



## IOWA RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

### From the Co-President Jean Hoffman

Summer is flying by so quickly and the cooler evenings are a sign of the changing seasons. When my mom would get worried about too little rain, too much rain, too cold, too hot, etc. my dad would always tell her not to worry. We live in Iowa - the weather will change.

Cooler weather and fall brings us to the Annual Meeting and Conference which will be held in Waterloo this year on October 5th and 6th. We are going to focus on our motto "Proud To Serve" and our founder Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus. She was a game changer in so many ways. We all owe her a big thank you. Come and learn why. Please look for the registration form in this newsletter.

The website is in the process of being updated, so be patient with the pages that are temporarily down. If you are looking for something specific and cannot find it, please give me a call.

We have added a new business partner to our list. It is located in NE Iowa just a few miles southwest of Fredericksburg on Highway 18. The Hawkeye Buffalo and Cattle Ranch is a unique learning experience that takes us back to the early days of settlement. It is run by a farm"her," Martha McFarland. She gives an interesting talk on the history of buffalo and has several unique displays she talks about. The tour concludes with a ride out to the pasture in a wagon to feed the buffalo. At the conclusion of the tour, you have a chance to sample some buffalo jerky and purchase buffalo meat to take home and prepare. Check out her offer on the page of IRSPA business partners.

See you in Waterloo! Make new friends and renew old friendships.

By Jean Hoffman



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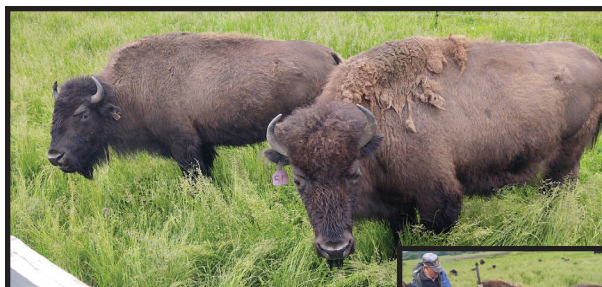
### Hawkeye Buffalo & Cattle Ranch New Business Partner with IRSPA



is a family farm in northeast Iowa. Our heritage dates back to 1854 when my great-great-grandparents settled

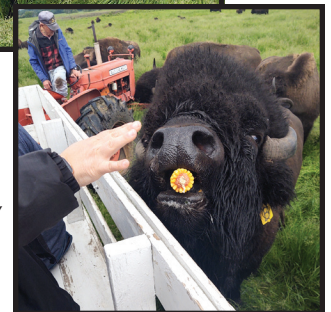
in a sod house just a mile from our farm. The bison have returned, and we invite you to connect with the land, our family, and our farm.

Tours include an informative lesson on the history of buffalo in Iowa and a chance to feed the buffalo. Tours are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. With an IRSPA membership card or showing your copy of the IRSPA newsletter with the Hawkeye Buffalo advertisement, the cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Tours are set up on an as needed basis so you must call in advance to set up your tour. The Buffalo Ranch is southwest of Fredericksburg next to Split Rock Park and Campgrounds at 3034 Pembroke Ave. Visitors often get a chance to see other wildlife too - deer, sandhill cranes, hawks, songbirds, and occasionally eagles. Buffalo meat is also sold on location.



*The animals at the Hawkeye Buffalo and Cattle Ranch graze in lush pastures, but they came up to Jean Hoffman's touring wagon because they knew they would get an ear of corn which is their "candy."*

*Because buffalo have no upper front teeth, the corn needs to be given to them like you were stuffing a letter in a mailbox.*



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## Iowa Retired School Personnel Association

2022 Annual Meeting  
& Conference

October 5 - 6, 2022

### **Wednesday, October 5, 2022**

7 am - 5 pm	Visit Waterloo and Cedar Falls - Cedar Valley Arboretum, Tall Grass Prairie Center, Grout Museum/Planetarium, John Deere Museum, Antiques, Shopping, etc.
5:00 p.m.	Registration
5:30 p.m.	Social Hour
6:00 p.m.	Dinner
7:00 p.m.	Speaker - Dr. Jane Lindaman, Retired Superintendent Waterloo Community Schools
8:00 p.m.	Presentation of PH Balance Scholarship Recipient

