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IOWA RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

From the President Anne Cowley

I don't know what happened last Saturday all over the state, but we here in Sioux City got two (2) inches of that white stuff. That is way too early for me but it meant that I needed to get my act in gear and write this article for our December newsletter. I was sworn into the office of President by Linda Miller at our annual State meeting held in Mt. Pleasant this year. Also sworn in were Laurie Marple and Chryss Hartman as Co-Presidents Elect. However I would be remiss if I did not call to your attention that we are missing a new Vice-President. This is an important job, a commitment that lasts 4 years but one that is very important to our organization. The reason for the four year commitment is that you learn what is expected each step of the way and you are guided and helped so that you can feel comfortable in the position each and every year. Thank goodness for our past President, Beth Hieronymus, who has answered so many questions that I have and who has helped me transition into the office of President, just as I will be there for Laurie and Chryss when it is their turn. If you are reading this and thinking this might be a good fit for you, please reach out to any of our District Leaders or any of our officers. We would welcome you with open arms.

We had a tremendous State Meeting in Mt. Pleasant this year, put on by the members of District 6 and their leader, Linda Miller. It was very well organized. The Quality Inn and Suites was clean and pleasant and the First United Methodist Church, where we had our meetings, was wonderful. The ladies served us a very tasty dinner on Wednesday night, had light morning refreshments and served a delicious lunch on Thursday. If you arrived Wednesday



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afternoon, you had a chance to explore several museums/houses in the area. I know I visited the Harlan-Lincoln House which is where President Abe Lincoln's son and daughter-in-law lived. Other places to visit included the Lewelling Quaker House, the Dover Museum, and Anne Frank Exhibit and Freedom Rock and the Swedish Museum. I would be remiss if I did not mention our entertainment at our Wednesday banquet. I am a retired music and strings teacher and was very impressed with what I heard that night. We had the Mt. Pleasant All-Staters sing several of the selections they would be trying out on for All-State and then we listened to the Mr. Pleasant High School Jazz Ensemble. Both groups gave very impressive performances after only 5 weeks of rehearsals.

During our meeting, we heard from John Hieronymus about what the State Legislature did this past year and what to expect from IPERS. John also warned us about the Iowa DOGE committee that Gov. Reynolds tasked with finding ways to cut down on expenses. As educators, we were very concerned when they mentioned that they were looking at IPERS. Their report was received by the Governor and I heard her mention that IPERS was not going to be touched, but I want to ask all of you to be aware and be alert for any changes to our retirement income. I am very sure that John will stay on top of this and will issue any warnings/alerts as they are needed. Please look for an article from John in this newsletter about IPERS. Our AMBA representative, Paul Strid, could not make this meeting, but sent Garrett Mowery who gave a very good talk about our benefits. He said that switching to Ameritas, from Delta Dental, was a touchy subject but explained that Delta Dental had become stagnant, with rising prices with no rising benefits to our members whereas Ameritas had a much better plan which will save our members money in only the second year of the plan and return more money in our pockets than Delta Dental. If you have questions about Ameritas, please call 888-239-

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3336 and talk to them. We were also introduced to our new AARP Iowa State Director, Michael Wagler. Did you know that AARP is the largest non profit in Iowa, if not in the United States? They are very interested in providing financial security, family care giving and livable communities in Iowa and America. We also had a very entertaining presentation by Dave Helman from the Lewelling Quaker Museum about "Daggs V. Frazier, an Early Civil Right Case". Most importantly, Beth Hieronymus talked about elevating engagement - basically getting more members to join our wonderful organization. If we do not recruit and retain new members, we will die as an organization. Those of us who have been around a long time would hate to see this happen. We know that it takes several times to get someone who has just retired to consider joining anything. However, our IRSPA board passed a new budget item that will help local units recruit more members. Please look for Beth's article about this topic further in our newsletter. Also, in this meeting, Chrissy Hartman and



Linda Miller inducted IRSPA's new officers: President, Anne Cowley; Co-Presidents, Laurie Marple and Chrissy Hartman; Treasurer, Barb Bielenberg; and Past President, Beth Hieronymus.

Laurie Marple presented changes to our Constitution. They were voted on and approved. You will find them in complete detail in our next newsletter, but I believe Tony will present

a short list of the changes in this newsletter. I would be remiss if I failed to mention that we honored Bob Swanson who retired from his position as State Treasurer after many, many years. Barb Bielenberg has volunteered to assume this position. We wish her much luck in this very important job for IRSPA. Jeanne Handeland is our new district One Coordinator and we said "Goodbye" to Venita Escher as District Four Coordinator. That means that we have a very important vacancy in District 4. If anyone is interested, please contact me or Linda Miller who is Coordinator for District 6. As we look to fill those vacancies in Vice-President and District 4, remember that you will not be doing it alone. We have a dynamic leadership team that will welcome and support you. All in all, it was a very successful and well-attended annual meeting. If you have never been to one, I hope you will consider it. Sioux City will host the annual meeting Oct. 7 & 8, 2026.

I have started to visit those Districts that are close to Sioux City. On October 28, I traveled to Jefferson to visit with the members of the Carroll/Green County unity at the invitation of Deb Kult. We met at the Centennial Restaurant for lunch at 11:30. I highly recommend anyone traveling through Jefferson to stop there. It was very delicious and very filling. I did take some home. I was very pleased that Judge Brown, the District 2 Coordinator was also present. He is doing a fine job in his District. After lunch, we went to the Midwest Mission for a very interesting program and tour of the building. They collect a large variety of new and gently used items that they either repair and just ship to needy countries or to their sister collection agency in Illinois. They use volunteers to repair and refurbish bicycles and sewing machines, they collect sheets, garden tools, lawn mowers, whatever they can ship to other countries to make an intangible difference in the lives in those countries. The Midwest Mission in Jefferson sends disaster relief, health, education and micro business resources to those in need. I was very impressed by the work they do there. After our tour, I was able to address their meeting and answer any questions they had. It was a most warm and welcoming visit. The only downside was that my whole journey was taken in the rain.



