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Our September Rally

The weather was just beautiful though the mornings were really nippy as we ate outside under the tent. Attending were: Keith Bowman, Chuck & Doris Jean Cabalka, Steve & Rita Cochran, and friends Melvin & Kathy Dodds (Melvin belonged to the ILLIAMO Unit and they are now members at large.), Larry & Pat Dellamuth, Gene & Carolyn Haller, Chuck & Nancy Helle, David & Candy Jones, Lee & Mel Marolf joined us on Thursday evening, Marilyn Mulbrook, Dale & Connie Neese, Paul & June Ryan, Dennis & Lavonne Sandersfeld, Scott, Lise, Steven, & Sara Scheuermann and Scott's parents, Don & Sue Storjohann, Dick & Donella Watkinson, Darrell & Carolyn White, and Ben & Marcia Woolley. Touring the Button Factory Museum and the State Fish Hatchery on Friday kept us busy. Steve was quick to come up with evening entertainment when we learned his banjo picking friend was ill. He brought out his '48 Plymouth Special Deluxe Coupe and '48 aluminum teardrop trailer that he has restored. Playing on the big screen was Doug Keister's Mobile Mansions and a Tin Can Tourist video. We had hot cider and cookies around the fire. On Saturday people enjoyed the Heritage Days and Buckskinner Rendezvous at Wildcat Den State Park. That evening we had our business meeting and then dinner at the Button Factory Restaurant. Sunday morning was a continental breakfast (Steve is still in sticker shock of the price of donuts and muffins!) and it was time to say good-bye until October.



Paul & June Host October Rally

The Villages of Van Buren County Rally will be October 11-15th at the Heartland Christian Campgrounds in Birmingham, Iowa. R.S.V.P. By October 10th. All breakfasts and dinners will be furnished in the \$20 per person rally fee. The camping fee is \$12 a night. Hope you can come!

Plan Now for the November Luncheon

Mary Marra is hosting the luncheon on Saturday, November 3, 2007, at the Highway 63 Diner, corner of Highway 63 and Ridgeway, Waterloo, Iowa. Meet at 11:00 and plan to eat at 11:30. Phone Mary at: 319-266-3229 or e-mail marramgm@aol.com by November 1.

Blue Books and Flags Needed!

If you are finishing your year as an officer or director, please bring your Blue Book and flag to the October meeting. Installation will be Saturday evening, October 13th, and we will need those items to pass on to the next person. Thank you for serving the Iowa Unit!



International News

51st International Rally
June 28-July 4, 2008
Bozeman, Montana



Regional News

“Campaign Antics”
Abilene, Kansas
April 30-May 4, 2008

Iowa Rallies & Luncheons

October 11-14, 2007

Heartland Christian Campground
Birmingham, IA
Hosts: Paul & June Ryan
Cell Phone: 641 455 9444
Email: ryan.j.p.@juno.comvanilla waffer

November 3, 2007

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This went over well at the August Rally.

Caramel Peanut Fantasy

Combine: 2 cups vanilla wafer crumbs and 1/3 cup melted butter. Press into a 9 inch spring form pan and bake at 350 degrees for 8 - 10 minutes. Cool. Melt the following over low heat, stirring often: 20 caramels, 3 large Snickers bars, 1/2 cup caramel ice cream topping, and 1/4 cup cream. When smooth add 2 cups chopped salted peanuts and pour mixture over crust. Refrigerate for an hour. Microwave: 1/4 cup cream and 3/4 cup chocolate chips. Spread over the top, cover, and chill for an hour. Makes 12 servings, but I cut this into very small wedges. It's very rich.

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What A Year!

As I work on the last newsletter, I want to say thank you for all those that helped in any way, especially those that hosted a rally or organized a luncheon.

One of the 2007 goals was to have 50% of our members attend at least one activity. I was pleasantly surprised when it turned out that 70% of our members were involved, even if it was attending one luncheon.

We are slowly getting rid of un-needed inventory. The board has approved “recycling” two older bulleting boards, a sombrero, and a bull horn.

The rally attendance has increased. In 2006 there was an average of 20.825 folks at a rally. The year's average attendance to date, thanks to the large turn out in September, is 26.

Eight couples have been featured in the newsletter, and I feel we are getting to know our members better.

The board is working on updating our policies, and they will be printed in the directory. Once this is done, policies can be updated as needed as they won't be “lost” in the old minutes.

The most important goal is always membership. At International we were given voting credit for 44 members. Since then we have inducted two couples. We will have to see how many have paid dues by the October Rally to learn if we maintained or increased membership. (If you still haven't paid dues, Sue would like a check from you! Send dues to Sue Storjohann, 2110 Hwy T-47, Garwin, IA 50632.)

So, it's a happy and sad good-bye as your president. I've learned a lot and glad to have taken the job!

ICE Campaign - In Case of Emergency

This idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents, there were always mobile phones with patients but he didn't know what number to call. All you need to do is store the number of a person who should be contacted during emergency under the name “ICE” (In Case of Emergency). In an emergency situation, Emergency Service Personnel and Hospital Staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialing the number you have stored as “ICE”. For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2, etc. (Buchanan County Emergency Responders were aware of this campaign.)

Canned Goods Needed

Please bring a couple of canned goods or other items to the rally to be donated to the food pantry.

