MARCH 2018



IRSPA

IOWA RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION



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President's Message

IRSPA - MAY 2018 DISTRICT MEETINGS

District 1: MAY 3

First Presbyterian Church, 3501 Hill Ave., Spirit Lake, Host: Iowa Great Lakes Area Unit, Dorothy Wagner - President, Barb Songer - District Coordinator

District 2: MAY 2

Vinny's BBQ, Main Street, Dakota City Host: Humboldt Area Unit, Anita Fagen-Miller - President, Chris Campidilli - District Coordinator

District 3: MAY 1

TBA Host: Dubuque Area Unit,

Joe Tollari - President,

George Holland - District Coordinator

District 4: MAY 15

Comm. of Christ Church, 140 Kanesville Blvd. Co. Bluffs
Host: Council Bluffs Area Unit,
Fred/Linda Maher -Co. Presidents
Venita Escher - District Coordinator

District 5: MAY 16

Saint Mary's Parish, 301 High Ave E, Oskaloosa Host: Mahaska Co. Unit Suzanne Smith - President Lyle Stirling - District Coordinator

District 6: MAY 17

First United Methodist Church, 201 N.Court, Fairfield
Host: Jefferson Co. Unit
Judy McDonough - President
Linda Miller - District Coordinator

IMPORTANT EARLY NOTICE

To all IRSPA Members in the following units:
Big Four Unit, Boone County Unit, Humboldt
Area Unit, Carroll- Greene County Unit,
Marshall County Unit, Mason City Area Unit,
Scenic City Area Unit & Webster County Unit

YOU'RE INVITED TO ATTEND THE DISTRICT 2 SPRING MEETING

When: Tuesday, May 2, 2018

Where: Vinney's BBQ in Dakota City

Hosted by: Humboldt Co. Unit
Time: Registration at 9:00 AM No Registration Fee!

YOUR UNIT'S PRESIDENT WILL HAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE:DEADLINE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!



IRSPA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING CLARION INN, CEDAR FALLS, IOWA October 4, 2017

The IRSPA Executive Board Meeting was called to order at 9:35 AM by President Dawn Rogers. President Elect, Chris Campidilli, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The meeting agenda was reviewed with the addition of the Pre-Retirement Seminar added to New Business. President Rogers appointed George Holland to serve as Parliamentarian.

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 26, 2017, and the Special Executive Board Meeting held May 3, 2017, were presented and available. Venita Escher moved to accept April 26 Minutes with the correction that Linda Foland was not in attendance and Jerry Zavitz seconded the motion. Motion carried. The May 3 Minutes were accepted as printed. (Copy of minutes attached to these minutes).

Bob Swanson, IRSPA Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report covering the period October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017. Balance on hand as of 10/01/16 = \$34,636.46 and Balance on Hand as of 9/30/17 = \$42,015.97. Investments are as follows:

Money Market Account -

Security National Bank, Sioux City = \$23,073.33

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

The Treasurer's Report was filed for audit. Mr. Swanson also presented the 2017-18 proposed budget with proposed breakdown of income and disbursements in the amount of \$75,500.00 (2016-2017 was \$77,600.00). He indicated that the increase in dues has decreased the amount withdrawn from investments. Total membership

at this time is 5,855. (A copy of this report is attached to these minutes). Sandy Thede moved to approve the proposed budget to present at the Annual Meeting and the motion was seconded by Phil Tetzloff. Motion Carried.

Paul Strid reported that AMBA is now owned by Genstar Capital. There are new AMBA Discounts, a Term Life Insurance Plan, Short Term Care (Home Health Care), and other changes will be coming. They are recruiting members through Delta Dental. This seems to be working as Bob Swanson has received request for new memberships.

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

Constitution and Revision: George Holland reported on his work reviewing the current Constitution and Bylaws. The changes were discussed at the April Meeting and will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Historian: Linda Foland reported the following:

1) please send her any information when or if your Unit has changes in its Constitution and 2) she is continuing to organize the files at the AARP building.

Supportive Services: Sandy and Jay Thede reported the following: 1) remind members to keep track of their volunteer hours; 2) last year IRSPA volunteers had 403,402 hours at \$24.14 per hour equaling \$9,738,124.28. We ranked 10 out of 51 States and the District of Columbia.