Beth Hieronymus rides the Zamboni at the Heartland Hockey Arena. She waves goodbye to The role as President of IRSPA and hello to membership and continued leadership for the JCRSPA.

On November 19, I am traveling to Council Bluffs to visit with those members in District 4 at the invitation of Beverly Fletcher. We are meeting at the Country Club for



President Anne Cowley and past president and current membership chair, Beth Hieronymus

lunch with a program to follow presented by Martha Bonine about "Antarctica: Here We Come." I am praying for nice weather, or at least, no rain and am excited to meet and talk with their members. If any other units are interested in having me come for a visit, please just call or text. You will find my information under my picture at the beginning of this article. I look forward to visiting with as many as I can during my travels around Units 1, 2, 4 or 5.

I want to wish everyone a safe and healthy Thanksgiving and a very merry holiday season. Friends and family are so important during this time of year and I hope all of you have the opportunity to gather together with your loved ones or your close friends. - Anne

District 1

DICKINSON/EMMET COUNTIES IRSPA

August 14, 2025 was a special day for DEARSPA. The association has three centenarians. The day started at Higgins Money Museum in Okoboji, IA. The museum displays the history of the Iowa Banks. Lunch found us in Spirit Lake at McKeen's Restaurant.

The centenarians are Audey Allen, Aubrey LaFoy, and Leah Streeter. Leah's daughter Paula provided the birthday cake that said, "Celebrating a Century." On Feb. 13, 2025, Audry Allen turned 100. Her roots are in Estherville. Her dad was a professional photographer whose cameras and some of his photography are exhibited in the Emmet County Museum. Audrey's was a kindergarten teacher in Minneapolis, MN. Her retirement years found her back in Estherville where she was a member of Many Voices Choir.

June 16th found Aubrey LaFoy celebrating his 100th birthday. Aubrey grew up in Estherville. Aubrey took time to serve in the US Army during WW II. After returning home, he went to college and became a history teacher. He spent his years teaching in Estherville; he also authored many books about the history of the lakes around the Spirit Lake, IA area. He also gave lectures about history of the lakes area. August 21st found Leah Streeter turning 100. Leah grew up in the Sutherland area where she did her first years of teaching. When her husband got a job that took them to Sioux Falls, SD. Leah was hired as a history teacher in the Sioux Falls school district. Retirement brought Leah to Estherville. About 36 years ago, Leah met another couple in Estherville who were interested in starting a retired teacher group. Besides being one of the organizers of IGLRSPA (Iowa Great Lakes Retired School Personnel Association) she was also the secretary for 36 years. As a centenarian, Leah is still sharing her talents in various organizations.

A former member Mildred Anderson passed away on April 10, 2025, at the age of 101. Mildred turned 100 on April 23rd, 2024. Mildred kept us elders in the organization up to date on ways we could keep ourselves as healthy as possible. IGLRSPA was losing members due



DEARSPA members were honored to celebrate the birthdays of three centenarians.

to aging, so joining the DEARSPA (Dickinson Emmet Area Retired School Personnel Association) enabled us to continue to socialize with fellow educators.



Leah Streeter and Aubrey Allen celebrate 100 years of life, and you're never too old for a birthday cake.

District 2

HUMBOLDT COUNTY IRSPA

September: Humboldt IRSPA-Iowa Retired School Personnel Association

After a winter hiatus, the Humboldt IRSPA unit met on September 9, 2025, at the Community Center. President Anita Fagan-Miller introduced Dorothy Goodell from the Humboldt County Extension and Outreach office. Dorothy spoke to us about the **Walk With Ease** program which is a program for better living that is affiliated with the Arthritis Foundation. Key features of the six-week program involve accountability towards your own activity needs, opportunities to socialize and build a sense of community, and participation in an evidence-based program that has proven results. The classes are held three times a week at the Humboldt Recreation Center, and the participants do not need a membership.

Dorothy introduced us to the acronym FITT, which stands for Frequency, Intensity, Time, and Type of exercise activity. We were introduced to the **"A Journey Through Parkinson's"** program, led by health and human scientists. She also provided valuable information about **"Powerful Tools**

for Caregivers;” this is a class that helps caregivers reduce stress, solve problems, and advocate confidently. For more information, contact the Humboldt County Extension Office.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to writing welcome cards filled with treats for all the new Humboldt School District employees. Additionally, school supplies were collected to be distributed to local schools.

- Toni Hood

October: The Humboldt IRSPA-Iowa Retired School Personnel Association

The Humboldt IRSPA unit met on October 14, 2025, at the community center. Anita Fagan-Miller, Barb Zabel, and Toni Hood shared their experiences at the State IRSPA Meeting in Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

Bettie Burres-Youngs, a candidate for a Humboldt Community School Board position, spoke about how parents can increase their children’s self-esteem. Burres-Youngs, a former Iowa Teacher of the Year, is an Eagle Grove native who graduated from Drake University with a teacher education degree. She holds postgraduate degrees in Curriculum Development and Talented and Gifted Education, in addition to an Ed.D. in Administration and a PhD in Psychology.

One area of interest, and the subject of some of her many published books, is the need for parents and schools to pay attention to children’s emotional lives. The audience learned about the building blocks of self-esteem and what steps adults can take to help children meet life’s



Humboldt IRSPA members receive healthy fitness tips from Dorothy Goodell.

challenges with confidence. Society benefits from the efforts to build a good person because good citizens are the foundation of healthy, safe, and prosperous communities. She addressed the need for schools to help students with self-esteem and stress-related issues, and she advised the audience to advocate for children by helping educators provide students with the tools and support they need to become productive, emotionally healthy adults.