### **Thursday, October 6, 2022**

7:00-11:00 am	Room Check-out
8:00-11:59 am	Memorial to deceased members
8:00 - 9:00 am	Registration and Morning Refreshments, including coffee, juice, and assorted pastries compliments of IRSPA
9:00 - 9:15 am	Welcome and Pledge Introductions New Website
9:15 -10:00 am	Speaker Amy Mayer, UNI, coordinator of RAPIL
10:00 - 10:15 am	Break
10:15 - 11:15 am	AARP - Brad Anderson Legislative - Phil Tetzloff AMBA - Paul Strid
11:30 - noon	Group Pictures by District
Noon	Luncheon
1:00 PM	Annual Meeting



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### CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

IRSPA Unit \_\_\_\_\_

There are no fees for the Conference except for meals.

Banquet – 6:00 pm - Wednesday Evening

**Menu:** *Chicken Breast, Boneless Custom Smoked Pork Ribs, Baked/Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Dinner Salad, Dinner Rolls, Butter, Chef's Choice of Dessert, Iced Tea, Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee* (The price may seem high. However, this includes beverages, tax, and gratuity which are not included in the resort's restaurant.)

\_\_\_\_\_ reservations @ \$25.00 per guest = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Lunch – 12:00 PM Noon - Thursday

**Menu:** *Brisket Sandwich, Housemade Chips, Coleslaw, Potato Salad, Iced Tea, Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee*

\_\_\_\_\_ reservations @ \$18.00 per guest = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Total Payment = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please return your Conference Registration with your meal reservations and a check made out to IRSPA by September 22, 2022 to:

**George Holland**  
**16992 Middle Road**  
**Dubuque, IA 52002**

**Rooms:** Contact Best Western Plus Executive Residency, 205 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Waterloo, Iowa, 319/888-1000 before September 1, 2022. Ask for the **"IRSPA Conference Rate."**



**CLIP & SAVE!****IRSPA ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE ROTATION**

2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
D3 NE part of IA October 5 & 6	D4 SW part of IA October 4 & 5	D2 NC part of IA October 2 & 3	D6 SE part of IA October 1 & 2	D1 NW part of IA October 7 & 8	D5 SC part of IA October 6 & 7
Best Western Plus Executive Residency					
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**IRSPA DISTRICT MEETINGS ROTATION 2023-2028**

District	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
1	May 16 Estherville Emmet Co	May 7 Denison Crawford Co	May 20 Spirit Lake Dickinson Co	May 5 Sioux City Woodbury	May 18 Cherokee Cherokee Co	May 2 Estherville Emmet Co
2	May 17 Charles City - Big 4 Floyd Co	May 8 Marshall Co	May 21 Humboldt Co	May 6 Hardin Co	May 19 Boone Co	May 3 Mason City Cerro Gordo
3	May 18 West Union	May 9 Jackson/ Maquoketa	May 22 Oelwein Fayette Co	May 7 Linn Co	May 20 Dubuque Co	May 4 Howard or Black Hawk
4	May 2 <u>Pottawattamie</u>	May 21 <u>Union Co</u>	May 6 <u>Clarke</u>	May 19 <u>Decatur</u>	May 4 <u>Dallas</u>	May 15 <u>Pottawattamie</u>
5	May 3 Jasper	May 22 Lucas	May 7 <u>D M area</u>	May 20 <u>Appanoose- Wayne</u>	May 5 <u>Marion</u>	May 16 <u>Mahaska?? Wapello</u>
6	May 4 Keosauqua Van buren co	May 23 Dewitt Clinton co	May 8 Muscatine Muscatine co	May 21 Ft. Madison Or Keokuk Lee Co	May 6 Burlington Des Moines Co	May 17 Mt. Pleasant Henry Co.

*Dates will not change - Locations are strongly suggested for ease of travel. Locations may change if needed.*

**CLIP & SAVE!**



# District 1

## IOWA GREAT LAKES RSPA

IGRLRSPA meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Senior Center in Spirit Lake, Iowa. Coffee and goodies are served before the meeting to meet new members and converse with the old members.