Health Advocacy: Marge Swanson reported that the District Meetings in May, 2017, had speakers concerning Home Care. Each presentation was very informative. There were many topics suggested for next year (mental health, depression, cancer, etc.) Jerry Zavitz move that Marge Swanson investigate the possibility of having NAMI as our health topic for the coming year at the District Meetings. Seconded by Shirley Barth. Motion Carried.

Legislative: Phil Tetzloff reported that currently IPERS is 82% funded. The IPERS Staff is being allowed to have more input on investments. Stay concerned regarding IPERS this year. He will let us know when he receives information. He announced that Bill Wimmer will still be our Lobbyist.

Membership: Gerald and Shirley Barth discussed the increase in membership this year. We have 321 new members this year with 122 who do not belong to a local unit. About 90% of them joined for dental and vision insurance.

Newsletter and Public Relations: Dawn Rogers reported that the Newsletters have been sent on a regular schedule. Some members had complained about not receiving a printed copy. After looking into the situation, it was discovered that they had signed up for the website. The Personnel Directory will be available to Unit Officers at the Business Meeting. She also has new letterhead stationery and envelopes available.

Past Presidents Report: Gerald Zavitz and Roberta Cochran-Zavitz reported that they had attended all six District Meetings. They would like to thank all District Coordinators and host units for having good meetings. They also participated in a very successful AARP Lobby Day at the State Capital.

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

District 1: Barbara Songer – 2018 Spring Meeting is May 3 at the First Presbyterian Church, Spirit Lake.

District 2: Chris Campidilli – 2018 Spring Meeting is May 2 site to be determined, Humboldt.

District 3: George Holland – 2018 Spring Meeting is May 1 site to be determined, Dubuque.

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

District 5: Lyle Stirling – 2018 Spring Meeting is
May 16 at the Parrish Hall of St. Mary's Catholic
Church,

Oskaloosa.

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

Nomination Committee – On July 18, 2017, four Coordinators counted 69 ballots for the election. Mary Jo O'Connell was elected Secretary and George Holland was elected President Elect.

Jerry Zavitz moved to accept all the reports that's were presented. Seconded by Linda Foland. Motion Carried.

Sandy Thede moved to skip the break that was scheduled as it was close to lunch time. Seconded by Bob Swanson. Motion Carried.

Unfinished Business: New Membership Cards are ready! They will be distributed at the General Meeting.

New Business:

The District Coordinators had a meeting on July 18, 2017, to establish Guidelines. (See Attached Copy) Phil Tetzloff moved to accept the District Coordinators Guidelines. Seconded by Barbara Songer. Motion Carried.

George Holland worked with Connie Eastman in Preparing Preretirement Seminars with Iowa AARP. Four are scheduled in Burlington, Davenport, Dubuque, and Cedar Rapids. Two sites will be scheduled in District 2 for this Spring. AEA has agreed to distribute information to all teachers. George moved that IRSPA work in collaboration with Iowa AARP and local units to provide educational preretirement seminars throughout the state within our IRSPA Districts. Seconded by Jerry Zavitz. Motion Carried.

President Rogers reminded us that Johnson County, Iowa City/Coralville will be the location for the 2018 State Meeting.

Mary Jo O'Connell, IRSPA Secretary

Members in Attendance:

Dawn Rogers Sandy Thede **Chris Campidilli** Jay Thede **Robert Swanson** Marge Swanson Gerald Zavitz Phil Tetzloff Roberta Cochran-Zavitz **Gerald Barth Paul Strid Shirley Barth** George Holland **Barbara Songer** Linda Foland Venita Escher **Linda Miller**

Guests:

Barbara Bielenberg, Sioux City



IRSPA ANNUAL MEETING CLARION INN, CEDAR FALLS, IOWA October 4 & 5, 2017

Welcome from President, Dawn Rogers

Your state officers are happy to welcome you to the 2017 Annual Meeting and Conference. We are sure you will appreciate all the hard work which the Cedar Falls/Waterloo Unit has done to make this event a great one.

