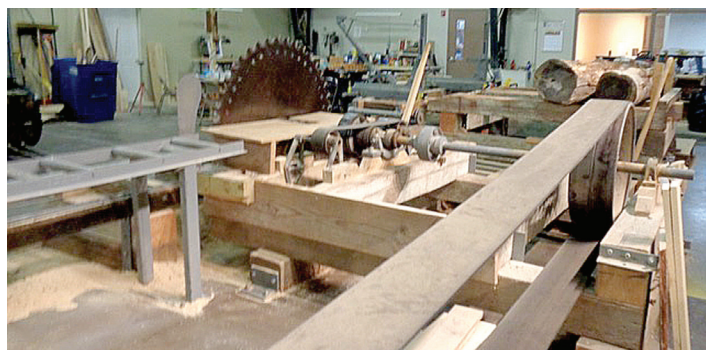
As we approach a room we can hear a lively conversation, peeking around the corner we see four "talking heads" (animated puppets) of the Clinton Lumber Barons, circa 1857. What a unique way to tell about Clinton's pivotal role in the lumber industry, and our country's expansion to the west.



Clinton supplied the nation with lumber, once known as the Lumber Capitol of the World.

In huge lumber camps along the river men worked for \$1.35 a day, cutting trees with a two man saw, using horses that pulled sleds called "skitters", as they moved the raw logs to the river.

Huge rafts of logs floated down stream. Men using "pike poles" kept the logs in line, as they rode the floating mass, keeping a good balance was a must, as they headed to the sawmills in the Clinton area. We stood in "awe" at the dangerous jobs of these loggers and sawmill operators, using these huge saws. Filers would work on Saturday, sharpening saws. Life expediency was only 27 years.



Steam power arrived around 1890 converting these rip saws, ban saws and tree saws, also called "widow makers" into steam. The tree saws could cut more trees in a shorter time, were very dangerous as they would

occasionally, "blow up" in the loggers' hands. Steamboats now controlled the movement of logs to the mill.

Mill workers would work eleven to fifteen hours a day. The tree bark and sawdust was used as fuel.

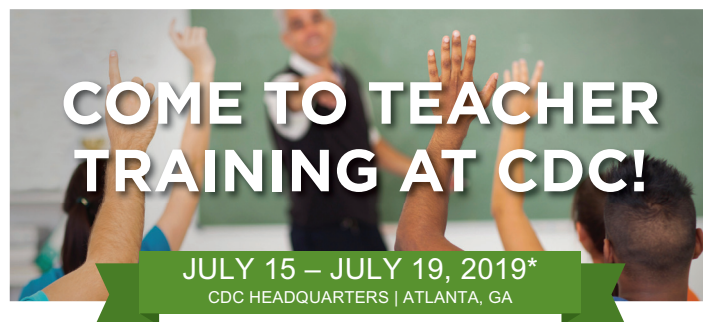
The huge forests were depleted around 1906 and the lumber industry fell into decline.

It's time for our group to depart. What an educational adventure. Viewing area artifacts, the Struve gristmill and sawmill machines, logging gallery, lumber barons of Clinton, lumberjack camp, log raft simulator, and live vintage sawing. As we walked out the door into the sunlight the echo of TIM-BER still in our thoughts.

Before our museum trip we ate lunch at a local restaurant, and conducted our business meeting. After which we had our drawing for door prizes which were beautiful fall mums. Meeting adjourned.

by Sharon Leonard

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THANK YOU TO ALL THE UNITS' SECRETARIES AND NEWSLETTER REPORTERS.

I have enjoyed working with you these past 10+years and hopefully you and my replacement will establish a great working relationship as we had in the past.....Dawn Rogers

2017 IRSPA Volunteer Hours Report

By Sandy & Jay Thede

The IRSPA volunteer hours reported for the past year total 391,857 hours for 5,735 members. At a national rate of \$24.69 per hour, this equals \$9,674,920.33 This total is down 11,545 hours from 2016 and down \$63,203.95 (even though the cost per hour went up \$.55 per hour). All 46 IRSPA Units reported hours. Our state membership count is down 111 members from last year, but we also have four less units.

On the plus side, we have 23 units that improved on their amount of hours reported from a year ago. Twelve units improved in their volunteer hours three years in a row and two units raised their total hours four years in a row: (West Union and Monroe). A special congratulations to three units that all increased their volunteer hour totals five years in a row from 2013 to 2017: Webster County, Creston Area, and Iowa Great Lakes.

National organizations compile volunteer hour information for use by non-profit groups when applying for grants. This makes volunteer hour status of great value when obtaining grants. Each state has a different amount of value for their volunteer hours and Iowa's value is \$22.73 in the nation (35th out of 51). This includes Washington D.C., which is the high at \$39.45). 63 million Americans volunteered a total of 8 billion hours this past year for \$197.5 billion dollars of value.**

Statistics show that 32.5% of Iowa people volunteer. 71.6% of Iowans do informal volunteering (like doing favors for neighbors) and 55% of Iowa residents donate \$25 or more to charity.**

We have taken a three year look at the unit totals when figuring percentage of improvement.

Top Percentages for three, four and five years in a row are:

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	(% increase from 2016 to 2017)
West Union Area		6,208	6,514	9,685	12,477	28.8%
Henry Co.			4,692	6,809	8,295	21.8%
Poweshiek Co.			420	1,282	1,550	20.9%
Black Hawk Co.			440	6,223	7,456	19.8%
Jasper Co.			4,267	8,596	9,812	19.5%
Dubuque Area			13,777	14,116	16,604	17.6%
Decatur Co.			1,150	3,720	4,330	16.0%
Monroe Co.		7,100	7,852	9,547	10,586	10.8%
Cherokee Co.			2,130	5,154	5,709	10.7%
Webster Co.	14,586	17,934	20,330	34,424	37,953	10.2%
Iowa Great Lakes	2,652	2,871	3,201	3,681	3,979	8.0%
Creston Area	1,642	3,049	3,617	3,681	3,845	4.0%

** www.Independentsector.org/thenonprofittimes.com/news-articles/volunteer-time-value

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