Paul Stride (Association Member Benefit Advisor) met with our group at our May meeting. Also attending was the Estherville Association. He explained all the benefits offered by AMBA.

We are in the process of making a brochure to further acquaint retired teachers with what we offer. It will be offered at a later date.

An IRSPA State Scholarship is the Parent Heaven (PH) Scholarship that is offered to a student that has lost a parent. Our association has voted to give \$200 to this scholarship fund. It will give the student \$1,000.00.

Our next meeting is August 18, 2022.

by Marjorie Roelofsen

# District 1

## ESTHERVILLE EARSPA UNIT



Joan Eveleth shared with members of EARSPA the role of Emmet County Quilts of Valor. It was formed in 2017 in preparation for the traveling Memorial Wall that was coming in 2018. In one year's time members of the community pulled together to make over 90 quilts which were displayed at the armory prior to being presented later that day. Since that time Emmet County Quilts of Valor have awarded 188 quilts to veterans many of whom say the quilt has been the beginning of their healing process and the first time they ever received a thank you for their service. What an honorable organization!

Submitted by Jean M. Hoffman

*"The end of all knowledge should be service to others." ~ Cesar Chavez*

# District 2

## WEBSTER COUNTY WCRSP

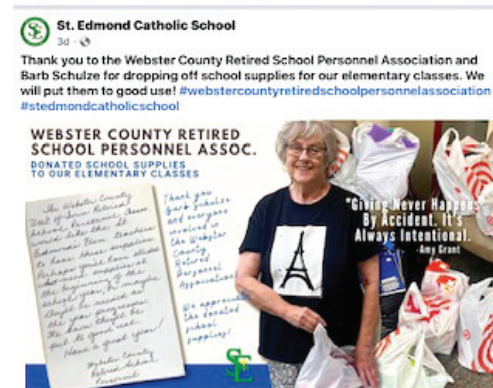
### THE 2022 SPELLING BEE ON FRONTIER DAYS

At a recent WCRSP meeting, 14 of our members in attendance admitted to receiving years of education in a one or two room schoolhouse. I attended Warren #1 in Bremer County, Iowa for 8 years and have many happy memories of that experience. Thankfully, we have two of these early houses of learning preserved at the Fort Museum and Frontier Village in Fort Dodge, Iowa. My children were encouraged by their grandmother to participate in the Spelling Bee held at the Border Plains School House during Frontier Days and I was eager to see that promoted this year.

I found Chairperson Terry Cook at his place of business on the very day the ad for Frontier Days was being created so I could be sure people would know about the Spelling Bee. I then drove to the Fort and found the new director of the Fort Museum in a planning meeting where some people familiar with the Spelling Bee were able to tell me that Mrs. Cheryl Trunnell had volunteered to lead the event as she had done previously, but would need help. (Cheryl Trunnell teaches ICCCLL in Eagle Grove.)

I arrived at the schoolhouse after the Frontier Days Parade just as Cheryl, in period costume, was beginning to pronounce words for the Kindergartners assembled to spell. She was glad to have a second pair of ears to confirm the accuracy of the spellers. Winners' names were written on the blackboard and they received certificates that Cheryl had prepared. Spellers of all ages were included. After the Spelling Bee, which lasted about an hour, I stayed at the building to share my experiences and

answer questions about my country school days. We really could have used more help and I hope more members will plan to help next year. It's fun to be involved and our



WCRSP financially contributes to the Fort for upkeep on the Border Plains Schoolhouse.

Submitted by Marcia Johnson

## District 2

## WEBSTER COUNTY IRSPA Membership

This year our local group's goal, along with the state organization, is working to increase membership in all units. Each year our membership committee contacts employers (public, parochial, AEA, ICCC) in Webster County to obtain information on all new retirees and an invitation is extended to them to join us for our first meeting in August. This year we are also asking our members to extend an invitation to previously retired employees, a friend or spouse. The state allows your spouse or a friend who is not employed in education, but interested, to join. We hope to increase our membership in 2022-2023 by a simple invitation to join a great group of individuals who continue to give back our community.