The following transpired on Wednesday, October 4, 2017: 9:00 AM - Executive Board Meeting 11:30 AM - 5:00 PM - registration was open 1:30 – 4:00 PM - Guided Tours

6:00 PM – Welcome Banquet – Excellent food and the Metropolitan Chorale with Amy Kotsonis provided entertainment.

The following transpired on Thursday, October 5, 2017: 8 – 9 AM – Registration in the Lobby. Complimentary coffee, juice, and pastries were served in Regency Hall.

8 AM – 2 PM – The following vendors were set up in the Lobby:

31 Bags AARP AMBA

Heartland Financial

LuLaRoe

Mary Kay Cosmetics

Norwex

Paparazzi Jewelry & Accessories

Pink Zebra

Popcorn Heaven

9-9:20 AM - Welcome to the General Session in Regency Hall

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

12:15 – Luncheon served in Regency Hall – Italian Lunch Buffet.

1:15 - Pictures and Annual Business Meeting

President Dawn Rogers called the meeting to order at 2 PM. She thanked the Black Hawk Unit for holding this year's meeting.

President-Elect Chris Campidilli led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roberta Cochran-Zavitz led us singing "God Bless America".

Secretary Mary Jo O'Connell reported that 97 members were in attendance. President Rogers appointed George Holland Parliamentarian.

Secretary's Minutes: The minutes of the IRSPA 2016 Annual Meeting held October 4, 2016, in Marshaltown 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, 2016 to September 30, 2017. Balance on hand as of 10/01/16 = \$34,636.46 and Balance on Hand as of 9/30/17 = \$42,015.97. Investments are as follows:

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Budget Report: Mr. Swanson also presented the 2017-18 proposed budget with proposed breakdown of income and disbursements in the amount of \$75,500 (2016-2017 was \$77,600). Following review, Chris Campidilli moved to approve the proposed budget and the motion was seconded by Phil Telzloff. Motion Carried.

Health Advocacy: Marge Swanson reported that the District Meetings in May, 2017, had speakers explaining home health care. Each presentation was very informative. The health topic for the 2017-18 District Meetings will be "Mental Health/Depression". It will be customized for the services in each area.

Memorial Tribute: Chris Campidilli paid tribute to those IRSPA members who have passed this year.

Revision of Constitution: The Constitution/Bylaws Committee move the following Items:

- 1) to add the position of Vice-President to the officers of the Association:
- 2) the following edits to be made to the Constitution and Bylaws related to the addition of the position of Vice President;
- 3) that the official name of the Constitution and Revisions Committee be changed to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee;
 - 4) moves the addition of Article XIII Dissolution;
- 5) that the acronym IRSPA may be used in place of the full name of the Association;
- 6) that AMBA representative be added to the Executive Board Membership;
- 7) that associate membership be open to anyone who support education. Motion Passed.

(A complete copy of the changes is attached.)

Legislative: Phil Tetzloff reported that IPERS is paying off the debt and will be done in 26 years if everything continues like now. Please keep yourself up-to-date on what the Legislature will be doing in 2018. Invite your Representatives and Senators to your local meeting and let them know why IPERS in important and should stay as is.

Membership: Shirley Barth indicated that we have 321 new members thanks to AMBA helping to encourage individual to sign up for dental and vision insurance. This past year 54 of our members passed away.

AARP: Anthony Carroll discussed that this is the 70th anniversary of NAARP.

AMBA: Paul Strid explained that there have been changes in AMBA since last year. They have new member benefits, a Term Life Insurance Plan, and a Short-Term Care Plan (Home Health Care.) If your Unit would be interested in additional information, please contact Paul.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: The following individuals were installed as the new officers for the upcoming year:

George Holland – President Elect,

Mary Jo O'Connell – Secretary,

and Chris Campidilli – President.

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 Black Hawk County Unit for holding such a great meeting.

Chris Campidilli presented Dawn Rogers with flowers and a gift for all of her service as President for the last two years. The Executive Board would like to thank you for everything you have done and are doing for this organization.

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

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District 2 Boone County Unit

The Boone County Retired School Personnel met December 12th. The Boone High School Chorus sang songs they would sing at the winter concert.

Chris Campidilli brought our new ID cards. Many member benefits are available when the card is activated.