BOONE COUNTY IRSPA

The Boone County Retired School Personnel Association met at the United Methodist Church in Boone on October 14th. 13 people were present. Following a delicious lunch served by United Methodist Church women, Jessica Bluhm presented a program on the Eastern Star Wellness Center highlighting the various programs offered at the center.

After the program, JoAnn Hanson, co-president, presided at the business meeting. The 2025-2026 program booklets were reviewed and the annual treasurer’s report was presented by Angela Pratt, unit treasurer.

Submitted by Sue Duffee



WEBSTER COUNTY IRSPA

August brings the start of a new school year for students and the start of a new year for Iowa Retired School Personnel (IRSP) meetings. 56 members attended our August meeting at First Presbyterian Church. Dues, donations for our scholarships, and volunteer hours were collected along with paper tubes for teachers. The program was provided by author Jackie Haley. Jackie moved to Fort Dodge with her family when she was in 5th grade and graduated from Fort Dodge Community Schools. She is the author of 4 books; Fictional stories Crystal Beach and Truce Island; Brenda’s Wish is the true and inspiring story and the fourth, Dream to Author, is a book designed to assist writers in marketing their books.

Jackie is well known and has appeared on many



Humboldt School Board candidate with Toni Hood



Pictured left to right: Linda Whiting, (Jackie's elementary principal) author Jackie Haley, and Judy Sheker, (Jackie's junior high science teacher)

national media outlets.

The members present at the luncheon truly enjoyed her presentation.

Our October meeting was held at Grace Lutheran Church. After a delicious meal and a short business meeting, we enjoyed being informed of the completion of the Fort Dodge Community School District's Dodger Stadium project. Major changes include parking, a new concession stand, new restrooms, and other improvements.

Mr. Josh Porter, Superintendent of FDCS presented information of the past and present facilities at the stadium. If you attend events at the stadium, you will appreciate all the new updates!



Mr. Josh Porter, FDCS Superintendent



Judge Brown

St. Paul Lutheran Church hosted the November meeting of Webster County IRSP. We had more than 60 members attending. It was announced that member Judge Brown was the Iowa Central Community College's 2025 Distinguished Faculty and Staff Award Inductee. Congratulations Judge!!

The program for this meeting was Dr. Jesse Ulrich, President of Iowa Central Community College (ICCC).

His presentation focused on several points. First was the impact ICCC has in the area; ICCC includes 19 school districts and touches some 20,000 people in one way or another and there are 400 full time staff members. 30% of the students attending ICCC are 1st generation. ICCC has more athletic pro-



Dr. Ulrich, ICCC president

grams than any other community college in the state. The Music and Theater Department is well known for outstanding concert and performances. The Center of Performing Arts was renovated and is a state of the art facility. Dr. Ulrich shared the fact that college debt is the largest debt in the United States. Community colleges offer a large number of programs at a much reduced cost. Dr. Ulrich concluded his presentation commenting on the importance of the bond renewal and encouraging everyone to vote in the upcoming election. Submitted by Deb Larson



HARDIN COUNTY IRSPA

Our 2025-2026 year began in September with a program by Paul Hackbarth on "The Medical History of Iowa Falls". Many doctors have been located in this area over the years, so his program took us through medical practices as early as the founding of Iowa Falls. The Historical Society has many multi-media resources available. After his program, Paul decided to become a member of HCARSP!

In October, we were entertained by Drew Campbell, of Gifford, IA, with his "Pickin' and Grinnin' with Drew" guitar playing program. We enjoyed a sing-along with the more familiar tunes.

In November, we honored Don Fejfar, a former member of HCARSP. Dennise Smith gave a program on her summer camp, "Iowa River Greenbelt Day Camp" which takes place on her farm ground near natural Indian Mounds. She has held this camp for 35 years to help young people recognize their connection with Native Indian cultures and nature. Dennise has rejoined HCARSP this year, and we appreciate her enthusiasm to continue educating through her camp.



We are gathering pop tops for Ronald McDonald House throughout the year. Each month we have an additional "project" such as food pantry collections in September and collecting cards & calendars for care centers in October.

Remember to mark your calendars for our District 2 annual meeting on Wednesday, May 6, 2026! - Marlene Reece

District 3

BLACK HAWK COUNTY IRSPA

The Black Hawk Retired School Personnel Association had a very entertaining program at the Cedar Valley Arboretum & Botanic Gardens on the grounds of Hawkeye Community College on June 17th. David and Lisa Lang, retired music educators from Independence, performed two numbers on their alphorns. The long, conical-shaped

wooden instruments have no valves or keys and are played with a wooden mouthpiece.

As you can see in our photos, they were dressed in traditional costumes. Some of our members

were given a short lesson and then allowed to try playing the alphorn. After the music, we had a catered lunch served by A Moment in Thyme Catering. - Jane Brown



Cedar Valley Retired Teachers gathered at the recently relocated American Passenger Museum in Charles City IA. Bob Moen, Restorer and Visionary presented a program on the relocation and on going funding needed to restore this building. American Passenger Museum hopes to be renovated in a few years. Mary Jo O'Connell, District 3 coordinator joined the group for lunch and business meeting at the Pub Restaurant in Charles City. (posted by Dianne Souder, Cedar Valley president).

District 4

DALLAS COUNTY IRSPA

Members of the Dallas County Area Retired School Personnel Association began the year with our annual "We Didn't Have To Go Back To School" brunch in September. We invited the newly retired as well as all former retirees whether they are members or not. A large crowd welcomed Superintendent Clark Wicks and Elementary Principal, Laura Skeel as they updated progress in Perry Schools. We were glad to welcome five new members to our group.



Ann Kotz

The following month we enjoyed Mark Chase, JBS/Swift Perry sausage plant manager, which plans to open by November 1, 2026. He spoke on the JBS corporation, its community involvement, and its commitment to providing team members with the opportunity for a better future. This includes community college education funding for any team member or their children; in any

area of study they choose.



