



# The Hawkeye News

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## Three Fun C.A.R. Summer Events Across Iowa

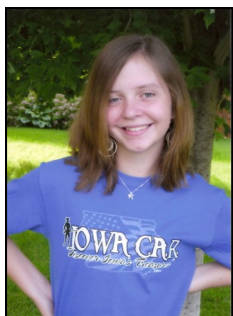




## Iowa C.A.R. Summer Fun 2008.







**From Your Iowa  
State President  
Betsy Ehmcke.**

Hello. It's Betsy, your Iowa State President. Right now, I'm going to tell you about, well, pretty much everything. First, I would like to thank everyone who came to the summer

Packet events. I had a blast. Equally as important, they were a great kickoff to the awesome C.A.R. year we have ahead of us. At these events, we discussed three things.

The first was my project, "**Discover Iowa's Treasures.**" I told you about the project in my last letter. Now we have to raise money for it. All of the senior society presidents have at least twenty raffle tickets. Now it's your job to sell at least those twenty raffle tickets. I encourage you to find other ways to raise money too. At our state conference on March 28, 2009, we will have the raffle drawing.

The second thing we talked about at the summer Packet events was the National President's theme and project. The national theme for 2008-2009 is "**Ensuring American Patriotism.**" For the National Project, the DVD *Liberty or Death* will be distributed. *Liberty or Death* is a reenactment of the Second Virginia Convention held at St. Johns Church. We will support the National Project by having each society donate this DVD to an educational program of their choice. These DVDs have already been purchased and will be given to your local society's senior president.

The third thing we talked about at the packet events was taking part in national contests. I encourage all of you to be able to answer "yes" to at least sections A, B, and C of the National Merit Award. I also encourage you to take part in national contests. All local society senior presidents have the 2008-2009 National Merit Award form. Plan your CAR year to follow that form.

This is pretty much the whole meeting we had at the Packet events. Now I would like to thank all of you who have helped the flood victims in eastern Iowa, and encourage you to continue your support. And before I run out of room, Remember as you go to plan your CAR year, HAVE FUN! Enjoy yourself.



**From Your Iowa Senior  
State President  
Mr. Lance Ehmcke.**

Wasn't that a terrific and fun, Iowa C.A.R. summer!! Many thanks to Betsy and your senior leaders for making it happen. An extra thanks goes to all the members who attended

the Great Plains Regional meeting in Kansas City or any of our three, summer-fun, Iowa C.A.R. Packet events. Now we need to keep the momentum with equally fun local society meetings and activities during the school year. Using the Packet information, we urge you to finalize your school-year, local society plan and schedule now.

To give you a boost, our Iowa State Society purchased the DVD, "*Liberty or Death*," and the 2008 N.S.C.A.R. program CD, for each of our local societies. If you did not receive yours at one of our Iowa summer-fun Packet events, they are being mailed to your society's Senior President. We are already hearing that the DVD, "*Liberty or Death*" is so good that local societies are planning to feature it when they have their joint meeting with their sponsoring DAR or SAR Chapters. That's a great idea! We want you to use your "*Liberty or Death*" DVD to do your program on the National President's Project, and share it with your DAR and SAR sponsors. Then make it a gift to a school or other education program in your area for their resource library.

The 2008 C.A.R. CD is a wonderful tool. It has all the National C.A.R. Program Packet on it and lots more. The new PDF program to complete C.A.R. member applications is on the CD too, and you can share that program by e-mail attachment with everyone helping complete applications for new members. Remember, to make time yet this summer or fall to extend your proven family genealogy by having new branches in your tree join C.A.R. Don't wait thinking, "that's something I should do some day." Do it now.

Finally, special thanks to all C.A.R. members who worked to help victims of the floods in eastern Iowa. You are Kids Helping Kids!