Barbara Butler resigned after many years being treasurer of our Boone Unit. A big thank you Barb, for all your work! Angela Pratt will be our new treasurer.

Our group signed a Happy Birthday card that we sent to Theo Anderson, who was 102 on December 30th.

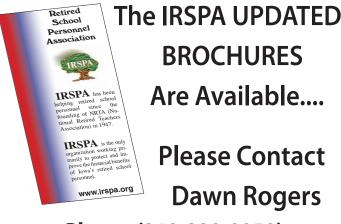
On a sad note, Dorothy Crooks passed, December 17th. She had just resigned as our yearbook & program chairperson.

By Bev Olofson, Co-President

District 3 Spring meeting is Tuesday, May 1, 2018

Hosted by the Dubuque Unit. Local Units receive mileage reimbursement for attending and those attending will receive a free lunch.

Plan to attend. Details to follow.



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District 4 Dallas **County Unit**

The weather this winter might have encouraged us to

hibernate, but the members of the Dallas County Area School Personnel Association braved the cold to keep busy while the association was on winter break. Members helped the residents of a local retirement home with Bingo during December and assisted serving lunch to senior citizens in January and February. We are able to accomplish many of these projects because of a substantial increase in membership from the previous year.

We began year with programs strengthening on our brain, the local Freedom for Youth Ministries, and Ron and Diane Harland (Pictured Right) telling about their trip to Cuba.

The spring session will begin in March when member, Laura McCord, will fos-



ter spring fever with a presentation on "Container Gardening."

We will finish out the year listening to former superintendent, Dr. Randy McCauley, as he treats us to his "Musical Ministry" and enjoy the always delightful Marti Klatt as she presents "The Wonderful World of Collecting." Members will be encouraged to bring their own collections to share.

by Susan Leslie

District 5 Mahaska **County Unit**



The District 5 meeting of the IRSPA will be held in Oskaloosa on Wednesday, May 16. The Mahaska County Unit will be hosting the meeting which will be held at the St. Mary's Parish Cen-

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ter located at 301 High Avenue East. The day will begin with registration at 8:30 with the meeting beginning at 9:00. We will have the usual events and topics take place as we have in the past. The preliminary plan for the two interest sessions are: 1) Sherry Vavra, Executive Director of the Mahaska Community Recreation Foundation, will present information related to the guided tours available featuring the Recreation Trail which circles the city of Oskaloosa and a new feature to Oskaloosa, downtown square which is The Alley. 2) Ann Smith, Executive Director of Oskaloosa Area Chamber of Commerce and Development Group, will present information related to Oskaloosa's Public Art Project, Art on the Square, the lighted Christmas parade and other events of interest to visitors to the area. Our goal is to have all units represented and to have a fun, informative meeting that people will go home saying "I am really happy that I attended this meeting today." All units will receive an invitation in the mail to this meeting towards the beginning of March, but start planning NOW to attend.

by Lyle Stirling, District 5 Coordinator

The Annual District Six
Spring Meeting will be held
Thursday, May 17th at the
First United Methodist Church,
201 N. Court in Fairfield.
Registration will probably be
around 9:30 AM
The Jefferson County Unit
will be hosting.

We hope to have representatives from all ten units attend. Our units include Clinton County, Davenport Area, Des Moines County, Henry County, Jefferson County, Johnson County, Keokuk County, Muscatine Area, and Van Buren County.

District Six hopes to retain the Traveling Attendance Trophy again this year!

Linda MIller

District 6 Lee County RSPA

The final part of the 2016-2017 year not previously reported in the fall newsletter included a pre-



sentation of woodcarving by David Deming of Keokuk in April. He displayed many items that he had made and discussed the workings of the local woodcarving group. At the May meeting a presentation was made by Myma Folker about Richard Proenneke who spent most of his life In Alaska and was from Primrose Iowa. The new Donnellson Library now has a replica of his cabin incorporated into the Library. Also, there are numerous facts about his life during the years in Alaska. The Association will be touring this in a meeting in June of this year. The final meeting in June was our Necrology service in which 8 members who had passed away in the last two years were remembered. They included Jean Dressler, Duane DuBois, Nancy Gaunt, Gordon Peters, Janet Swan, Sandy Waggoner, and Norma Young which was the largest number of lost members for quite some time.