Mark Chase

November brought Ann Hani-gan Kotz, local author. Ann is a retired high school English teacher who writes historical fiction with an Iowa flavor. Her program not only

told about her books but offered a look into the local history that inspired them.

As we take a winter break, we continue to plan for the May 21 District 4 Meeting in Perry. Lori Seeley, a retired PE teacher as well as an accomplished athlete from Perry, will be among the speakers. Her topic will be "The Evolution of Women's Sports Through the Encouragement of Educators".

District 4

COUNCIL BLUFFS COUNTY IRSPA

The Council Bluffs Unit began our year on September 17th with a luncheon at the Council Bluffs Country Club. There were 39 members and 4 guests in attendance. We welcomed three new members: Amy Hawthorne, Mary McGlade and Shelly Struebing.

This year we have begun a service project of donating Kleenex to our local schools. Members responded to this project by generously donating 59 boxes of Kleenex at our September meeting. We plan to continue collecting Kleenex at our November and March meetings.

The membership committee introduced the "Membership Challenge". A \$100 grocery gift card will be awarded to the member who brings in the most new members this year.

Tonya Dejong, AMBA representative, gave an informational talk and passed out handouts on the many member benefits that are available to IRSPA members.



Membership Chairs JoAnn Tews and Patti Ford introduce "Membership Challenge"

Mark Eckman from the Council Bluffs Convention and Visitors Bureau shared how tourism impacts Council Bluffs and the surrounding areas. Volunteer opportunities are available through their office.

Our second meeting of the year was on October 15th at the Council Bluffs Country Club with 28 members and 1 guest in attendance. We welcomed new member Cindy Peterson.

Our excellent speaker was Evie Goodwin, a retired Green Hills AEA pediatric physical therapist, who has always dreamed of writing a novel. Evie shared her experiences at work and obstacles she overcame while writing her novel, "Bertie's Place". She encourages everyone to follow the dreams in their heart; the sky is the limit. Evie started her novel in 2017 and it was finally published in 2024. "Bertie's Place" follows a young teacher as she attempts to navigate through her first year out of college while wading through love, loss, heartache, and betrayal. Copies of her book can be purchased at Amazon, Barnes and Noble or Westbow Press. Evie is currently working on another novel. Secretary, Julie Dillehay

District 5

JASPER COUNTY IRSPA

Tiz the Season! And we hope you all are enjoying everything this time of year has to offer. Let us catch you up since our last writing. We did indeed have an informative program about our local hospital and it brought in some usually absent members who were quite interested to learn the truth about our only hospital in Jasper County. The news was good and hopeful. In October our AMBA representative Nikki Adair delivered an equally informative presentation on our AMBA possibilities.

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Until next time we wish you all safe and happy holidays and remember to Stay Hopeful.

Denise and Lana - Co-presidents
- Denise Bontrager



COO of the Newton MercyOne hospital explains how our hospital will NOT be closing!



Nikki Adair delivered an informal presentation



JASPER COUNTY IRSPA

Des Moines Area Retired School Personnel Association (DMARSPA)

At our August meeting we installed our officers for the new program year.

President: Gail Soesbe

Vice President: Mike Walag

Secretary: Sherry Wilkinson

Treasurer: Sandra Petree

We also collected several bags of school supplies for Children and Family Urban Movement (CFUM).

Our program was

"My Family Jewels

Quilting Program"

presented by Heidi Kaisand, owner

of Hen and Chicks

Studio in Conrad,

IA. Her love of

quilting led her to open her studio along with her

daughters to share her passion with others. Her

quilts are absolutely beautiful and she has won

many prizes with them.

At our September meet-

ing a speaker from the Des

Moines schools explained

the bond issue that will be

on the ballot in November's

general election. The district

is facing many challenges

due to shifting population patterns and its aging

building stock.

At our October meeting, which was attended by

88 members, we were entertained by Jeff Kluever

with his program about Iowa

Civil War veterans who are

buried in Woodland Cemetery

in Des Moines. Iowa initially

contributed one regiment of

1,000 troops to the Union

army. After their first engage-

ment at the Battle of Wilson's

Creek, the bodies of some of

the deceased were actually returned to Iowa for

burial. This was only possible because it was win-

ter. There are actually four Civil War Generals bur-

ied in Woodland Cemetery.



JASPER COUNTY IRSPA

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- Lana Wohlers and Denise Bontrager

Co-presidents



KEOKUK COUNTY IRSPA

The Keokuk County Retired School Personnel met on Wednesday, September 17, at Hope Lutheran in Sigourney. Seventeen members were present. Our speaker for the meeting was Paul Strid from IRSPA representing AMBA insurance. Paul explained the various kinds of insurance that were available through AMBA. Membership Chair Vicki Griner sent invitations to eight people who retired at the end of the school year to see if they would like to join KCRSP. Ken Wulf read a Thank You letter from this year's scholarship recipient, Grace Phillips. June Rice reported that eleven members turned in a total of 2,021.5 volunteer hours.



Three members attended the District Meeting in Muscatine. District Six Representative Linda Miller will visit our group at the October meeting.

KCRSP met on Wednesday, October 15 at Hope Lutheran in Sigourney. Twenty-one members were present. KCRSP member Crystal Stoner and her family presented the program about their experiences raising Miniature Herefords. The family have shown the animals at the Iowa State Fair, where they won the Champion Heifer and Champion Bull awards. They have shown animals in Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma, as well as Iowa. Memorials were sent to the children of deceased members Linda Lee and Bill Rees. Linda Miller, District Six Representative, gave a report to the group on AMBA insurance, the IRSPA Newsletter, applications available to recruit new members, and the Parent in Heaven Scholarships.