## Great Plains Regional Meeting held in Kansas City



Iowa C.A.R. members attend the tour of Ft. Leavenworth during the Regional Meeting in Kansas City. L-R: **David Ehmcke**, **Abigail Ehmcke**, **Betsy Ehmcke**, National President Kevin Baker, **Hannah Ehmcke**, **Jeralyn Westercamp** and **Kennedy Rieger**.



**David Ehmcke** was named 2008 Regional Enthusiast at the Great Plains Regional in Kansas City. This award is given to the one boy or girl who exhibited the greatest enthusiasm for C.A.R. throughout his/her regional meeting.

Iowa members honored during **Great Plains Regional**. National President Kevin Baker presented Iowa Senior 1st VP **Nancy Nichols** with the new 50th Anniversary Endowment Fund Pin. **Hannah, David & Abby Ehmcke** received the Magazine Fund Pin during the regional awards banquet. **Jeralyn Westercamp** was recognized for her contribution to the Veterans Tribute, stained-glass window.



**David, Abigail, & Hannah Ehmcke and Kennedy Rieger** sport their new "Ensuring American Patriotism" t-shirts for the regional tour.



State President **Betsy Ehmcke** gives her state president's report at Regional.



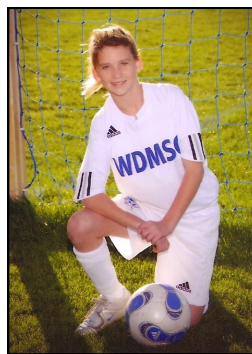
## Member Kudos.

**Hannah Ehmcke**, Mary Bailey Potter Society, received a superior rating in the Guild piano contest, which was held on May 21, 2008.

On February 9, 2008 **Clare Conley**, Mary Bailey Potter Society, placed 1st and **Fran Conley** placed 2nd in the 8-year-old division of the Basketball Spot Shot Contest at their elementary school. On February 10, **Clare Conley** was crowned "Little Miss Pigtails" by the Cherokee County Pork Producers. Clare's twin sister **Fran Conley** was the princess. On February 16, **Clare Conley** won 2nd place with her essay "Rosa Parks" and **Fran Conley** received 3rd place for her essay "Sidney Poitier" in the Sanford Museum Association's Black History Month Essay Contest. Each girl read their essays to the public in the high school auditorium. On February 27, **Fran Conley** made the introduction by memorizing the words of Herbert Hoover at the Presidential Wax Museum.



**Maja Sunleaf** played in Dubuque Soccerfest June 28-29. Her team played in the Championship game and earned a 2nd place trophy. They also were awarded the Sportsmanship award.



Congratulations to **Grace Nichols**, member of Tall Grass Prairie Society, Des Moines. She is the only girl on the West Des Moines U13/U14 boys select travel soccer

team. Grace plays starting center mid. Her club went to the Loch Lomond Tournament in Scotland July 19-August 5. Grace also plays in the 1994 girls' Olympic Development Program (ODP). She qualified at the State ODP camp to advance to the Regional ODP camp earlier in July. Grace holds a 4.0 G.P.A.



Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the N.S.C.A.R. Endowment Fund by giving \$150 toward this fund. Receive this pin for your support.



On Saturday, June 21, 2008, State President **Betsy Ehmcke** was the guest speaker at the Martha Washington DAR Chapter meeting in Sioux City. Pictured is Betsy Ehmcke and the Regent Rebecca Wiersma & Vice Regent Fran Myhre of the Martha Washington Chapter. Betsy talked about our state's theme, state project, NSCAR's national project and encouraged DAR members to consider CAR for their family and friends.

## The Potter Page

The Newsletter of the Mary Bailey Potter Society, Cherokee

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Mary Bailey Pottery Society, Cherokee, participated in the wreath-laying ceremonies at Oak Hill Cemetery Memorial Day services on May 26, 2008 in Cherokee, Iowa. They also decorated the grave of their society namesake, Mary Bailey Potter. L-R: **David, Betsy, Bethany & Nicholas Ehmcke, Fran & Clare Conley and Abby, Cassidy & Hannah Ehmcke.**

On July 14, & 15, Betsy, Abigail, David & Hannah Ehmcke attended the Great Lakes Regional meeting in St. Charles, Illinois.