Starting in September of this year we had a program by Hailey Alvis entitled "Going Batty about Bats". We had a repeat program in October with the Keosippi Kickers who had performed for us several times in the past. In November which was our last meeting for the fall was a presentation by Ernie Schiller on his trip to Nepal with a group of volunteers. He has made several trips to Nepal over the past few years and providing the people of Nepal with numerous school items to improve their lifestyle. He encouraged anyone willing to contribute items and money to help this endeavor.

Starting in March we will be meeting again with presentations by Teresa Gilbert "Lee County Hospice and Home Healthcare", A presentation on Lee County Conservation by Nathan Unsworth, a program by Margo Sprenger on "Conservation of Roadside Plants" and, as was mentioned earlier, the final meeting will involve a trip to the Donnellson Library to see the Richard Proenneke exhibit.

by Howard Carter

District 6 Clinton County Unit



Wonderful aromas of tantalizing foods drifted through the air as the Clinton County Unit gathered at the HyVee Cafe in Clinton.

Taste tempting food was in abundance as we filled our plates at the buffet or a la carte. Rushing to our table with ordered beverage waiting, we bow our heads, reciting our dinner prayer.

Everyone ready? LET'S EAT, YUM!

Our meal was oh so tasty and filling. We are ready for our program, a presentation by the Hy-Vee dietitian, Sarah Salonz. Her "Show and Tell" was an array of new and nutritious products available in the store. The informative and educational content of her talk gave us an insight of vitamins, fiber, minerals and general nutrients in all the products. and what they contribute to our good health.

Did you know chia seeds, yes, like we cover the "Chia Pet" statue, and watch it grow, is exceptionally healthy for our bodies. Just mix some chia seeds in your favorite foods like jams, pudding, smoothies, pancakes, cookie dough, etc. These seeds have lots of omega 3.

We had fun dreaming of the tastes we could achieve preparing the recipes from the cards she provided, like Black Bean Pizza, Smokey Deviled Eggs, Hawaiian Turkey Sliders, etc. Are you hungry yet? We asked many questions which Sarah answered with expertise.

After our program we conducted our business meeting, followed by those desired door prizes, if you have the right number you get one.

We adjourned exclaiming," What a wonderful destination meeting!"

Now that we are at the supermarket, LET'S GO SHOPPING! Remember no impulse buying!

by Sharon Leonard

District 6 Davenport Area Unit



The Davenport Area Retired School Personnel Association met on November 14 at the Steeplegate Inn. Our guest speaker was Kelly Saul from Family Resources Survivor Services. Her "Braking Traffic" program provided much information on the serious issue of human trafficking. In addition to local and statewide statistics, she showed "Any Kid, Any Where" in which three actual survivors courageously told their stories. We learned that the same video is also being shown to intermediate school students within the Davenport district. She urged each of us to continue working on and supporting anti-drug programs. We were also challenged "to become those trusted adults for young people" within our community.

Snow wasn't needed to put us in the holiday mood when we met on Tuesday, December 12. We were entertained with sounds of the season presented by the CASI (Center for Active Seniors, Inc.) New Horizon Band, under the direction of fellow DARSPA member Bob Gaston. It was his final performance leading the group before passing on his conductor's baton. Since he founded the band twenty-two years ago, it has grown from a mere six friends to a full concert band of talented retirees. We were all invited to lift our voices in song and join the musicians on "Let There Be Peace on Earth." Winning tickets were drawn for white elephant gifts donated by our members. Everyone departed with happy faces and happy hearts following this delightful, final meeting of 2017!

Linda Baustian, Secretary

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Dr. Roger Anderson, Emeritus Professor of Education, Luther college age 93 passed away on Tuesday December 26, 2017 in Janesville, Wisconsin. Our older IRSPA members will remember him as our IRSPA President in 1979-99.

Dr. Anderson began work at Luther College in 1958, and was Luther's head of teacher education from 1964 to 1985 and was registrar and assistant dean to the college from 1985 until his retirement in 1989. Roger was a life long member of IRSPA with the Winneshiek County Unit. A memorial service will be held in late spring or summer at Good Shepard Lutheran Church in Decorah. Fjelstul Funeral Home in Decorah is serving the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.fjelstul.com

IPERS MEMBERS HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR!

