

# Iowa Radio Reading Information Service For the Blind and Print Handicapped, Inc.

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IRIS – YOUR 24-hour Radio Reading Service!

## IRIS Newsletter – June 2012

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

Join us Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.



### 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.

## The VOICES of IRIS: Dorothy Hockenbergl

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	L. Rosenblatt	S. Splavec	L Seleger
A. Schuessler	B. Meisenheimer	B. Legler	I. Hair
J. Dixon	E. Sainer	D. Brown	D. Saurman
P. Greenfield	L. Koster	R. Constable	N. Nichols
R. Jones	C. Lewis	C. Sharp	R. Albright
C. Strief	R.L. Nelson	S. Goers	L.J. Witte
R. Fanter	L. Blair	R. Nesler	B. Whitson
R. Clayton	M. Dorcey	J. Armstrong	J. Davis
C.L. Andresen	H. Blunt	K. Lundgren	E. Perry
P. Thoms	D. Crabtree	M. McVeety	
M. Buechler	D. Moore	T. Gruis	

### Organizations:

Iowa West Foundation	Armchair Travelers
Principal Financial Group Foundation	Hampton Lions Club
Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino	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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 90<sup>th</sup> 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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