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A Message From The President
Kenneth Lloyd

As much as I hate saying this, our summer is almost over. The good thing about that though is since I love hunting our hunting seasons are about to start.

Our Chapter has started doing events again and let’s hope we can continue doing them. Covid has started back up on the rise and we want our members to be safe.

As I stated, our Chapter has begun doing events again. The Board of Directors have met face to face at the office for the last three months. Our members are always invited and encouraged to join us at these Board Meetings. If you are unable to come to our office for these, we continue to offer a Zoom option. Our Caregiver Support meetings are also meeting face to face and we’d love to have additional caregivers attend. We had our annual Trapshoot in June. In August, we sent a team to the National Veterans Wheelchair Games and several of our members were in the Veterans Parade at the Iowa State Fair. In a matter of days, a group of us will be on our way to Ely, Minnesota, for the Midwest PVA Fishing Event. This fall we will have our Annual Banquet and tentatively the Pheasant Hunt and Deer Hunt. The Pool Tournament may not happen again this year because of the rise in Covid cases. We always hold this at the Iowa Veterans Home to include the residents and our members that are residing there. We want to make sure we keep our Veterans safe at the Veterans home.

For all hunters that like to go deer hunting, we will be hunting the first shotgun season. There is one additional blind which has been built for those who like to hunt out of the track chairs. This blind is mobile, so we can move it around to the hot spots or into the flood plains. Of course, not while it is flooded but we can move it back out of where it floods so we can continue hunting out of it.

If you want to participate in any of our events this year, we will try to keep it as safe as possible.

Annual Iowa PVA Pheasant Hunt
Saturday, October 30th, 2021

IPVA and Michael Martin will be hosting our Annual Pheasant Hunt in Madrid, IA.
- Volunteers will be available for assistance.
- Dogs will be provided.
- Three of our Chapter’s track chairs (donated from ITC and its employees) will be on-site.
- Lunch will be provided.
- Event is FREE to any IPVA member or Associate Member.
  
  You MUST register to attend.
  Please contact Kenny Lloyd at 515-570-1402 to register and obtain further details.

Deadline to register is October 15, 2021
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)

By: Anthony Steele, Central Region Director

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord. A-my-o-trophic comes from the Greek language. "A" means no. "Myo" refers to muscle, and "Trophic" means nourishment – "No muscle nourishment." When a muscle has no nourishment, its "atrophies" or wastes away. "Lateral" identifies the areas in a person's spinal cord where portions of the nerve cells that signal and control the muscles are located. As this area degenerates, it leads to scarring or hardening ("sclerosis") in the region. There are three forms of ALS: Sporadic, Familial and Guamanian. Research shows, from two studies find that Veterans that were exposed to the Gulf War are twice as likely to develop this condition. (See September 23 issue of Neurology, the scientific journal of the American Academy of Neurology.) In addition, an environmental factor or familial aspect could cause ALS as well. Statistics shows that 16% of Veterans make up the ALS population.

"Since 2008 when new regulations were implemented to provide benefits to veterans with ALS, we have represented over 12,000 veterans with ALS and through our work secured over one and a half billion dollars in compensation payments and grants for these veterans. We represent over 70% of veterans with ALS in the VA benefits and health care system, by far the largest of any Veterans Service Organization (VSO). And we have represented over 5,000 surviving spouses of veterans who passed away from ALS, securing over 100 million dollars in Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) payments on their behalf."

Due to this acknowledgement, it paved the way to assist Veterans with 100% free healthcare, durable medical equipment, monthly compensation, Dependent Educational Assistance, Special Adapting Housing (SAH), Special Home Adaption grant and an automobile grant. To obtain service connection, a Veteran must have at least 90 days of honorable active-duty service or a Veteran must have at least 0% of service connection to be considered a Veteran. These benefits have given the Veteran community a sense of relief and security through this process. Annual healthcare expenses living with ALS can range from $16,000.00 to $200,000.00. If you served in the military and have received a diagnosis of ALS, you may be one of the individuals who are eligible for the above VA benefits. To apply for service connection for ALS, you will need medical evidence or a medical opinion, which confirms a diagnosis of ALS. Also required is a copy of your DDF-214 or discharge paperwork to show proof of the required service. You will also need to complete the appropriate benefit form such as a VAF 21-526ez, which is an Application for Disability Compensation and Related Compensation Benefits to begin the process. To apply for these benefits, please visit Va.gov, or contact your local PVA National Service Office for assistance.

