

**Iowa Radio Reading Information Service**

**For the Blind and Print Handicapped, Inc.**

**IRIS – YOUR 24-hour Radio Reading Service!**

**IRIS Newsletter – June 2012**

**Ice Cream Social moves to IRIS Headquarters in August**

Join us Thursday, August 23rd from 4 to 6pm for our Annual Ice Cream Social. This year, the event will take place at our headquarters on the lower level of the Park Fair Mall. It’s a lovely opportunity to meet listeners, readers and staff while we enjoy some sweet treats! Don’t let a lack of transportation keep you away – we will be happy to pick you up and take you home. Please let us know if you are planning to attend 515-243-6833.

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**Celebrate IRIS a BIG Success!**

A big “thank you” to everyone who attended our Celebrate IRIS event in March. It was a great evening with food, fun and friends. We were thrilled that Congressmen Latham and Boswell were able to stop by to visit with our listeners. A special thanks to the folks at Texas Roadhouse for providing outstanding barbeque sandwiches! Pictured: Jeanette and Frank Strong are all smiles, Tom Latham welcomes our listeners, Leonard Boswell and IRIS Board Chair Mary Ann Nielsen share the microphone. (More photos at [www.iowaradioreading.org](http://www.iowaradioreading.org))

**Come Celebrate IRIS in YOUR Area!**

We are finalizing dates for Celebrate IRIS gatherings throughout the state.

These are casual get-togethers for listeners, readers and friends. When a date is set for your area, we will contact you by phone to let you know. Transportation can be arranged for you.

**Reader Spotlight: Dorothy Hockenburg**

Kirsten was diagnosed with macular degeneration three years ago and has

**The VOICES of IRIS: Dorothy Hockenberg**

Dorothy’s voice has been an IRIS staple for more than 12 years. A retired retail shop owner, Dorothy feels her work at IRIS is “people-based”, much like running her own store. “The staff and volunteers are like-minded and fun to be with. I really enjoy it. I plan to keep reading as long as you’ll have me!”

**IRIS Welcomes Four New Members to Our Board of Directors**

Dr. Jim Feld is a retired dentist and an IRIS listener. Jerry Wickersham is a long-time IRIS reader with a love for all things theater. Joe Meisner is a massage therapist from Urbandale and a new IRIS listener. Laura McVay joins the board after years of reading for IRIS and keeping an eye on our accounting for us. Welcome to all new directors and thank you for your dedication to IRIS.

**We Get By with a Little Help From Our Friends!**

IRIS remains an independent non-profit organization – and we are so proud to continue to provide our services and equipment at no cost to our listeners. In order to sustain our mission, we must constantly seek the financial support needed to keep the voices of IRIS on the air for you. Our thanks to the fantastic folks who have contributed to IRIS through March of this year:

Individuals:

A Engman

A. Schuessler

J. Dixson

P. Greenfield

R. Jones

C. Strief

R. Fanter

R. Clayton

C.L. Andresen

P. Thoms

M. Buechler

L. Rosenblatt

B. Meisenheimer

E. Sainer

L. Koster

C. Lewis

R.L. Nelson

L. Blair

M. Dorcey

H. Blunt

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D. Brown

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C. Sharp

S. Goers

R. Nesler

J. Armstrong

K. Lundgren

M. McVeety

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L Seleger

I. Hair

D. Saurman

N. Nichols

R. Albright

L.J. Witte

B. Whitson

J. Davis

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Organizations:

Iowa West Foundation

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Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino