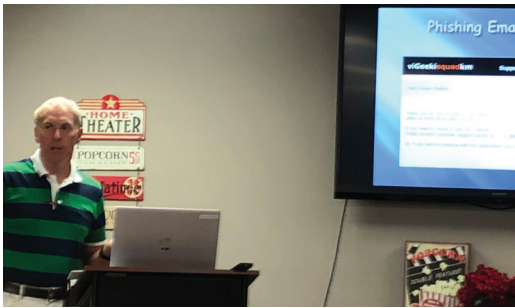
By Bonnie Rhodes

## District 3

## JACKSON COUNTY Retired School Personnel

### June Meeting:

The Jackson County Retired School Personnel met at Clover Ridge on June 3, 2022. A sack lunch from Moore's was enjoyed by all. Randy Meier, Director of "Seniors vs Crime"/Triad in the Clinton County Sheriff's Office, spoke about scams. He emphasized three main points to remember.



- 1.** Gift Cards are for gifts. Do not buy them to pay for anyone who asks you to do that. A woman from our area was conned into paying \$54,000 after being lured into a romance scam. When you give away the number on the gift card the gift cards are sold and used within an hour. Target and Best Buy are the most common gift cards they ask you to use.
- 2.** Ignore phishing emails and texts. Never call the number that is in the email even if it says your account has been compromised. Never give a stranger access to your computer.
- 3.** Medicare never calls you. It is always a scam if they tell you they are from Medicare, Social Security or the Postal Service. They never call you!!

If you get a check in the mail it is not real. They will want you to pay some back and then your check will bounce. Pay from Western Union is always a scam. Anything unusual, such as being asked to do a wire transfer from your bank, is a scam. A local couple lost \$54,000 due to a Grandparent scam. Do not fall for it when someone calls claiming to be your grandchild in trouble. Don't believe them when they say the disconnect crew is on their way because you have not paid the bill. They get you to pay because they scare you and you are under pressure. Just hang up or ignore them.

The presentation was followed by a meeting called to order by JoEllen Langerman. It was decided that the program committee for next year will meet June 15. In August we will celebrate our 50th anniversary so a committee was formed to plan for that event. Jackson County Retired Teachers was organized in June 1972. The first meeting was on August 4 and Isla Johnston was the first president. The meeting adjourned at 2:30.

By Roberta Rosheim, publicity



### Jackson County IRSPA Members Celebrate the Unit's 50th Anniversary

(Pictured above and below)



**We encourage membership renewal!**



## District 3

## JACKSON COUNTY Retired School Personnel

### August Meeting:

The Jackson County Retired School Personnel met to celebrate their 50th anniversary at St. Mark's in Maquoketa on August 5. They enjoyed a delicious meal by the St. Mark's caterers, celebratory cakes made by Nancy Wagoner, and ice cream brought by Connie Weirup.

Martha Henning presented a quiz about our history. Those who got the most correct answers received prizes which were dish towels made by Betty Miller. We then sang a song that Vivian Pitlo wrote to be sung to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb" which told about the beginning of the organization:

We are here to celebrate, meet and greet, socialize.

50 years of history, we celebrate today!

Nine did meet at MAB, 1st of June, '72

Eight yes votes and we became Iowa's 28th Chapter!

In the Courthouse social room, seventeen met, June 23.

Elected Officers, dollar dues, noon meals six times a year.

August 4 at First Ward Park was the first official meet.

19 members enjoyed cake and read the constitution.

Now its twenty, twenty two we are meeting at St. Mark's

We still travel the county for meals and still do socialize!

Then we sang Happy Birthday to us!

Happy Birthday to us!

Happy Birthday JCRSP! Happy Birthday to us!

Other Information from the Quiz: Nine retired teachers met with persons from DeWitt and Clinton to organize the Iowa Retired Teacher's Association (IRTA).

Officers were chosen from volunteers.