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The Board of Directors of Paralyzed Veterans of America—Iowa Chapter recently made a few changes to the Chapter Sports Policy. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ THE FOLLOWING POLICY AND KEEP IT FOR YOUR REFERENCE. The Iowa Chapter/Board of Directors would like to encourage ALL chapter members to participate in the events offered both locally and nationally. With a little bit of work and participation, the attendance to these events could be fully funded for you. If you have any questions, please call me at 309-737-3192. ~Kim

Iowa Chapter Sports and Recreation Funding Policy
Revised August 19, 2021

A. Individual Participation:
1. Any event a member wishes to participate in must be PVA sponsored, and/or approved by the Iowa Chapter Board of Directors.
2. The Chapter will assist in funding for members in lodging, registration fees, meals and transportation only in accordance with the following schedule. Members will be responsible for all other expenses.
   a. 100% for Wheelchair Games and four (4) other PVA sponsored events. Any additional events will need additional Board of Director’s approval.
   b. 70% - Maximum of two (2) additional PVA sponsored events.
   c. 100% - Local events (local is defined as within 250 miles of the Chapter office and/or state of Iowa). Maximum of three events.
3. Member must be certified for attendant funding in accordance with National guidelines. Attendee will be reimbursed at one hundred percent (100%) of travel (if by air), meals and lodging. Extenuating circumstances will be given consideration.

B. Team Participation:
1. With approval by the Iowa Chapter Board of Directors and if funding is available, the Chapter may fund Chapter Teams for various sporting events.
2. The Chapter may fund the minimum number of events for a team to qualify for team awards.
3. The Chapter will provide funding assists for the team members to include lodging, registration fees, meals and transportation only.
4. Team Participation: When physically possible, a team is to ride together to the approved events. If an individual does not want to ride with anyone, their reason needs to be in writing and brought to the Board of Directors 60 days prior to the event for approval.

C. General Terms and Conditions:
1. Travel:
   a. If traveling by air, reimbursement will be based on the amount of the most economical, round-trip, coach fare available at least thirty (30) days prior to departure.
   b. If traveling by automobile, Chapter will allow amount equal to the amount of the most economical, round-trip coach air fare available thirty (30) days prior to departure, or at the business per mile rate as determined by USIRS, whichever amount is the lesser. Extenuating circumstances will be given consideration.
2. Mileage: For events within the State of Iowa reimbursement will be paid at the business per mile rate as determined by USIRS. For events outside the State of Iowa reimbursement will be paid upon receipt of gas receipts.
3. Lodging: Lodging will be reimbursed at the rate of double occupancy (night before first day of event and nights of event). Extenuating circumstances will be given consideration.
4. Registration Fees: The basic cost for a member to participate in a recreational activity or event.
5. Receipts will be required to substantiate all expenditures of Chapter Funds including meals.
6. All expenditures must be documented on a Chapter Business Expense Report.
7. For a member to be considered for future assistance, all Business Expense Reports must be submitted to the Chapter for payment within fifteen (15) working days following the last day of the activity.
8. Must be a Member in Good Standing. Regular members have preference.
9. In order to request financial aid a member must be:
   a. an active member or active associate member;
   b. a registered PVA volunteer;
   c. If residing within a radius of 100 miles of the Chapter office, member must attend one-half Chapter Membership Meetings (i.e. Annual Dinner and Awards Banquet, Christmas Party, etc.) during each Chapter Fiscal Year. (Excused absence will count as attendance. Member must notify Chapter Office for each meeting from which they wish to be excused. Excused absence will be allowed due to illness, death in the family, or working in veterans activities).
   d. Any member requesting funds from Iowa Chapter and living within a 150 mile radius of the Chapter office, must participate in one half (1/2) of the fundraising activities sponsored by the Chapter.
10. For a member to request funding to participate in any event, a member must complete and provide a Funding Approval Form to the Iowa Chapter Board of Directors at least sixty (60) days prior to the scheduled event. Extemating circumstances will be given consideration.
11. A member may not solicit funds for any event on behalf of the Iowa Chapter or Paralyzed Veterans of America name. All fundraising will be done through the chapter office.
12. All appeals must be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors.