On July 9, **Betsy, Abigail, David, Hannah, Nicholas & Cassidy Ehmcke** worked "Project Flood Buckets." They packed flood buckets with designated cleaning supplies to help flood victims in Eastern Iowa.



# The Benjamin Bell Banner

The Newsletter of the Benjamin Bell Society, Boone

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On July 2, 2008, members of the Benjamin Bell Society, Boone, travelled to Vegors Cemetery for honor our Patriot name-sake. We put flags and pin wheels at Benjamin Bell's gravesite to honor him. Pictured from L-R: Staff-Sergeant John Franks, **Robbie Franks**, **David Franks**, **Darby Dodd & Dayna Dodd**.

## Pages Needed for State DAR Conference

Attention Girls 13 and Older!

The Iowa Society DAR State Conference needs pages for the 2009 DAR state conference.

If you are 13 and older (13-17 must attend with a chaperone), please contact

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## Little Muddy News

The Newsletter of the Little Muddy Society, Cedar Rapids

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**Jeralyn Westercamp**, Little Muddy Society, Cedar Rapids, helps with flood relief both before the flood (June 14) and after for recovery. Above, Jeralyn sandbags in Czech Town and at right, Jeralyn is shown volunteering at the Salvation Army Distribution Center. Additionally, Jeralyn has founded a new nonprofit organization to collect new home wares for flood victims.

## Tall Grass Times

The Newsletter of the Tall Grass Prairie Society

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On July 23, 2008, **Chelsea Hoyer** was named to the All-American Team of the National Cheerleaders' Association. NCA awards All-American status to cheerleaders displaying superior qualities in all aspects of cheerleading, including leadership, showmanship and technique. Chelsea is a Junior at Valley High School in West Des Moines. Also, Chelsea Hoyer was honored to present the Gettysburg Address during Memorial Day ceremonies in Hardin County, IA on May 26, 2008.



Chelsea Hoyer presents the Gettysburg Address during Memorial Day ceremonies in Hardin County.

**Emma Baker** will begin classes at the University of Iowa in Iowa City this August where she is the recipient of a full academic scholarship.



# The Little Night News

The Newsletter of the Little Night Society, Iowa City

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**Riley Brannian**, President of the Little Night Society, helped with the sandbagging efforts during the flooding in Eastern Iowa this summer.



**Riley Brannian** participated in the Johnson County 4H Fair and received several awards, including the Junior Genealogy Special Award for her project 'Family Reunion Bingo'. She also received an Excellent on her presentation and advanced to the County Fair level.



**Ellie Davis** & Her Mom Julie from the Little Night Society, Iowa City.



Little Night Society, Iowa City, senior leaders Shalla Wilson and Julie Davis accompanied by Little Night member **Ellie Davis** attended the Guttenberg Iowa Memorial Day Service. Afterward, Ellie examined the Guttenberg wall of Veterans to view her Dad's name. The annual Memorial service is organized by members of the Legion Post #373 of which Ellie's father Frank Davis and Grandfather Pete Davis are members.



# The Captain's Log

The Newsletter of the Capt. Thomas Overton Society, Dubuque

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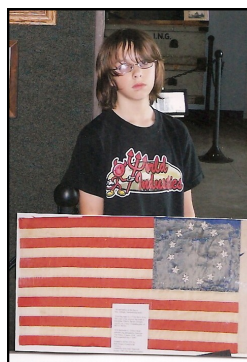
**Maja, Annika & Eliza Sunleaf, and Michelle Hanson** were joined by DAR member Lucille Sunleaf Strawman on July 2 when they attended *Kit Kittredge: An American Girl* movie. The outing was a kickoff to the upcoming *American Girl* raffle sales. The girls ate tea and cookies at the theatre and enjoyed the movie with their American Girl dolls.



