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MAY RALLY

It is time to be planning to attend the **first Iowa Unit Rally of 2009 from May 14 -17**. We will be exploring the Dubuque area; a part of the state we haven't been in for some time. Our campsite will be in Kieler, WI, just a few miles Northeast of Dubuque.

This is a commercial campground so we should make reservations, if at all possible. However, I'm sure it is early enough in the year that a few extra could be accommodated.

Please send your reservations to me or to Nancy Helle by April 30.

Our phone and e-mail addresses are shown in the Officers List.

The schedule for the Rally is included in this Newsletter. You'll find the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium especially interesting. Eagle Point Park has a good overlook of the River. The Botanical Garden may have spring flowers on display and the Trolley around town is fun.

We look forward to seeing you there.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SPRING HAS SPRUNG, even here in Denver (visiting our kids on our way to MO) where we had 8-10 inches of snow on Friday and Saturday and by Monday evening, with Monday highs in the mid-70's, it was all gone.

That means **Region 8 Rally in Columbia, MO is almost here; April 29 - May 3**. We look forward to seeing many Iowa Unit members there. We'll need lots of willing hands to help cook and serve one breakfast, serve one catered dinner and set up for the flea market. During the opening ceremonies someone will be asked to carry in our new red banner.

Remember to bring your aluminum tabs, Common Cents donation and knitted hats. The Community Service Chairman is also asking that blankets be donated. Many of us have extra blankets on hand that we no longer use and that could be put to good use by someone else. Please count and report the number of stuffed animals, blankets and socks you have. Those go directly to International.

Saturday will be **Iowa's Day**, with the color blue. That is also the day we will be doing breakfast.

Top notch **entertainment** will include "**Jennifer**", a Branson show entertainer, **Joel Meyers**,

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an **Illusionist**, and the **Chordbusters**, a Barbershop group. In addition a fun night is planned that will focus on our four special states.

The Greater St. Louis Unit is arranging tours that will highlight some of the interesting sights in Columbia, MO. Here are a few: Bass Pro Shop, MU Athletic Facilities, KOMU TV, the Candy (Chocolate) Factory and the Veterinary School of Medicine. Many other options will be available to tour on your own. It all sounds like a great time. Be sure to come.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1-Paul Ryan
9-Karen Kvidera
11-Nora Newman
14-Max Joseph
20-Cheryl Burrows
26-Mary Parker

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

5-Don & Sue Storjohann
7-Darrell & Carolyn White
14-Ivan & Jo Curtis
28-Harold & Nora Newman

Condolences and Health Report

Three former members of the Iowa and Illiamo Units passed away this winter. Some of you may remember them. Bob Shelquist died on Jan. 6 in Tucson, AZ. Past Illiamo President Richard Van Duyn died on Feb. 12 and DeWayne Guernsey, past Iowa Unit President, passed away on Mar. 9. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their friends and families.

Cheryl Burrows, our Affiliate Member, suffered a stroke on Mar. 12 while in Florida. She is recovering there and she and Gary hope to attend the International Rally.

LUNCHEONS

Many members did find the Bonanza Restaurant in **Cedar Rapids** on April 4th. Those attending included Dick & Donella Watkinson, Don & Sue Storjohann, Norm & Linda Beu, Catherine Bachman, Scott & Kathy Allen, Chuck & Nancy Helle, Ben Woolley (Marcia was with her mother), Gary & Sharon Urich, Marilyn Mulbrook (Hostess) and Scott,

Lise, Steven & Sara Scheuermann.

Those attending the Iowa/Region 8 Luncheon in **Mesa, AZ** on April 2nd included June & Paul Ryan (Hosts) and Trixie Johnson from Iowa; Bert & Donajean Sherwin from Nebraska; Wendell & Shirley Sisk from Kansas City; and guests Phil & Nancy Griswold and Ursula Oveson.

INTERNATIONAL RALLY MADISON, WI

All of us should be thinking seriously about going to International this year. It may be a long time before it is this close so let's make a good Iowa showing.

"The following idea came from Kerry & Betty Mattila. A "One Ton Challenge". Let's see if WBCCI members can collect one ton of food for the Madison Food Bank. (**I am told achieving one ton would require less than 4 pounds of food from each Airstream.**) Each of you is being contacted and given the challenge to participate in this mission. As you know the need is great, but a

great organization such as this is up to the challenge.

Janet Kendig, Chairman Community Service
Thanks for your help & participation."

Resumes for **Nominating Committee Nominees** will be posted at the May Rally and are in the Blue Beret. Please read them over so you can give our delegate an informed decision on whom to vote for.

The **Region 8 Breakfast at International** will be held at the Madison Elks Club, #410 on Sunday, June 28, 2009. Tickets will be available at the Region 8 Rally or you may contact June Ryan.

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Iowa Unit
May Flowers Rally
Rustic Barn Campground
Kieler, Wisconsin
May 14 – 17, 2009

Directions: Cross over the bridge to Wisconsin on Hwy 151/61. Stay on Hwy 151/61 to Exit 5. Take Exit 5. Left turn at the stop sign, go under the highway. Right turn on Hwy H. Go approximately 100 yards, turn left on Dry Hollow Road. Go approximately 250 yards, turn right into Rustic Barn Campground.

Camping: \$23.74 per night to be paid directly to campground office Rally fee: Based on number attending

Thursday, May 14

- 5:30 Bring a salad or dessert to share.
- 7:00 Games

Friday, May 15

- 8:00 Pancakes, sausage, coffee, tea, and juice
 - 10:00 Tour National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium
 - 12:00 Lunch on your own.
- Afternoon options:

Ride the Fenelon Place Elevator to the top of 300 ft bluff overlooking the Ice Harbor.

Visit Galena, IL (about 15 miles on US 20 East) Buildings from 1830s, homes from 1850s to 1870s, several antique shops and Specialty boutiques. Also U.S. Grant home.

Visit the Grotto at 305 W. Main St, Dickeyville, WI, about 4 miles north of Rustic Barn on US 61.

- 5:30 Potluck
- 7:00 Games

Saturday, May 16

- 8:00 Eggs in a Bag, toast, fruit, coffee and tea
- 9:00 Executive Meeting
- 10:00 Business Meeting
- 12:00 Lunch on your own

- 2:00 Outdoor Games

- 4:30 Caravan to [Restaurant](#)
- 7:30 Great River Road talk

Sunday, May 17

- 8:00 Church Services
- 10:00 Brunch

Bring your own table service to all meals.