The future of IPERS in the news and as chair woman of the Joint House Senate Public Retirement Systems Committee, I'd like to put to rest concerns or fears about rumored changes during this year's legislative session.

IPERS members and the public pension beneficiaries have nothing to worry about. There will be no changes to IPERS or any of the other lowa pension systems in the upcoming session.

Over the last several decades thousands of lowans have counted on the lowa Public Retirement System (IPERS) for their retirement security. They have spent years contributing to the system and have earned their pensions.

Every other year, the Public Retirement Systems Committee is required by law to meet and review our state's various pension systems to ensure their solvency. This includes IPERS as well as the pension systems for state troopers, the Judicial Branch and local police and firefighters. In order to keep our promise to retirees, we need to make sure that IPERS is stable and properly funded. These comprehensive reviews ensure that legislators have the relevant information and data in order to provide the needed oversight for plan members.

IPERS Is well-managed and remains one of he most sound pension systems in the entire country. Changes are unnecessary.

Written by Dawn Pattengill, Mt Auburn Printed in "The Cedar Rapids Gazette" Sunday January 14, 2017

Website Updating...

SO SORRY this updating of our IRSPA Website is taking so long to be completed. I am now waiting for the third person from AMBA to contact me about updating the website. AMBA is being very slow in contacting me as I want a complete overhaul of the website. The first website design was working very well until the webmaster who took care of our website decided to update our site without getting an okay from me. I received many complaints from our members that the updated version was not very user friendly and I agreed.

When I was ready to suggest changes and when I contacted the second person who was a different webmaster who was designated to work on our website. She informed me that AMBA was going through an extensive overhaul of their computer system which was going to take some time and she would contact me when the overhaul was completed. She also informed me that she was no longer our web designer and AMBA has another designer (third one) in less than a year and that the new person would be contacting me ASAP so we could begin work on the IRSPA website updating. Guess what? No one has contacted me yet and it has been over one week.

I will contact AMBA soon to see what the trouble is. I am getting a little upset with their NON HELP???

Dawn Rogers Public Relations

CDC Science Ambassador 2-day Regional Trainings: Teach Tomorrow's Disease Detectives

Register now! The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is recruiting teachers and education leaders to bring public health into classrooms across the United States and beyond. CDC is partnering with the Association of Schools & Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) to offer three, 2-day Science Ambassador regional training workshops FREE OF COST. Learn strategies to teach public health concepts and inspire interest in public heath careers.

Who: Teachers and Educational Leaders

Where/When: Seattle, WA: March 19-20, 2018

Chapel Hill, NC: March 28-29, 2018

St. Louis, MO: April 26-27, 2018

What: Topics covered include:

<u>Population Health:</u> Opioid overdose epidemic & obesity epidemic

<u>Infectious Disease:</u> Pandemic Influenza, One Health, and Zoonotic Disease

<u>Applied Epidemiology:</u> Investigating an outbreak like a disease detective

<u>Public Health Careers:</u> The path to becoming a disease detective

Learn more:

Don't miss this unique opportunity to network with CDC's disease detectives, CDC Science Ambassador alumni, local public health professionals, and faculty and students at Schools of Public Health. For more information, visit: https://www.cdc.gov/careerpaths/scienceambassador/regional-trainings.html



Know a great candidate for the CDC Science Ambassador training? Please share this announcement.

CDC Science Ambassador Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 1600 Clifton Road MS E92 | Atlanta, GA 30333 scienceambassador@cdc.gov

A Chinese School is Looking for English Teachers

<u>Job Description:</u> Work in a English training center, teaching children and teenagers between the ages of 4 and 18 years old. Our school locates in the city center of Yichang. The details of this position are as follows:

- 1,3000 1,6000 RMB per month (approximately \$2000 \$2500), which includes 100 teaching hours. (note: 1 US Dollar = 6.6 RMB, approximately currently)
 - Free, fully furnished accommodation
- Airfare Allowance: 10,000 RMB per year (approximately \$1500)
 - Medical insurance provided
 - Comprehensive training
 - All Chinese public holidays, 5 days for

Christmas, 10 days paid leave per year

- Z visa for qualified candidates
- Term can be 1 to 2 years or 3 years, flexible.