Linda Miller holding up a quilt made by a KCRSP member



Photo of the Crystal Stoner family. Left to right the are: Crystal Stoner, Taylor Woods, granddaughter, Nick Stoner, son, and Robert Stoner, husband.

Linda suggested that members concerned about IPERS should contact their Iowa Representatives in the State Legislature. The offices of President and Secretary are up for re-election in April 2026. The next meeting of KCRSP will be on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at Hope Lutheran Church in Sigourney.

Secretary Mary Williams wrote an article for the News-Review about the Parent in Heaven Scholarship. Explained in the article was that the scholarship is intended for an Iowa High School Senior who at any time in his/her life has lost a parent or legal guardian. One qualifying student from the high schools in each of the six IRSPA Districts in Iowa will be selected for the \$1,000.00 scholarship. Explained in the article were details about the application and further qualifications. A member of the KCRSP made a

beautiful quilt which will be auctioned off at the IRSPA Meeting in 2026. The auction will raise funds for the Parent in Heaven Scholarship.

Henry County, thank you for hosting the IRSPA Annual Meeting and Conference. It was educational and fun to explore Mount Pleasant's interesting sites. The committee that hosted our members did an outstanding job. A big "shout out" to: Linda Johnson, Paulette Shappell, Virginia Ekstrand, and Esther Wonderlich. Linda Miller, district 6 coordinator, was the behind-the-scenes mastermind.



**LEE COUNTY
OCTOBER
IRSPA**

Lee County Retired School Personnel met for their October meeting at the Montrose Riverfront Building. Lee County Sheriff, Elliott Vandenberg and Detective Clint Wray shared information to the group on deception and fraud to individuals. Recently an individual in the county was scammed for \$140,000. Other types of scams to be aware of are receiving information on an unpaid traffic ticket, romantic relationships, and extortion. All of which are ways to extract money from the victim. Beware of caller i.d.s that are unfamiliar to you. Scammers typically know your information that they have gleaned from the internet before contacting you. Never answer a text message with the opening line, "how are you?" The texter wants to keep acquiring more information from you as long as possible. Many times, scammers will ask for prepaid cards to be purchased and then have you share the information on the card to them. Another scam that has arisen locally is for someone to place a lien on a house or car. If any of these situations arise, call the Lee County Sheriff's Department immediately. (319-376-2355) On a lighter note, their next meeting will be held November 5, 12 noon at River Hills Retirement Village in Keokuk. For more information call 319-795-2811.



L-R, Detective Wray, Sheriff Vandenberg



DAVENPORT COUNTY IRSPA

Our chapter has had a great start — at our new venue in Davenport. We have had between 70 and 80 members attend our fall meetings so far.

In September, after enjoying lunch, we passed the new budget during our business meeting and heard reports from all of our committee chairs. Our program after the business meeting included a speaker from Nahant Marsh - a nature area in Davenport.

In October, Linda Miller (our District 6 coordinator) was able to join us. Several of our members attended the annual state meeting in Mt. Pleasant



Amy Loving

and we heard a report about the meeting. Our program was presented by Sean Kelly Gray (the son of one of our board members) - who spoke of his experiences accompanying vets on three of the Honor Flights.

In November, our meeting was held on Veterans Day...and besides recognizing our November birthdays...we also recognized those veterans who were present. Our program presenter was from the German American Heritage Center and Museum.

We look forward to our December meeting when we will hear the North Scott high school singers...and enjoy our annual white elephant gift exchange.

Submitted by Cheryl Sly



Aaron Baker



Sean Kelly Gray with our board member Deb



LEE COUNTY SEPTEMBER IRSPA

Janet Lindner Hurt shared information about her parents, Irvin (Irv) and Irene Lindner recently to the Lee County Retired School Personnel. Mr. & Mrs. Lindner were the first city managers of the Keokuk Municipal Airport, (1946) and opened Lindner Aviation, a private flying service that provided flight training, charter services, and scheduled joy rides at the same time.

Irene, while attending the University of Delaware, entered the War Training Service, a flight training program. Upon completing the program, she earned her private, commercial, and instructor ratings. She was the first woman in the state of Delaware to have her commercial and instructor's ratings. After Pearl Harbor an extreme pilot shortage existed. Army Air Force women pilots could be used in non-combat roles to help with the shortage. Thus, the Women Air Force Service Pilots came into being, (WASP). Irene was accepted into the program to learn "the military way" and continued to train others until the war was over. She also ferried aircraft, towed targets, and delivered new aircraft to various sights. She was one of 120 WASPs (total number of WASPs was 1032) accepted into pursuit school where she flew a variety of fighters including, P-51, P-47, and P-38.

While in pursuit school she met a young pilot from Iowa.

Irv Lindner, Janet's father, a 1935 graduate of Keokuk High School, remained on the family farm while earning his private license rating. When the war in Europe began, Irv enlisted in the Army Air Corp Reserve and achieved his commercial instructor's ratings. After Pearl Harbor, he joined the Army Air Force where he instructed cadets and WASPs and ferried a variety of airplanes. He then enlisted in pursuit school to fly the fighters and while in pursuit school in Sweetwater, Texas, he met my mother.

They enjoyed a cross country romance, flying for the Army Air Force and the WASP and meeting all across



Janice Lindner Hurt

the United States. They were married in May, 1946.

The Linders moved back to Iowa at the War's conclusion and started Lindner Aviation Inc. and began to manage the new local airport in Keokuk.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindner were initiated into the Iowa Aviation Hall of Fame in 2013. Irv also received the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award, the most prestigious award issued by the Federal Aviation Administration recognizing pilots with 50 or more consecutive years of safe flying. Lindners also established the Warbirds Fly-In in Keokuk held the weekend before the international show in Osh Kosh, Wisconsin.