Armchair Travelers

Hampton Lions Club

Windsor Heights Lions Club

**Our Current Program Schedule –**

**MONDAY**

Midnight – American Past

1am – Commentary

6am – Cover to Cover

7am – Wall Street Journal

8am – Local Papers/Disability Topics

9am – Des Moines Register

Noon – Pet Hour

1pm – Old Friends

2pm – New York Times

3pm – World Safari

4pm – Iowa Salute

5pm – Ames Tribune/CB Nonpareil

6pm – Des Moines Register

9pm – Business Record

10pm – Cityview

11pm – Ames Tribune

**TUESDAY**

Midnight – Business Commentary

1am – Business Week

2am – World Safari

3am – Money Matters

4am – Diabetes News

5am – NY Times Book Reviews

6am – People’s Pharmacy

7am – Wall Street Journal

8am – Local Papers/Diabetes News

9am – Des Moines Register

Noon – People

1pm – In the Kitchen

2pm – New York Times

3pm – National Geographic

4pm – Access Iowa

5pm – Ames Tribune/CB Nonpareil

6pm – Des Moines Register

9pm – Magazine Picks

10pm – Readers Digest

11pm – Ames Tribune

**WEDNESDAY**

Midnight – Blind Handyman

1am – Rolling Stone

2am – Sports Illustrated

3am – Old Friends

4am – New Yorker

5am – Mother Earth

6am – In Focus

7am – Wall Street Journal

8am – Local Papers/In the Kitchen

9am – DM Register

Noon – Midweek Shopping Cart

1pm – At Home

2pm – New York Times

3pm – Oprah

3:30pm – Catalogs

4pm – Cityview

5pm – Ames Tribune/CB Nonpareil

6pm – Des Moines Register

9pm – Midweek Shopping Cart

10pm – Mother Earth

11pm – Ames Tribune

**THURSDAY**

Midnight – Old Friends

1am – Good Old Days

2am – It Makes a Difference

3am – Disability Topics

4am – Money Matters

5am – National Enquirer

6am – People’s Pharmacy

7am – Wall Street Journal

8am – Local Papers/Personal World

9am – Des Moines Register

Noon – Consumer Advocate

1pm – Time Magazine

2pm – New York Times

3pm – Smithsonian

4pm – Midweek Shopping Cart

5pm – Ames Tribune/CB Nonpareil

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6pm – Des Moines Register

9pm – Midweek Shopping Cart

10pm – Mother Earth

11pm – Ames Tribune

**FRIDAY**

Midnight – Multicultural Press

1am – People

2am – Apple a Day

3am – To Your Health

4am – Time

5am – Money Matters

6am – Business Record

7am – Wall Street Journal

8am – Local Papers/Personal World

9am – Des Moines Register

Noon – Readers Digest

1pm – To Your Health

2pm – New York Times

3pm – Pet Hour

4pm – Cover to Cover

5pm – Ames Tribune/CB Nonpareil

6pm – Des Moines Register

9pm – Sports Illustrated

10pm – Newsweek

11pm – Ames Tribune

**SATURDAY**

Midnight – Apple a Day

1am – Time

2am – Nothing but the Truth

3am – New Yorker

4am – Newsweek

5am – Consumer Advocate

6am – Oprah

6:30am - Catalogs

7am – Science Hour

8am – Iowa Salute

9am – Des Moines Register

Noon – Multicultural Press

1pm – Your Personal World

2pm – Money Matters

3pm – Apple a Day

4pm – In Focus

5pm – Ames Tribune

6pm – Des Moines Register

9pm – Blind Handyman

10pm – Nothing but the Truth

11pm – American Past

**SUNDAY**

Midnight – Cover to Cover

1am – Wall Street Journal

2am – Smithsonian

3am – Business Commentary

4am – Multicultural Press

5am – Inner Life

6am – Time

7am – Polk County Senior

7:30am – AARP Report

8am – Local Papers/Business Week

9am – Des Moines Register

1pm – Magazine Picks

2pm – Bookcase

3pm – Art Fare

4pm – Polk County Senior

4:30pm – AARP Report

5pm – DM Register

9pm – It Makes a Difference

10pm – People’s Pharmacy

11pm – Cityview

**Hear our schedule each day at 7:58am. Schedules can be sent to you in braille, large print or audio formats. Just call 1-800-404-4747.**

**Vision Expo 2012**

The Iowa Department for the Blind‘s Vision Expo will be held on Wednesday, August 1 from 12:00 to 4:30pm at the Hope Reformed Church in Spencer, Iowa. Vendors will be on hand to demonstrate their products and services.

**Take Me Out to the Beep Ball World Series!**

The Beep Baseball World Series is coming to Ames – July 22 through July 28!

“Beep Ball” is an adaptive version of America’s favorite pastime for the blind and visually impaired. The Iowa Lions/Iowa Lions Foundation hit a grand slam in bringing the World Series to Iowa this year. Proceeds will benefit the Lions Clubs of Iowa’s services, especially those related to sight preservation and blindness prevention. Our Lion, Lioness and Leo friends have supported IRIS for so many years. This is a chance for us to support them! If you would like more information – call 507-208-8393 or visit [www.nbba.org](http://www.nbba.org).

**Iowa Department for the Blind Welcomes New Director**

Richard Sorey began his work as the IDB Director June 1st. Mr. Sorey comes from the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services where he served as Director of the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind.

**Four IRIS Volunteers Receive Governor’s Awards**



Deb Headington, Fred Lockard, Rob Davis and Mary Ann Nielsen were recognized for their outstanding service to IRIS at the 29th Annual Governor’s Volunteer Awards in Des Moines. Congratulations and thank you!

Pictured: Deb Headington, IRIS director Maryfrances Evans and Fred Lockard.

**Notes From Our Listeners**

Marie – Sioux City: “My radio is very much appreciated. I use it at night as I awaken often and it is there to listen to politics, pharmaceutical information and the reading of the Sioux City Journal. PS: I will be celebrating my 90th Birthday”

Judy – Iowa City: “My mom used to read the newspaper faithfully, but now that she can’t see the paper, she really depends on IRIS. It’s a wonderful service!”

Mavis – Des Moines: “Thank you for your reading of the Register each morning. I really enjoy listening to the news and staying well-informed.”

**Memorial Gifts –**

Bequests and memorials are easy ways to ensure that the voices of IRIS can continue for others. If you would like to learn more about how to include IRIS in your final planning, please give us a call at 243-6833.

*“Please accept this donation as my way of thanking you folks for the service you’re providing to my mom. She really appreciates having access to local, printed news. It allows her to be more aware of events, deaths and other information. Thank you again, very much!”*

*Julie J. – Daughter of Des Moines listener*

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