It cost \$1.00 for local membership, \$2.00 to include state membership. The age requirement for membership was 55 and older. The cost of the first church luncheon was \$1.50.

The meeting followed with the usual components: Pledge of allegiance, Minutes, Thought of the Day and committee reports. Beautiful door prizes which were hanging baskets of petunias which were put together by president Nancy Wagoner were given to Cathy Durkop and Connie Weirup. The meeting adjourned at 1:30.

By Roberta Rosheim, publicity

*"There is no higher religion  
than human service.  
To work for the common good  
is the greatest creed."  
~ Woodrow Wilson ~*

## District 3

## CEDAR VALLEY Retired School Personnel



Our officers are seated as follows: (L-R) Janice Pesek, Treasurer; Kathleen Spillman, Secretary; Dianne Souder, President and Jan Kreitzer, Vice-President.

We meet the fourth Monday of the month from May-October at the 10th Hole Golf Club in Riceville, IA.

We currently are selling "Memories of One Room Schools in Howard County" books for \$39.00 per book, so if you know of anyone who attended one of these one room schools, this book makes an excellent gift.

During the 2021-2022 school year, we also supported 5 elementary schools in our district, with \$45.00 per school with Scholastic Reader paperback books to encourage reading. This allows 5 students per school to receive a book a month for the 9 months of school.

Our June meeting had an informative presentation on Aging (Elderbridge) and many useful facts were learned. Our next meeting will be July 25, 2022, at 12:00 noon and we order individually for our meal. It has been so nice to gather again in person.



The Beckers of Fort Atkinson shared at our July 25th meeting about making over 50 rugs with a blanket for the homeless. The rugs are long enough for a person to stretch out on it full length.

By Dianne Souder

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

**Check it out!**

## District 4

## COUNCIL BLUFFS Area Chapter of IRSPA

Officers of the Council Bluffs Area Chapter of the Iowa Retired School Personnel have been meeting to plan the 2022-2023 schedule. Outgoing officers, who have served since the 2018-2019 year, President JoAnn Tews, Vice-President Darlene Schwarzkopf, Secretary Sue Griswold, Treasurer Carol Huffman, and Reservations Linda Cody, met with the incoming officers. Because of Covid 19, the group met on November 20, 2019, and then did not resume regular meetings until September 15, 2021.

The group is in recess between the April meeting and the September meeting which will be held September 21, 2022.

New officers will be: President, Beverly Fletcher; Co-Secretaries, Diane Johnson and Julie Dillahay; Co-Treasurers, Nancy File who will collect dues and other monies and Joan Blum who will be in charge of reservations and collecting money for lunches; Courtesy, Carol Mattox; and Membership will be handled by JoAnn Tews and Darlene Schwarzkopf. The group is preparing for a year of interesting and informative meetings.

by Sue Griswold, Secretary

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## District 5

## DAVIS COUNTY UNIT

District 5 meeting was held on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at the Fellowship Hall of the Bloomfield Christian Church hosted by the Davis County Unit.



Members of the Davis County Unit that hosted the District meeting.

David Johnson sharing his photographs of the Davis County Courthouse and also pictures and information about Lake Wapello State Park.



Judy Combs sharing about tourism in and around Davis County.

Our kitchen crew serving lunch to our District meeting guests.

The District attendees enjoying lunch that was prepared by the ladies of The Bloomfield Christian Church.



Thanks everyone for visiting Davis County and attending our District meeting.

Submitted by Becky Shively



# District 6

## DAVENPORT AREA DARSPA

The Davenport Area DARSPA chapter is looking forward to another great year of lunch and wonderful speakers. The new officers met in June to get started in planning our programs, hoping to recruit new retirees, and having our membership chair and directory chair combine efforts to gather member info for the book.



An August meeting included committee chairmen, as well. At our May meeting, newly elected officers were installed. Left to right: Co-presidents - Laurie Marple and Chryss Hartman, (Past president - Lynda Kuehn at the microphone), Vice-President- Judy Shannon, Secretary - Cheryl Sly, and Treasurer Dean Breneman.