Requirements:

- English as native speaking language.
- 2 years teaching experience or TESOL/TEFL certification
 - Healthy and has passion to teach English

We'll arrange the interview through online/phone.

Send resume and contact: Jim Ye 773-5122173, email: xychicago@gmail.com





A TEACHER ON THE SIDELINES

For thirty-four years I taught and coached for the Chariton Community School District. After retiring, I longed to stay involved with the community and in 2005, I found Contemporary Services Corporation. CSC provides crowd management services for many events and venues across the state of lowa, primarily at lowa State University, University of Iowa, Drake University, and Iowa Events Center.

My teaching experience made the transition easy. Answering questions, providing guidance and informing rules to guests were just some of the job duties I've already mastered from my previous career.

In my years with CSC I have worked a wide variety of sporting and musical events.

My most memorable concerts were Paul McCartney, Tom Petty, Taylor Swift, Kenny Chesney, and Pink. However, my favorite experience has to be sporting events like Boys and Girls High School State basketball and Wrestling, Football and Basketball games at the Universities, and opportunity to be part of NCAA Men's and Woman's Tournaments.

At CSC, you make your own schedule based on when you are available. This flexibility allows me to manage my schedule, which is important for a busy Grandpa!

I would encourage anyone looking for an amazing experience to reach out to CSC at desmoines@csc-usa.com or iowacity@csc-usa.com or visit their website at www.csc-usa.com to get more information.

A TEACHER ON THE SIDELINES
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Jim Swanson

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IRSPA's Delta Dental & Vision INSURANCE

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

Nelda Perez at (800) 258-7041 or (512) 610-6372 e-mail - nelda.perez@amba.info

Newsletter Deadline!

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

Articles for the JUNE newsletter are due no later than FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2018



Get info to Dawn Rogers, at dawncrogers@icloud.com

or to

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Change Service Requested



Daylight Savings Time... Spring Forward Sunday, March 11

WE REMEMBER

<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Unit</u>
Ahrens, Juanita	Spokane, WA	Poweshiek Area Unit
Anderson, Dr. Roger	Whitewater, WI	Winneshiek County Unit
Burman, Raymond	Crossville, TN	No Unit
Carstensen, Dorothy	Preston, IA	Jackson County Unit
Chidester, Maxine	Blakesburg, IA	Wapello County Unit
Ellingson, Lorena	Decorah, IA	Winneshiek County Unit
Gebhart, Sharon	Osceola, IA	Clark County Unit
Haack, Evelyn	Davenport, IA	Davenport Area unit
Harney, Marguerite	Iowa City, IA	Johnson County Unit
Hayes, Helen	Greenwood Village, CO	Cedar Rapids Area Unit
Hegg, Gretchen	Grinnell, IA	Blackhawk County Unit
Hess, John	Dubuque, IA	Dubuque Area Unit
Joens, Larry	Waterloo, IA	Blackhawk County Unit
Johnson, Dixie	Sioux City, IA	Sioux City Area Unit
Marolf, Greg	Dubuque, IA	Dubuque Area Unit
McMullen, Jack	Northwood, IA	Mason City Area Unit
Miller, Arthur	Dubuque, IA	Dubuque Area Unit
Nath, Gloria	Estherville, IA	Estherville Area Unit
Ogden, Loe	Cedar Falls, IA	Blackhawk County Unit
Osterberg, Robyn	Fort Dodge, IA	Webster County Unit
Peck, Donna Sue	Dubuque, IA	Dubuque Area Unit
Pint, Delores	Burlington, IA	Des Moines County Unit
Sandeen, Gaynele	Ottumwa, IA	Wapello 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\$15.00Other							
Name							
Street Address							
City							
StateZip							
If Member of Local Unit							
Unit Name County							

MAIL EITHER FORM TO:

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

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	MEMBERS	Н	IP APPLICATION			
	Iowa Retired School Personnel Association					
Name						
	ast		First	M.I.		
Street Ad	ddress					
City						
State			Zip			
	er of Local Unit					
	Unit Name		County			
Ar	nnual Dues: \$15	•	LIFE MEMBERSHIP: \$300			