

## IRIS in the Cedar Valley -



Billie is our newest listener in Algona



Maryfrances & Cerro Gordo's Dave Laudner



Mary Ann meets Helen Guernsey



Team coordinator Dan Shere



Volunteers Ed Baker & Doris Webber

Since our last newsletter, we've been visiting wonderful people throughout the Cedar Valley. A grant from the Kossuth County Community Foundation made it possible for us to travel and install a digital IRIS receiver for our newest listener Billie in Algona. That was just one of seven grants IRIS received through the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa. Our thanks to the CFNEIA and their affiliates in Benton, Black Hawk, Bremer, Cerro Gordo, Chickasaw, Franklin and Kossuth counties.

IRIS also received generous support from the Max and Helen Guernsey Charitable Foundation. It was a delight to spend some time with Helen Guernsey and learn more about the wonderful work the Guernsey Foundation does throughout the area.

Listeners and volunteers from the Cedar Valley gathered on September 15<sup>th</sup> to celebrate our volunteers there. Reading team Marv and Coreen Mattfeld and volunteer coordinator Dan Shere were recognized with IRIS vases.

## Digital Receiver Update -



IRIS is carried on one of Iowa Public Television's digital channels. Though reception challenges remain and travel for installation is expensive, we're thrilled that the Voices of IRIS are reaching new listeners for the first time in rural areas. We welcome new digital listeners Wayne and Betty Eason from Orange city!

## Our Listeners Say:

"IRIS has been so helpful since my husband found out he had macular degeneration."

*Elaine - Forest City*

"I've been listening since Day One - I couldn't live without IRIS!"

*Lois - Mason City*

## IRIS is Available Wherever You Happen to Be !

IRIS is now a channel on TuneIn Radio! Download the FREE app to your android or apple device, then search for IRIS under Iowa Radio Reading. Our live stream and podcasts are also available at IowaRadioReading.org. Thanks to the Iowa Department for the Blind for their support of access to IRIS on mobile phones and devices!

## 2013 Contributions – April through September

Diane Barnett  
Helen Barth  
Roy Beauchamp  
Leonard Boswell  
Joan Caldbeck  
Preston & Patricia Daniels  
Joyce Domeyer  
Richard Dressler  
Jeanette Eckhardt  
Lois & Robert Elkin  
Ruth Emmett  
Elaine & Denton Ericson  
Ramona Esbeck  
Dale Finnegan  
Tom Flack  
Mildred Gass  
Kathleen Good  
Betty & Lloyd Hagan  
Irene, Delores & Mary Hair  
Roger Larson Estate  
Gordon Hekel  
Dorothy Hockenbergl  
Ia. Council of the United Blind  
Tom & Karla Kelly  
Ruth & Ray Kleinow  
Morris Knutsen  
Ruth Levine  
C. Patrick & Mary Lyman  
Mavis McVeety  
Gerald & Mary Meyer  
Debra Musch  
Liane Nichols  
Nancy & Edward Nichols  
Mary Ann & Ron Nielsen  
Lila & Gary Nyhus  
Betty Okleja  
Eleanor Perry  
Janet Petersen  
Archie & Virginia Rohden  
Dallas Rohrs  
Will & Sandra Sanders  
David & Jeanette Saurman  
Robert Sautter, M.D.  
Edward & Evelyn Scharn  
Ronald Schuetz  
Leslie Secor  
Russell & Wanda Slauson

Jo & Roger Slayton  
Bruce & Dana Snethen  
Frank & Jeanette Strong  
Robert Underwood  
Karen Utke & Lori Blachford  
Harold & Helen Vaux  
Doris & Nicole Webber

### In Memory of Linda Crabtree:

L.J. & Catherine Witte

### In Memory of Dorothy Kirsner:

Ann Anderson  
Deborah Becker  
Robert & Marlene Buckley  
Margot Burnham  
Delores Caldbeck  
James Carney  
Mollie & Kevin Cooney  
Ami Copeland  
Johnny Danos Family Fund  
Robert & Lenore Davies  
Robert Davis & Patricia Boddy  
Jane Ginsburg  
Suzie Glazer Burt  
Roger Grefe  
Nannette Griswold  
Christian & Carolyn Gurney  
James Gutfreund  
Randall Hamilton  
Barbara & Douglas Hein  
Harlan & Dorothy Hockenbergl  
William Hornaday, Jr.  
Steve Isaacs  
Susie & Rick Jacobs  
Sam & Delores Kalainov  
Winifred Kelly  
Susan & Josh Kimelman  
John Kirk  
Dorothy Kirsner Trust  
Guy Koenigsberger  
Marcia Koester  
Beth Laiderman  
Judith Linden  
Andrew Lyons  
Barry & Barbara McCandless  
Jason McCandless