On June 18, **Maja Sunleaf, Annika Sunleaf and Eliza Sunleaf** presented their playlet "Jamestown, the First American Colony" to the Julien Dubuque DAR Chapter. At their June Society meeting, members Eliza, Maja and Annika Sunleaf and visitor Grace Knochenmus made and decorated July 4th cards for injured soldiers at Landstuhl Regional medical Center in Germany. **Welcome to Annika and Eliza Sunleaf, who's C.A.R. papers have been accepted!**



**Laura Jelinek** attended the "Ding Darling Days" at the Nat'l Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium in Dubuque on July 19. She learned about conservation and wildlife.

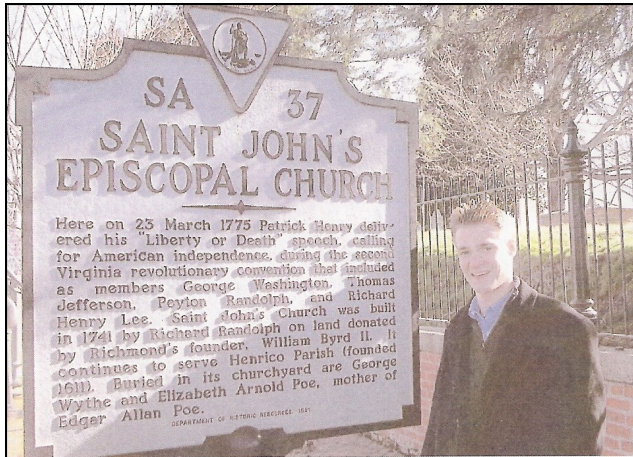


**Steven & Florian Jacobson** (shown in picture) & Clara & Don Burchett attended the "Salute to our Forefathers" exhibit at Heartland Acres Agribition Center, Independence, Iowa. The exhibit featured local historic artifacts and displays from different eras. A highlight was a copy of the original 1777 flag by Betsy Ross. The copy was made December 1904 by Rachel Albright, age 92, granddaughter of

Betsy Ross. The flag was originally presented to the Penelope Van Princes Chapter DAR, which was organized June 3, 1903 in Independence. Later, the flag was donated to the Buchanan Co. Historical Society.



## N.S.C.A.R. National Project



Help Ensure American Patriotism by supporting the N.S.C.A.R. National Project. The project raises funds to purchase and distribute the DVD, "Liberty or Death" to all school systems across the nation. This DVD features the re-enactment of the 2nd Virginia Convention, and the famous "Give me Liberty or Give me Death" speech by Patrick Henry, delivered at the St. John's Church in Richmond, Virginia during the second Virginia Convention. Society Presi-

dents, if you don't have a copy of this DVD to use for a local society program and/or to donate to your local school system, please contact Senior State President Lance Ehmcke. A copy of the DVD has been purchased for your society.

## Iowa C.A.R. State Project



Each summer, children between 1st-5th grade can come and be a part of the Victorian era through the Terrace Hill Foundation's Victorian Day Camp. This year, our state C.A.R. project is to help less fortunate kids go to this camp by raising money for camp scholarships. Although you can raise money in a variety of ways, one easy way to do that is by selling raffle tickets for the *American Girl Doll* "Samantha". Each society is asked to sell at least 20 raffle tickets at \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00. The winning ticket will receive

"Samantha" the American Girl Doll. The drawing will be held at our State Conference on March 28. This is a great way to help needy kids in Iowa and introduce them to a love of history. If you need more raffle tickets to sell, please contact Betsy at [BetsyEhmcke@q.com](mailto:BetsyEhmcke@q.com). If you want to buy tickets, contact any C.A.R. member.



### Save the Date

**Iowa's C.A.R. State Conference** will be **Saturday, March 28, 2009** in Des Moines. Our *Terrace Hill Tour* will begin promptly at 11:30am at the Governor's Mansion. Please plan on meeting our group at 11:15am. Lunch and our state meeting will be held after the tour at another location. Please check your February state newsletter for more details and registration materials. Let's have a BIG crowd.