Submitted by Cheryl Sly



### Alice N. Gratias

(97) of West Des Moines, IA (formerly of Mason City & Nora Springs, IA) passed away on May 13, 2022 at her apt. in WDM, IA.

Alice (daughter of Elbert & Ellen Dissmore) was born on November 28, 1924. She was preceded in death by husband (Arthur L. Gratias), both parents, and 3 brothers. She is survived by sister Lulu Brown & 3 sons Tom (LaDonna) Gratias of Clive, IA, Jim (Connie) Gratias of Alexandria, Minn., Doug (Val) Gratias of Bradenton, Fl, 6 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, and 4 great-great grandchildren. A memorial service with visitation luncheon was held at the EDEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH located at 3105 Glass Avenue, Rudd, Iowa on JUNE 10, 2022 @ 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, family requested donations to Eden Presbyterian Church, Mason City YMCA, or any other charity of choice.

Alice was a long time member of the Mason City AREA Retired School Personnel Association and the Iowa Retired School Personnel Association where she held various positions for years.

## By Jeanne Handeland

Isn't it amazing how quickly the summer speeds by even though we're not going back to school? One fun activity for me this summer has been reading together with my grandchildren. They live three hours away, so I only see them about once a month; but, thanks to technology, we can read together daily. We all check out the same books and with the Kid Messenger app, I can share the screen with them and read together or discuss what was read. I call it "Grandma's Book Club." I hope they're enjoying it as much as I am.

One of the great benefits of becoming a member of IRSPA and a local unit is the connections you can make with people. During district meetings this spring, we learned how important it is to our brain health to connect with other people. I'm sure we all remember the isolation that was felt during the early months of Covid and how great it was to just see one another through our Zoom meetings. Now that we're back to meeting in person again, there have been several connections rekindled when visiting with one another at IRSPA meetings.

Toni, our newsletter editor, has had people reach out asking about members who are pictured in the newsletter. Jean, our co-president, has also been contacted by a fellow teacher from early in their teaching careers. I was at a church meeting this summer and thought three women looked very familiar, but I wasn't sure how I knew them. When I asked them about our connection and they told me they were from Cherokee, a light bulb went off—IRSPA District 1 Meeting! Just making small talk with the person next to you often leads to "do you know so and so?"

Hopefully you'll be able to attend the state meeting October 5th and 6th in Waterloo and make some new connections or rekindle some old ones!

Jeanne Handeland, Vice President

## Newsletter Deadline

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

### Note Earlier Deadline!

**Articles for the December newsletter are due no later than Tuesday, October 18, 2022**



**Get info to Toni Hood, at**

**E-mail: [tonihood@q.com](mailto:tonihood@q.com)**

**Home Telephone: 515-332-5819**

**Cell Phone: 515-269-3823**



## Little Swan Lake Winery



Little Swan Lake Winery is a family owned and operated business located 1-1/2 miles north of the small town of Superior in Northwest Iowa. In May of 2002 our doors opened to the public. The tasting room, our remodeled 1920's barn, features 35 different wines all produced on site, a selection of gourmet cheeses, and buffalo meat from our own herd which roams nearby. Our vineyard consists of two acres of northern cold hardy grapes. The gift shop features clothing and wine related items. We are dedicated to producing the finest and most enjoyable wines and invite you to spend an hour or an afternoon with us.

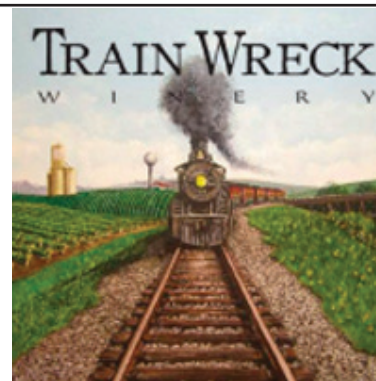
Our newest addition, our bed and breakfast, opened in September of 2011. This renovated grain elevator is a great place to relax and enjoy the beauty that is Little Swan Lake!

Scott and Diane Benjamin and Family



Little Swan Lake Winery offers a 10% discount on bottled wine to IRSPA members when you show your membership card or the ad from the newsletter. Offer good at the winery only.