Janet's brother, James soloed and earned his pilot's license at age 16. Janet soloed at 18 and achieved her license while attending college.

Clearly, the love of aviation in the Lindner family prevailed for many years.



LEE COUNTY NOVEMBER IRSPA

Lee County Retired School Personnel met recently at River Hills Village. The meeting was opened with the Collect. Julie Sonneborn, Dietary Director and staff prepared a delicious, traditional Thanksgiving meal. Members Marge Mitchell, Janet Dinkle, Jim and Bev Merritt, and Eunice Tate were in attendance as they are residents of River Hills. Members Jerre Vandenberg and Dixie Mosley also reside at River Hills.

Lesley Yoder, Marketing Director, shared that their facility now has respite care. Individuals can have a private room, with a one-week minimum stay. Laundry, house-keeping, meals, and off campus excursions are included. Prices for the rooms vary depending on size.



L-R Lisa Shaffer, Member, Pam Strong, Lesley Yoder

Lisa Shaffer, Memory Lane Director, educated members about different types of Dementia and challenges that individuals and families experience with the condition. Call 319-524-5772 for more information on these two services that River Hills provides. - Jill Anderson-Cox



JOHNSON COUNTY IRSPA

Our meetings are held at the Elks Lodge the third Wednesday of the month except holiday months. The meals are excellent and the space accommodating sits next to a lovely golf course.

We began September 24 with Lorraine Bowens from AARP and a presentation on how to make your home safe as we age. We got copies of the Home Fit Guide which helps make homes age friendly. Our social was a trip to the Tipton Old Cedar County Jail Museum. This jail built in 1892 is the last of its kind in the state. The sheriff's wife lived in the adjoining house and cooked for the family and the prisoners. We had an interesting time looking up old records with familiar names in the log of all registered "guests". The last sheriff conducted our tour.



Our secretary, Kathy Wyatt-Haines sits in a room full of members for our September meeting doing her job if keeping minutes.

In October we had the Lucas Farms Historian, Judy Nyren, present the program. She is full of strange and mysterious stories about Iowa City and the Lucas Farms Neighborhood. She needs to write a book filled with her knowledge.



Following a visit to the Williamsburg Historical Museum with dental office and maternity ward, organized by Michael Petersen, JCRSPA dined for lunch at the Sundown Bar and Grill. Beth and John Hieronymus, Sally Hall, Fran Ostroff, Michael Petersen, Melody Strom, Dave Ulrick, Fred Stark, Cathy Schiele anticipate a great lunch (and it was)!

President Mary Mascher has organized a year full of good programs. Michael Petersen keeps our choices for outings interesting and history oriented. Dining together completes our fun and interaction.

Mary Mascher, Berth and John Hieronymus and Nancy Porter will be meeting with our school

superintendent to set up an invitational meeting for potential retired teachers. We will present information and benefits of joining the JCRSPA. This is part of the process of working on new member recruitment. Continued phone calls to members who choose not to participate is an ongoing goal for keeping our data current and members informed. - Nancy Porter

LEGISLATIVE NEWS IPERS IN JEOPARDY

The final report of the Iowa DOGE group has been presented to Governor Reynolds. DOGE recommended that Iowa phase out its defined benefits retirement systems for state employees and replace them with a defined contribution program. IPERS is a defined benefit pension system, meaning retirees receive a guaranteed lifetime benefit, based on years of service and salary. Defined contribution plans transfer investment risk to individuals, often resulting in smaller and less predictable retirement incomes.

IPERS has proven to be financially strong, relies on an investment board that hires financial experts and is currently 90.75% funded. In 2024, IPERS income included \$1.5 billion in contributions from members and employers, and \$2.9 billion from investment earnings. You built IPERS with your money while working for the state of Iowa. You deserve your benefits. If the Governor and

Legislators follow the recommendation, they will cut off much of the new money into IPERS and undermine the solvency of your retirement system.

IPERS doesn't just support retirees – it helps to keep small communities and businesses alive. IPERS spreads over \$2 billion across the state each year that turns over in the local economy multiple times.

Maintaining IPERS as a defined benefit system is essential for Iowa to attract and retain quality public employees, while honoring the promise made to you and other public employees who dedicate their careers to Iowa communities. Join the effort to protect IPERS. Advocate for your retirement benefits. Reach out to the Governor (515-282-5211) as well as legislators to remind them: IPERS works as is – Lets keep it that way. - John Hieronymus

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David Helman, Lewelling Quaker Museum Board President, held the audience's attention as he talked about the "Daggs vs Frazier, Early Iowa Civil Rights Case." The case was brought by Daggs against Frazier and others for the escape of nine slaves who fled from Daggs' farm in Missouri to Iowa. The court ruled in favor of slave owner Daggs, but the Quakers in Salem, Iowa, continued to help slaves even though that was illegal. The 1850 census reported that there were 330 free black people in Iowa; but across the 225-mile Missouri border, there were 87,000 slaves. The Lewelling Quaker Museum tries to bring to life the lives of the courageous people who fought for the abolition of slavery.

The National Park Service has designated the Lewelling Quaker Museum as one of the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom sites. There were six safe houses in Salem; only two remain. The museum serves as a center for



Lewelling Quaker Museum

the understanding of Quaker life west of the Mississippi River, the abolition of slavery, and the underground railroad. Two Lewelling brothers traveled the Oregon Trail to Oregon and used their nursery stock to develop the Bing cherry. But the primary purpose of the museum is to convey to visitors a sense of the tragedy of slavery and of the origins of racial injustice. While this history is but a small window in time, it serves as a critical remembrance of the courage of those enslaved who sought their freedom and the courage of everyday people who stood for what was right.

