

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 15th 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
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Dorothy Hockenber
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Tom & Karla Kelly
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Liane Nichols
Nancy & Edward Nichols
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Frank & Jeanette Strong
Robert Underwood
Karen Utke & Lori Blachford
Harold & Helen Vaux
Doris & Nicole Webber

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L.J. & Catherine Witte

In Memory of Dorothy Kirsner:

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Deborah Becker
Robert & Marlene Buckley
Margot Burnham
Delores Caldbeck
James Carney
Mollie & Kevin Cooney
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Donald & Mary Wine
Robby & Marvin Winick
L.J. & Catherine Witte

In Memory Of Bob Palmer:

Carol & Roger Sharp

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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. 15th – 1pm

Porgy & Bess

April 6th – 1pm

Once

April 27th – 1pm

Ballet Des Moines:

440-1177

Nutcracker

Dec. 14th – 1pm

Cinderella

March 9th – 1pm

Des Moines Community Playhouse:

277-6261

Peter Pan

Dec. 29th – 1pm

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

Feb. 9th & 16th – 1pm

Les Miserables

March 30th & April 15th – 1pm

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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 –

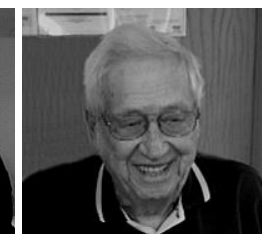
In September, we took our Ice Cream Social on the road to celebrate our Sioux City listeners and volunteers. It was a pleasure to recognize longtime volunteer Bob Hansen and KWT Station Manager Gretchen Gondek. Thank you Sioux City!



A lovely crowd at the KWT studios



Maryfrances & Gretchen Gondek



Volunteer reader Bob Hansen



Volunteer Ruth Koster & listener Clarice Kraayanbrink



Team Coordinator J.R. Davis