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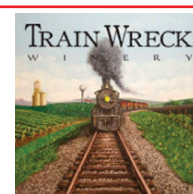


Train Wreck Winery is owned by Dallas Clark former Hawkeye All-American and NFL All-Pro tight end.

Open since December 20, 2011, Train Wreck is a small winery dedicated to producing quality wines served in a fun atmosphere. They make a variety of wines, from sweet to dry; red, white and blush. You are invited to stop by, try our wines and relax in our beautifully restored depot. The Train Wreck Winery is located in Algona, Iowa. Stop in and see the beautifully repurposed depot, learn the story of the train wreck and enjoy their many wonderful wines.

<http://www.trainwreckwinery.com>

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The Train Wreck Winery in Algona, Iowa, will offer a 10% discount on bottled wine when you show your IRSPA membership card or the ad from the IRSPA Newsletter. In-store only.

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Paul's email is:  
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# VOLUNTEER HOUR REPORT

Sandy & Jay Thede

# ASK AMBA

The Iowa Retired School Personnel Association state volunteer hours for 2021 to 2022 will be collected around August 31, 2022. A study by Fidelity Charitable found that last year's volunteer hours were down because of Covid and that 66% of volunteers decreased their time or stopped volunteering entirely during Covid.

The current national value for volunteer hours for 2021 to 2022 will be \$29.95 per hour (\$28.54/hour last year). Our IRSPA hours figured out to equal a value \$6,561,317.46 for Iowa's reported volunteer hours.

The volunteer hours collected are reported to the Independent Sector, and The National Commission on Community Service at the federal and state level. We also send our report to the Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service (state), AARP and the NRTA. All of these organizations present reports on statistics that are very important in obtaining grants at the national, state and local levels.

Our local Iowa unit Supportive Service coordinators collect the hours and get them turned in to us. Remember that any and all volunteer hours that are turned in will help toward our state's total. We have a few new unit coordinators who will be collecting your hours. If you don't know who your coordinator is, contact your unit President(s).

Have a great summer.

**Join us in Waterloo, Iowa  
for the**

**IRSPA STATE MEETING  
"Proud to Serve"  
October 5-6, 2022**

**at  
Best Western Plus Executive Residency  
205 West 4th Street  
Waterloo, Iowa  
319-888-1000**

Dear AMBA,

There is a rumor going around that the emergency ground and air ambulance coverage known as Medical Air Service Association or MASA is in the process of becoming an insurance in the state of Iowa. Will this affect the policy which my husband and I currently are enrolled in and what changes should we be aware of?

Signed,  
Inquiring Ingrid

Dear Ingrid,

Your question couldn't come at a better time. MASA is in fact going to become an insurance program in the state of Iowa. It will fall under the Inland Marine category. This change is actually in the best interest of their clients. The Iowa Insurance Division will regulate all aspects of the business from paperwork, to solvency, to compliance with the law. Unfortunately, with this change comes fees and to offset these fees, there will be changes in the current rates effective October 1, 2022 (the date was originally August 1st). The date was pushed back to Oct 1st to allow clients to consider making changes in their current coverage or to enroll in the MASA program at the current rates.

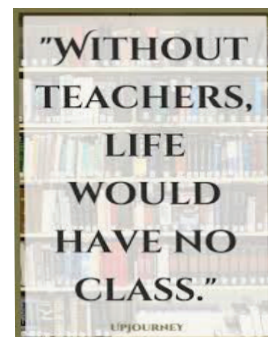
The rate increase is not exorbitant, but over time will add up and a dollar saved is a dollar earned. People who have the monthly or annual plan have the option to upgrade to a 5-year plan at the current rate or, to upgrade to a lifetime plan, eliminating any and all future rate increases.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact our AMBA representative and IRSPA Insurance Chairperson, Paul Strid at 1-708-347-7081 or email Paul at paul.strid@amba.info. Remember, these changes must be made prior to October 1st; so do not delay.

Respectfully,  
AMBA

*"Service to others is the rent you pay  
for our room here on earth."*

~ Muhammad Ali ~



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