Iowa Unit Business Meeting

September 15 2007

Marcia Woolley opened the meeting at 4:40 p.m. at the Button Factory Restaurant in Muscatine.

June Ryan gave the invocation, and Chuck Helle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was answered by all officers except Ray Wininger, and Ben Woolley, who was ill.

The treasure's report by Sue Storjohann showed an income of \$1391.05, expenses of \$1345.80, leaving a balance of \$3090.62 as of 8-31-07.

Correspondence was read by Chuck Helle. Frank Melton has a 1991 Anniversary Airstream 34ft. for \$25,000 and a 2004 Chevy. Suburban 3/4 ton (black) with 37,000 miles, for \$35,000. Total package is \$54,000. Frank's phone: 816-781-9200 or cell: 816-590-9200.

Don and Darlene Pearce will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with an open house September 23, 2007, from 1-4 P.M., at the Cedar Falls Senior Center, 528 Main St. Greetings may be sent to them at 3726 Butternut Lane, Waterloo, IA 50703. No gifts please.

Glen and Millie Hubbard will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary at Lake Robbins Dance on September 23, 2007. Greetings may be sent to 2519 53rd Street, Des Moines, IA 50310.

The following had committee reports:

Lavonne Sandersfeld requested items for the Historians book.

Nancy Helle announced that the ballots were in and Candy Jones would count them and report to the group.

Donella Watkins reported there were 17 trailers, 32 adults, two children, and four guests.

Unfinished business: The officers voted to reduce the inventory of the bull-horn. Steve Cochran bid \$5.00 and "won" the bid. He gave the money to Common Cents for Kids.

The officers will continue to work on the policies next month.

New business: There is a new Iowa Unit Web Site: <http://iowaunit.wbbci.net> and a new Region 8 Web Site: <http://region8.wbbci.net>

Paul Ryan recommended we vote to have a caravan to Abilene, Kansas Region 8 Rally in April 08. This was passed by the board and the caravan would be covered by WBB CI insurance.

Announcements: The October Rally will be October 11-15 at Birmingham and hosted by Paul & June Ryan. A sign up sheet was issued. All meals but lunches are furnished so the Ryans need an accurate count.

Rally Host: May 08 is not covered. Paul Ryan would like you to consider hosting this rally.

The nomination ballots were counted by Candy Jones and all officers were accepted for 2008. Dennis Sandersfeld made the motion to destroy the ballots and Chuck Cabalka seconded the motion. Carried.

Donella Watkinson reported on a former member, Betty Osincup. Also, Richard and Janice Cummings' daughter-in-law and son, who is a French chef, have opened a French restaurant in Cedar Rapids.

Marilyn Mulbrook won the drawing for having her "flags" flying over the rally.

Reminder: There is the Mexican Fiesta 2007 being held tonight (9-15-08).

New members' induction was completed by Doris Jean Cabalka for David and Candy Jones, Keith Bowman (Janice), and Larry and Pat Dellamuth. The meeting was adjourned at 5:20P.M. Dinner followed at the Button Factory.

Connie Neese, Secretary



Villages of Van Buren County Rally

October 11, 12, 13, 14 & 15, 2007
Heartland Christian Campgrounds, Birmingham, IA
Hosts: Paul & June Ryan
R.S.V.P. By October 10th
Phone: 641-455-9444 or e-mail: ryan.jp@juno.com

Directions: From Fairfield go south on Hwy 1 to Birmingham, (approximately 10 miles), turn west (right) at blinking light. From Keosauqua go north to same. Continue west (left) about half a mile. Campground is on the left. Proceed through the gates to the greeters.

ALL FOOD AND DRINK WILL BE FURNISHED. (EXCEPT LUNCH)

BRING YOUR OWN TABLE SERVICE TO ALL MEALS.

Thursday: Parking:

5:00 P.M. Get together for hot dogs and snacks at the campfire, weather permitting.
Bingo. Bring a white elephant for great prizes.

Friday: 7:30 Breakfast - Egg Casserole

Time to tour Cantril, Iowa. A visit to the Dutchman's Store to stock up: bulk foods including spices, pasta, noodles, nuts, dried fruits, plus fabric galore and lots of stuff.

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

DINING HALL AT CAMP IS OPEN FOR GAMES (Practice Bean Bag Baseball.)

4:00 Board Meeting

5:00 STEW SUPPER (Hobo Style)

6:45 Membership Meeting

Games & Ice Cream Sundaes

Saturday: 7:30 Breakfast - Biscuits & Gravy

10:00 Parade in Keosauqua

Then visit the banks of the Des Moines River in Keosauqua

Craft Festival, Flea Market & Bake Sale

Birmingham: Garage sales, flea market, bake sale. Lunch in City Park.

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

DINING HALL AT CAMP IS OPEN FOR GAMES (Practice Bean Bag Baseball.)

5:30 Chicken Dinner

7:30 Installation of Officers. Reception to follow.

Sunday: 7:30 Breakfast - Oatmeal and Ice Cream

9:00 Gospel Sing-a-long

TIME TO FINISH SHOPPING THE VILLAGES

Bentonsport Riverfest & Bonaporte Street Fair

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

3:00 BEAN BAG BASEBALL. COME CHEER YOUR TEAM!

5:30 Maid Rite Dinner

Games or just relax and visit.

Monday: 8:00 CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST