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PREZ SAYS



It is hard to believe that another month has rolled around. It seems the older you get, the faster time passes. The change to daylight savings time is about to take place and that means spring is just around the corner. I am sure those who spent the winter in the Midwest will look forward to better weather.

I want to thank Donella Watkinson for hosting the February luncheon in Iowa and Chuck and Doris Jean Cabalka for hosting the Arizona luncheons.

I hope several of you are planning to attend the "LIGHT UP THE TRAILS WEST" Region Rally, April 27th to May 3rd in Tonganoxie, KS. Our unit is responsible for the parking, one breakfast and a skit for part of one night's entertainment. Lavonne Sandersfeld has graciously agreed to co-ordinate the breakfast and skit. I have the parking responsibility and we both will need your assistance.

Keep a grin above your chin and we'll see you down the road.

Paul

LUNCHEONS

It was a beautiful and warm day (78 degrees) on Thursday, February 5th, when 16 WBCCI members and 5 guests gathered at the Golden Corral in Mesa, AZ for brunch. Prior to starting through the food lines, Paul and June Ryan made several comments. Paul brought everyone up-to-date on what transpired at the WBCCI Board Mid-Winter Meeting in Robstown, TX. He pointed out that advance registrations for the International Rally in Farmington, NM are running a little ahead of this time last year for the Gillette rally and informed those who did not already know that the 2017 International Rally will be in Escanaba, MI, from July 22nd to 29th. June reminded everyone that she was receiving registrations for the Region 8 Rally in Tonganoxie, KS in late April. She also let everyone know that the Region 8 **breakfast?** will be on June 28th, the opening day of the 2015 international rally. Those attending the brunch were Paul and June Ryan and Chuck and Doris Jean Cabalka from the

Iowa Unit. Bert and Donajean Sherwin and Sam and Mary Ann Boman represented the Nebraska Unit, while the Kansas City MO Unit was represented by Larry and Linda Poage, Julee Shields, Wendell and Shirley Sisk and Marion and Carol Pember with their daughter and family. Bud McFie of the Southern California Unit was also there, as was Pat Moyer, past Iowa Unit member. As breakfast transpired into lunch, everyone had the opportunity to find something (actually, several some-things) that they like. The next Arizona Brunch will be at 10:30 on Thursday, March 5th. Stop in if you are in Arizona!

The weather was not so nice in Iowa on Saturday, February 14th, when the Iowa Unit luncheon was held. The following article is from Donella Watkinson, with pictures courtesy of Kathy Allen:

This was an extremely cold and windy day with the sun shining. Sixteen terrific Iowa members met at the Ronnenburg Restaurant in Amana for lunch. There was a con-



Attendees at Arizona Luncheon

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tinuous flow of conversation (until the food was served) and after the food was eaten. Everyone was enjoying themselves. The members in attendance were (in approximate order from left) Pat and Larry Dellamuth, Chuck and Sandie Kiple, Shirley and Tom Herron, Eileen and Ed Pauley, hostess Donella Watkinson, Linda and Mike Rickert, Scott and Kathy Allen, Marilyn Mul-

brook and Gary and Sharon Urich. Donella and Marilyn announced to the group that they were leaving the next day (Sunday, the 15th) with Donella's trailer to go to Paradise Park in Florida. With the current temperature in the single digits and a wind chill factor in the minus figures, everyone thought that was the right way to go. The two-some will be staying in motels on the way down as the trailer is winterized. A great time was had by all.



The next Iowa Unit Luncheon in Iowa will be Saturday, March 14th at 11:30 AM. Mark and Karen Kvidera will be hosting the gathering at the Pizza Ranch Restaurant at 2305 S. Center St. (Hwy. 14) in Marshalltown. Although seating should not be a problem, it would be wise to let Mark know if you plan to attend. That way they may not start eating until you get there. His phone number is 641-752-3688.

MARILYN AND DONELLA'S TRIP

Donella Watkinson reported that, although the weather and a faulty garage door delayed Marilyn Mulbrook and her from leaving Cedar Rapids on the day they planned (Sunday, February 15th), they were able to get out of the cold on Monday, the 16th, to make their way to Florida. She reported the roads were in good shape, even though it had snowed the day before they got to Cape Girardeau, MO, but the roads had been cleared. However, while in the Cape Girardeau area, they came across a roadside message board that stated the highway ahead was closed in both directions due to an accident. So, they pulled off with a large number of trucks and semis to wait it out. About 1

½ hours later, the trucks started moving, so the ladies also took off. When they got to the accident site, everything was cleared up and they sailed right along. They had no further problems, getting to Paradise Park, near Punta Gorda, FL on Friday, the 20th. She and Marilyn have finally thawed out from the deep freeze in Iowa. Other Iowa Unit members in Paradise Park are Chuck and Nancy Helle and Lavonne Sandersfeld, along with past Iowa Unit President Lee Jones and Past First Lady Sandy Teggetz. The current plans are to leave Paradise Park sometime during the last week of March and travel back to Iowa with the Helle's. We wish all of them a wonderful time in Florida and a safe trip home.

CHACO CANON HISTORIC PARK

We are still trying to get some of you that aren't already registered, interested in making the trip to Farmington, NM to attend the WBCCI International Rally in June. This item will cover Chaco Canyon National Historic Park, about 65 miles SE of Farmington. This is a good place to pack a picnic lunch and plan to spend the day.

Chaco Culture National Historical Park is a United States National Historical Park hosting the densest and most exceptional concentration of pueblos in the American Southwest. The park

Is located in northwestern New Mexico, between Albuquerque and Farmington, in a remote canyon cut by the Chaco Wash. Containing the most sweeping collection of ancient ruins north of Mexico, the park preserves one of the United States' most important pre-Columbian cultural and historical areas.

Between AD 900 and 1150, Chaco Canyon was a major center of culture for the Ancient Pueblo Peoples. Chacoans quarried sandstone blocks and hauled timber from great distances, assembling fifteen major complexes that remained the largest buildings in North America until the 19th century. Many



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DO YOU HAVE A RECIPE?

Your newsletter team is about out of recipes and needs some of you Iowa Unit members to send us some of your favorites that you aren't keeping a family secret. We are sure there are hundreds of excellent recipes out there, just waiting to be passed along. So, dig out your recipe books and files and send us some. They can be sent via email (in the note or by attachment) or snail mail (USPO). We could even accept them via telephone, but won't guarantee we get them written down correctly. Our email address is cdjcabalka@juno.com and our winter address is 11313 E. Boise St., #46, Apache Junction, AZ 85120. C'mon and help us out!

BEEN SOMEPLACE INTERESTING?

Winter is always a quiet time for Air-streamers, as the cold, snow and ice pretty well shut off RVing activities in the northern one-half of the country. However, winter doesn't last forever (even though it sometimes appears to do so) and you'll be getting the rig on the road before you know it. As you travel about, you'll be visiting places that are interesting. When you do, drop a line to your newsletter team and let them know. They are always looking for items of interest to include in newsletters. Doing this will greatly aid them in getting a newsletter out and will undoubtedly interest other members in visiting "your" site. So, send us your article. We'd appreciate it greatly!



BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

- 2 - Gary Burrows
- 2 - Marcia Woolley
- 4 - Gene Haller
- 5 - Michael Allen
- 12 - Linda Beu
- 16 - Terry Vriezelaar
- 19 - Ben Woolley
- 26 - Tom Koskamp
- 28 - Rosalie Macumber

ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH

- 2 - Tom & Toni Whitehouse



This month's recipe is for decadent cookies that, for many years, could only be purchased at Neiman Marcus high-end department stores. Somehow, the recipe, which was a secret for many, many years got out, and here it is:

NEIMAN MARCUS COOKIES

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| 2 cups of butter | 1 tsp. salt |
| 4 cups of flour | 8 oz. Hershey chocolate bar |
| 2 tsp. baking soda | 4 large eggs |
| 2 cups of sugar | 2 tsp. baking powder |
| 5 cups of dry oatmeal | 2 tsp. vanilla |
| 2 cups of brown sugar | 3 cups of nuts pieces, unsalted |
| 24 oz. semi-sweet chocolate chips | |

NOTE: Measure the oatmeal, place in a blender and blend to a fine powder. Grate the Hershey bar. Nuts are to be chopped and can be any variety.

Cream butter and both sugars together. Add eggs and vanilla and mix. In a separate container, blend together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, oatmeal flour and salt. Add to the sugar-butter-egg mixture and mix thoroughly. Add chocolate chips, grated Hershey bar and chopped nuts. Roll into small balls (about 3/4" - 1" dia.) and place 2" apart on a cookie sheet. Bake for 10 minutes at 375 degrees. Recipe makes about 110 cookies.