The Lewelling Quaker Museum is only one of Iowa's 400 museums. David Helman's passion for all museums is inspirational; he is especially proud of the school field trips the Lewelling museum hosts. As educators, we appreciated his mission to educate the young about courage. Helman emphasized that it's important to learn about the people and the times that history commemorates. - Toni Hood



David Helman

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IT'S NEWS TO ME . . . BY TONI HOOD

- The IRSPA State Meeting is always fun and informative. It's a great opportunity to renew old friendships and meet new people. Next year the Annual Meeting and Conference will be in Sioux City, Iowa, on October 7th and 8th.
- Remember IRSPA membership is not only for teachers. Any retired school employee is eligible to join. "Friends of Education" can also join IRSPA. Anybody who wants to support our efforts can purchase a membership, and they are eligible for all benefits. They cannot, however, vote or hold an office. Consider gifting a membership to a spouse or a friend.



Linda Miller has been our District 6 coordinator for years. Here she is pictured at the IRSPA meeting in Mt Pleasant. Note Cathy Schiele is in the background. Cathy does such a good job keeping JCRSPA informed of activities and meetings.

- IRSPA Grants are available for any unit that needs financial assistance to help with membership, recruitment, community awareness, and/or engagement. Hard copy and digital grant applications are available on the IRSPA.org webpage under "About" > "Resources" > "Documents for State and Local."

The deadline is March 15, 2026.

- PH Balance Scholarships will be given in each of our 6 districts in 2026.
- The Constitution has been changed regarding the election of officers; when there is only one candi-

date for any elected office, that candidate will be appointed by the Executive Board.

- 5,100 members reported 228,060 volunteer hours with a value of \$8,977,907 for 2024/25. In 2023/24 there were 5,199 members reported 279,598 hours with a value of \$9,363,736.
 - Mason City AREA, Cedar Rapids, Cedar Valley, and Appanoose-Wayne units increased their volunteer hours for 3, 4, or 5 consecutive years.
 - There are 5,821 new IPERS retirees; they have an average of 21 years of service, and their average monthly check is \$2,125.
 - IPERS has 414,172 members; 51% in education, 16% are county employees, 16% are state employees, and 14% are city employees.
 - We have lobbyists who work for retired personnel; there is strength in numbers, and protecting our benefits is important. There is strength in numbers; IRSPA's ability to "serve and not be served" benefits so many communities.
 - One of IRSPA's primary missions is to protect IRSPA retirement benefits. There is strength in numbers, and IRSPA's advocacy strength will increase as we increase membership.
 - If everybody recruited one new member, our membership would double.
- Toni Hood

The IRSPA newsletter will continue to be mailed to members who request a hard copy.

If you want a mailed copy of the IRSPA newsletter, email bielenb46@yahoo.com.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Articles for the March Newsletter are due no later than Friday, February 15, 2026

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Website: www.irspa.org

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Mt Pleasant Choir



"Robert Swanson and Swedish Museum"



Mt Pleasant Band



The Human Slot Machine (Mary Jo O'Connell, Anne Cowley, and Jean Hoffman) was enjoyed by many volunteer participants like Fred Stark and Janice Carlon.



A WORD FROM OUR PARTNERS

Michael Wagler, the new AARP director, introduced himself and reminded the audience of AARP's non-profit and non-partisan mission. There are 330,000 AARP Members in Iowa, and AARP works to enhance the quality of life as we age. "Aging in Place" is a core value that helps adults choose how and where



Garrett Mowery

they live. AARP's focus on implementing its non-profit mission is 1) focusing on financial security, fraud awareness, and consumer protection; 2) family care giving; and 3) livable communities. Michael noted that, "AARP advocates for issues, not for parties."

AMBA representative Garrett Mowery reported that as of September 23, 2025, there were 246 new memberships, which is an increase from last year's 183 new memberships. Memberships are an AMBA priority. He spoke about the "Win Back" program, which contacts inactive people. AMBA will also send IRSPA units postcards that can

be used to invite new members. Garrett talked about new products such as a tax-deferred annuity and a short-term health care package. He explained why AMBA now offers Ameritas dental coverage instead of Delta Dental. AMBA is committed to providing the best coverage for its partners. Delta Dental

benefits were not increasing, even though there were premium increases. In insurance parlance, that is called "stagnation." Ameritas is able to provide better coverage at competitive rates. He provided the following phone numbers for IRSPA members: AMBA 833-643-0264 Ameritas 888-239-3336. Remember, AMBA will provide programs to support unit meetings.



Michael Wagler

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WEBSITE UPDATES

Website Updates At this time of year many of you are making plans for the next year. Please remember to send your new programs to 42teacher@gmail.com so that I can update them on the website. Having this information on the website may save printing for your unit as well as provide a place to peruse and find ideas for your unit. No need to reinvent the wheel. With IPERS under attack right now, keep an eye on the Legislative tab under the ABOUT page for updates There is a contact link there for you to contact John Hieronymus, our legislative chairperson, directly with any questions you may have. Also remember to send photos of interesting activities from your unit to 42teacher@gmail.com to be posted on the IRSPA Facebook page. "Like and follow" to receive all new posts. - Jean Hoffman

FOND FAREWELLS TO IRSPA FRIENDS

Robert Swanson has retired after 13 years as the IRSPA treasurer. Robert was also IRSPA secretary for 6 years; he and his wife, Marge, were IRSPA co-



Robert and Marge Swanson

presidents for 6 years. He taught business education for 36 years at West High School in Sioux City, Iowa, until his retirement in 1999.

Robert remembers, "When I became an executive member of IRSPA I was told I would meet fantastic people, and that has been true as I've spent years attending meetings all across the state."

Marge Swanson taught grades 4, 5, and 6 for 21 years. She was co-president with her husband, Robert, for 6 years; Marge was also Chairperson of the Health Advocacy Committee for 15 years. In addition to raising a family, teaching, and volunteering, Marge has been active in church activities and has enjoyed quilting.