Patrick McNulty & Mary Kundrat  
Katherine Meredith  
William & Patricia Moren  
Nancy & Edward Nichols  
Chris and Jenifer Owenson  
Steven & Linda Parr  
Douglas & Elke Paul  
Margaret Ann Peterson  
Kathryn & William Peverill  
Florence & Glenn Purnell, M.D.  
Lea Rosson & Tim DeLong  
Max & Renee Shapiro  
Donald & Madeline Simborg  
L. Jay & Mary Stein  
Peter Taggart  
Sally and Leland Vander Linden  
John & Robert Watson  
Connie Wimer  
Donald & Mary Wine  
Robby & Marvin Winick  
L.J. & Catherine Witte

### In Memory Of Bob Palmer:

Carol & Roger Sharp

### Corporations and Foundations:

Des Moines Performing Arts  
Peter & Lucille Gaass Kuyper Fndn.  
Max & Helen Guernsey Foundation  
Principal Financial Group Fndn.

### Community Foundations:

Benton County  
Black Hawk County  
Bremer County  
Cerro Gordo County  
Chickasaw County  
Franklin County  
Kossuth County

### Lions Clubs:

Altoona Lions Club  
Hampton Lions Club  
Mason City Evening Lions  
Pleasant Hill Lions Club  
Urbandale Lions Club  
Windsor Heights Lions Club

## THANK YOU for Supporting the Voices of IRIS

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## Visits from Capitol Hill -



Senator Charles Grassley and Congressman Tom Latham each took time to stop by in September. Both gentlemen toured the studios and did some reading for our listeners. We appreciate their time and support!



## The Red, White and Boom!



Volunteer David Saurman chats with listener Linda before the show.

SENSATION volunteers David and Jeanette Saurman performed live audio description at the 2013 Yankee Doodle Pops celebration. This first attempt to make a community event more accessible was an incredible success. Listener Linda said, "This is the first time I've attended anything like this. I got to experience Simon Estes, the symphony and the fireworks along with everyone else. I'll be back next year!" So happy you liked it, Linda – see you there in 2014!

## Audio Description Season is Here!

We're thrilled to offer so many opportunities to experience the arts with Audio Description. LIVE description will be available for the following performances!

### DM Performing Arts:

246-2300

White Christmas

Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> – 1pm

Porgy & Bess

April 6<sup>th</sup> – 1pm

Once

April 27<sup>th</sup> – 1pm

### Ballet Des Moines:

440-1177

Nutcracker

Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> – 1pm

Cinderella

March 9<sup>th</sup> – 1pm

### Des Moines Community Playhouse:

277-6261

Peter Pan

Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> – 1pm

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> – 1pm

Les Miserables

March 30<sup>th</sup> & April 15<sup>th</sup> – 1pm

## IRIS Delivers Equal ACCESS to Information



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## Des Moines Ice Cream Social Welcomes New Friends

We had a great turnout of volunteers, listeners and friends for our August Ice Cream Social. We welcomed new friends like Lee Ann Bakros from the Des Moines Community Playhouse, Brad Waller from Hy-Vee and Polk County Supervisors Angela Connolly and Steve Van Oort. Volunteers Bobby Bailey, John Zeitler and JoAnn Lumley were honored for their service. The 2013 Dorothy B. Kirsner Award was bittersweet in light of Dorothy's recent passing. Following a tender tribute, her son, Dick, was on hand to present the award to Joe Sheridan from the Principal Financial Group Foundation recognizing their continuous support for IRIS.



Tisha Pol, listener Joan & Delores Caldbeck



Maryfrances, Mary Ann, Joe Sheridan, Dick Kirsner & Rick Dressler



Listener Jim Semple & volunteer Bobby Bailey



Listener Deb Caldbeck



Listener Jo Slayton & Guy Harris



IRIS Directors Gina Rooney & Mollie Cooney



Dick Kirsner, Angela Connolly, Mary Ann & Steve Van Oort



Volunteer JoAnn Lumley with Jim Boyd

## IRIS in Sioux City –

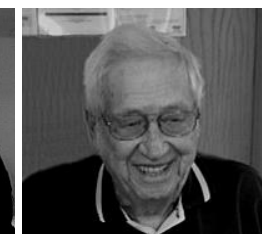
In September, we took our Ice Cream Social on the road to celebrate our Sioux City listeners and volunteers. It was a pleasure to recognize longtime volunteer Bob Hansen and KWTI Station Manager Gretchen Gondek. Thank you Sioux City!



A lovely crowd at the KWTI studios



Maryfrances & Gretchen Gondek



Volunteer reader Bob Hansen



Volunteer Ruth Koster & listener Clarice Kraayanbrink



Team Coordinator J.R. Davis