Nutrition Facts per cookie: 142 calories, 18 gms. carbohydrate, 7.5 gms. fat, 85.5 mg of sodium. As was pointed out, they are decadent and quite rich. What else did you expect from Neiman Marcus?

CONTESTS AT INTERNATIONAL

The following note was received recently from President Paul and he asked that it be passed along to Iowa Unit members. "I just received a packet from WBCCI with several entry forms for the International Rally that might be of interest to our members. Among them are the Unit Publications Contest involving Unit Directories and Newsletters. Also, if anyone is interested

in organizing an entry for the 4th of July Parade, please let me know. Finally, Linda Amme is trying to organize the Teen Queen Contest again. If you know of anyone interested in this, let me know. You can contact me via email."

NOTE: Your newsletter team has already informed President Paul that there will be entries in the Newsletter and Directory Contests.

O'Malley was leaving his favourite bar when he was run over by a bus. He gets to the gates of heaven and St. Peter tells him he cannot enter unless he passes a test. What choice did he have, O'Malley agrees to try as he never was the brightest bulb in the box.

St. Peter decides to go easy on him, 'What has 5 fingers and is made of black leather?' he asks. O'Malley scratches his head, thinks hard and finally gives up. 'It's a glove says St. Peter.'

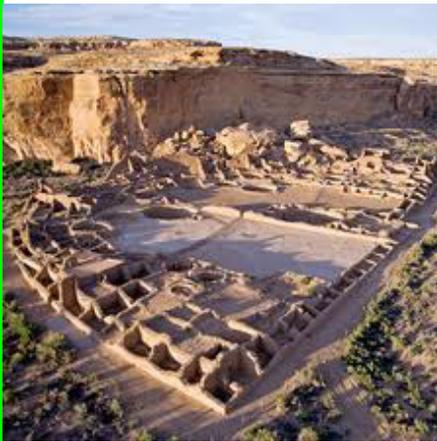
Let's try again. 'What has 10 fingers and is made of black leather?' asks St. Peter. O'Malley is clearly stumped. After a few minutes of pacing in a circle and scratching his head, O'Malley gives up. 'Why it's 2 gloves - don't you see 10 fingers, black leather, says St. Peter amazed.' Being in a generous mood, St. Peter decides to give O'Malley yet another chance but thinking of an even easier question.

'Who is the patron Saint of Ireland?' asks St. Peter, thinking he can't miss this.

'It wouldn't be 3-gloves, would it?' says O'Malley.

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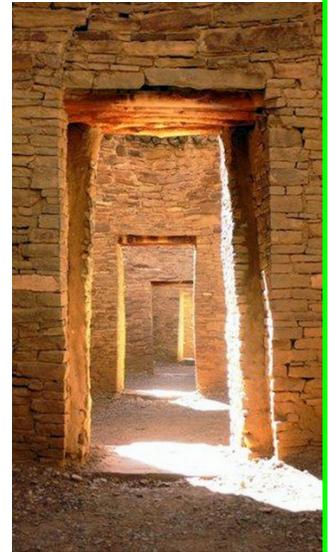
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Chacoan buildings may have been aligned to capture the solar and lunar cycles, requiring generations of astronomical observations and centuries of skillfully coordinated construction. Climate change is thought to have led to the emigration of Chacoans and the eventual abandonment of the canyon, beginning with a fifty-year drought that

preservation efforts can conflict with native religious beliefs, tribal representatives work closely with the National Park Service to share their knowledge and respect the heritage of the Chacoan. From the air, traces of trails to other distant ancient communities can be seen radiating out like spokes of a wheel.

Sunlight Through Doorways



Moon Through a Window



started about 1130.

Composing a UNESCO World Heritage Site located in the arid and sparsely populated Four Corners region, the Chacoan cultural sites are fragile; fears of erosion caused by tourists have led to the closure of Fajada Butte to the public. The sites are considered sacred ancestral homelands by the Hopi and Pueblo people, who maintain oral accounts of their historical migration from Chaco and their spiritual relationship to the land. Though park

WE DO NOT REMEMBER WHERE WE FOUND THIS COMMENTARY ON 2013 OSCAR FILMS BUT MOST OF THE CAPTIONS STILL BRING A CHUCKLE

Joe Heller Cartoon