The Swansons are great examples of the spirit of volunteerism. IRSPA is grateful for their years of service. We wish them the best, and we would love to see them at future IRSPA meetings.

Venita Escher has been the District 4 coordinator for several years. She taught high school Business for 33 years at Clarke County and Interstate 35 schools. Venita remembers that she began her duties when Dawn Rogers was the IRSPA president; since then, there have been five more presidents who have appreciated her leadership and dedication. "When I accepted the coordinator position, it was a challenge not knowing what to expect. I soon loved meeting new people, and I enjoyed the IRSPA meetings." There will always be more people to meet, and we hope to see Venita at future events. - Toni Hood



Beth Hieronymus and Venita Escher

IRSPA VOLUNTEER HOURS REPORT

The 2024 to 2025 Volunteer hours for IRSPA totaled 228,060 hours from September 1, 2024, until August 31, 2025, with a value of 8,977,907.40. Our membership was down ninety-nine members, thus our value of hours was \$385,829.57 less this year with 51,538 fewer hours. Fortunately, we had some improvement in hours from four locals: Mason City Area went UP FIVE YEARS IN A ROW from 9,412 to 13,176 from 2020 to 2025. Cedar Rapids improved for four consecutive years from 947 in 2022 to 11,207 in 2025, and Cedar Valley was up four years from 1,587 in 2022 to 3,361 in 2025. Appanoose-Wayne improved three years in a row from 3,077 in 2023 to 8,007 in 2025. The national value of each hour volunteered is now \$34.79.

Approximately 63 million Americans, about 25 % of the adult population, volunteer each year, and most volunteers are age 65 and older. We divide our hours into Youth and Education and Community. Youth and Education hours totaled 93,191 hours, and Community had 165,649 hours. Thirty-six out of our current thirty-eight locals reported hours. The top local reporting hours was Sioux City Area with 49,335 hours. Davenport Area turned in 25,329 hours, and Webster County had 23,050 hours. Please challenge your local members to work on collecting more hours in the coming year and encourage a friend to join IRSPA and volunteer with you.

Jay and Sandy Thede



Sandy Thede



Dear AMBA,

My husband and I are in our late 60's, early 70's and I am starting to worry about the cost of care when it comes to in-home care or a nursing home. We watched our parents go through most of their savings.

Mom was in a nursing home for almost two years, and we spent over \$80,000 for dad, for one year in a decent nursing home. Like everyone our age, we have some health issues, and who doesn't. We have been pricing Long Term Care, but at our age it is just too expensive. How can we protect our money when the time comes for us to receive help at home or in a facility, like assisted living or a nursing home?

Signed,
Worried Sally

Dear Sally,

Your concerns are justified. More than 70% of people over the age of 65 will need long-term care services and support at some point. The average cost of a nursing facility can be over \$90,000 per year while help in the home can be as much as \$46,000 a year. If you think about it, the largest part of our population, the "Baby Boomers," are at the age where they are all filing claims for long term care. Space is becoming more limited while the demand is increasing, which is driving prices higher. Insurance companies are making it more difficult to qualify for traditional long-term care. Who wants to insure someone with health problems, anticipating they will need help soon, for a long time? The good news is, we now have a product that can help people who are a little older and have some health issues. It is more affordable and easier to qualify for coverage. It is called Short Term Care. The plans provide people with up to 4 years of nursing home protection or home health care. The plans are also adjustable to fit your needs and budget. With affordable premiums, you will spend pennies on the dollar for the cost of extended care. We are helping thousands of retirees with peace of mind, knowing they will be comfortable later in life and able to protect their estate, so they can pass their hard-earned money on to their church or their favorite charity or even their grandchildren. Please note that if you have any questions about your long-term care needs, reach out to Paul Strid, our AMBA representative, at 708-347-7081 or by email at paul.strid@getamba.com.

Thank you for your inquiry,
AMBA

ELEVATING ENGAGEMENT

Beth Hieronymus practiced what she preaches when she introduced the IRSPA audience to some strategies that will help create a thriving IRSPA member community.

The executive board is dedicated to increasing IRSPA membership and participation.

In 2023, Beth and Jean Hoffman attended a 'Train the Trainer' workshop in North Carolina. This experience led to their presentation, "7 Touches to Membership." In 2024, Beth attended a session about Elevating Engagement and bought copies of the book *Elevating Engagement: Uncommon Strategies for Creating a Thriving Member Community* for the executive board. The book highlights how people make decisions based on their intuition and underlying emotions. Logical thinking aside, we need to understand the role that feelings inform decisions and influence prospective members.

Creating positive experiences and helping members see the value of belonging for them are key components of recruitment and engagement. The six stages of engagement—observing, assessing, participating, contributing, collaborating, and leading—represent the journey members take from initial interest to active leadership. By connecting emotions and value, IRSPA aims to create meaningful experiences that encourage prospective members to join and participate.

Beth's message is clear: it is possible to increase IRSPA membership when we actively show the value of our association. Units must share IRSPA's purpose of providing access, advocacy, and opportunities, appeal to members' values, and create positive experiences that engage all of us. - Toni Hood

MEMBERSHIP GRANTS BY BETH HIERONYMUS

You talked and we listened! IRSPA now offers Local Units up to \$500 for the 2025-2026 cycle to help fund a project which supports member recruitment, community awareness, and/or engagement. Applications can be found on the IRSPA website under About > Resources > Resource Documents for State and Local Units. Units can print and mail a hard copy of the application or complete a digital form. Requests and a proposed budget should be made by March 15, 2026. Because we know units meet different months, projects should be completed on or before September 30, 2026.

Applications will be reviewed within 30 days of submission. If approved, 80% of funds will be awarded prior to the project; the remaining 20% will be awarded when receipts and the follow-up form is returned. Don't miss out on this opportunity to grow your local and apply today!

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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



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Hawkeye Buffalo & Cattle Ranch 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.

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