D. MEMBERSHIP CONDUCT:
1. Any member of the Chapter who attends PVA event will act, dress and conduct themselves in an appropriate manner.
2. If funding is provided to any member to attend any event, a Business Expense Report, including any unused funds, must be submitted to the Chapter within fifteen business days following the last day of the event.
3. Any member that applies for funding to attend an event through the Iowa Chapter must attend that event if the Chapter has paid out funds for that member. If the member decides to cancel out or does not show up for that event they must provide just cause (i.e. illness, death in the family, etc.) to the Board of Directors as to why they were forced to cancel or did not attend. If the Board of Directors find this member does not have just cause by a majority vote, the member will be required to reimburse the Chapter for the expenses the Chapter paid out for that member. If this member refuses or is unable to reimburse the Chapter for these expenses, the member will not be allowed to participate in any future Chapter events nor will the Chapter pay for any of this member’s expenses toward future Chapter and/or National PVA events until such time that the Chapter is reimbursed.
4. Any member who does not follow these guidelines will be barred from attending any event in the future and in accordance with Chapter Bylaws, Article III Section 5, may have their membership suspended or be expelled.

** The words in italics have been changed or added.
How do I find activities for Enrolled Outpatient Veterans?

- Go to www.centralliowa.va.gov (In the lower right hand column, click on “Recreation & Music Therapy Calendar”)
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To the people and/or organizations who have donated directly to the Midwest PVA Fishing Event from June 15, 2021 - August 30, 2021

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Monday, July 26, 2021
CONTACT: Pat Garrett, (515) 802-0986

Gov. Reynolds appoints Marine Corps Veteran Matthew Peterson as Commandant of Iowa Veterans Home

DES MOINES — Gov. Kim Reynolds today announced her appointment of Major Matthew Peterson as Commandant of the Iowa Veterans Home. Peterson’s appointment is effective July 27, 2021 and is subject to Senate confirmation.

Peterson’s 20-year career and seven deployments in the Marine Corps infantry have placed him in a wide range of leadership positions spanning thirty countries and five continents. Since retiring from the military, he has directed a working ranch and currently serves as the Executive Director of a nonprofit organization, as well as a high school teacher.

Peterson holds an undergraduate degree in Philosophy and Government from New Mexico State University. He also received master’s degrees in Political Science from Liberty University and another in Organizational Leadership from Gonzaga University. He is a fifth-generation Iowan from Red Oak.

“Thanks to two decades of leadership in the Marines and an impressive post-retirement career, Major Peterson brings a unique set of qualifications to the Iowa Veterans Home,” said Gov. Reynolds. “He also brings deep appreciation for the military service of the veterans whose care he will oversee. His proven ability and dedication will pay dividends for the home, its staff, and its residents.”

The Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown, IA has served Iowa veterans since 1887. Today, it is the largest long-term care center in the state and home to more than 500 veterans.
This was the second National Veterans Wheelchair Games I have officiated. NYC on the 20th anniversary year of 9/11 and 20 years since the NVWG were in NYC last. I get asked if I miss being an athlete, I think anyone would. Like some clinics I have helped with over the years. I enjoy giving back to my fellow veterans and I enjoy seeing the look on their and their families faces when they compete. I enjoy the chatter back and forth and seeing events from a different perspective. If anything, I miss Slalom, everyone has “their” event and slalom was my favorite. I still get a smile on my face remembering winning the Super G in Salt Lake City. There is a lot more to officiating than what people see. Early mornings to make sure events are ready to go. Short officiating crews, then officials show to help on their limited free time. This year has just been one of those years. Hotel changes, flight changes, event location issues, if you could have dreamed it up it would have happened. I know people will complain about the weather which no one can predict. Others might complain about the way events were run vs normal years. The Games team managed to pull it off given the hurdles they faced. Next year we should be back to a normal schedule, 600 plus athletes competing for five days. In my opinion every PVA member should attend the NVWG at least once. There are obvious reasons, there are events for everyone regardless of age, injury/disease, and skill level. The biggest reasons, spending six days with people in similar situations as yourself. Building a slightly larger friend and support network. Another reason to attend the NVWG, the NVWG staff and officials. They give their time to make this event work. Like myself, they do it for the veterans.

Iowa BOD member, assistant Sports Director and NVWG Official: David Graham

The 40th annual National Veterans Wheelchair Games was held in New York City from August 7th-13th. There were 4 Iowa athletes in attendance and 2 were novices. Each athlete picked 5 events to compete in such as disk golf, quad rugby, 9 ball, motor rally, boccia, power lifting, and slalom.

Our Iowa team kept safe by getting vaccinated, wearing masks, were tested for COVID daily, had no incidences. AND they all had a blast! All athletes and caregivers got the chance to go to the 9/11 Memorial and Museum for free, thanks to the PVA and NYC. Also, the power lifting competition was held at the top of the Rockefeller Center which was not only fun to watch but had beautiful views of the city all around!

Our Iowa team brought back 6 gold medals, 1 silver medal and 1 bronze medal for their various competitions. Thank you to all of the support from the Iowa PVA Chapter to support the games and these great athletes!

If you want more information about the NVWCG or see the opening/closing videos go to www.wheelchairgames.org. Next year’s games will be held in Tempe, AZ and applications will open early next year. Thank you Iowa PVA!!!

- Joyce Ellens, Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist, NVWG Coach
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Cover, Kelly
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Fisher, Susan
Forbord, Robert
Frideres, Duane and Beverly (monthly)
Graves, Steven
Hartford Sportsmen Club of Hartford Iowa (monthly)
HyVee Reusable Bag Program
Iowa One Gift Donation (monthly)
Kehrl, Cherie (Pampered Chef Consultant—Fundraiser)
Leary, Timothy & Laura (monthly)
Medtronic
Morrison, Heidi (monthly)
O’Brien, Carol (monthly)
Personal Training (monthly)
Phillips, Larry and Mary Lou
Simons, Tish (monthly)
Smith, Alan
United Way Metro Chicago
Westra, Terril
Willis and Moore, Inc—Joe Willis (In Memory of Jon Schneider)
On July 24th, 2021, 42 hearty souls braved the heat. 14 rode bikes, 27 rode golf carts and utvs and one gentleman ran the three miles of fun.

We had 5 stops along our route with some cold refreshments and games! At the Garwin Bull Pub many more people came to support this cause!

The Deer Creek Roughriders entertained us. An awesome meal was also donated. We had 14 live auction items, a special raffle and many cash donations.

Fun was had by all!

A total of $3706 was raised!

Our Garwin Bull Pub family had a terrific time riding for Iowa PVA! Bigger plans for next year!

Alan Smith

THANK YOU
TO Alan Smith and everyone else who made this event AMAZING!!!
The Mission Statement of Paralyzed Veterans of America

*The Paralyzed Veterans of America*, a congressionally chartered veterans service organization founded in 1946, has developed a unique expertise on a wide variety of issues involving the special needs of our members−veterans of the armed forces who have experienced spinal cord injury or dysfunction.

PVA will use that expertise to be the leading advocate for:

- Quality health care for our members,
- Research and education addressing spinal cord injury and dysfunction,
- Benefits available as a result of our members’ military service,
- Civil rights and opportunities which maximize the independence of our members.

To enable PVA to continue to honor this commitment, we must recruit and retain members who have the experience, energy, dedication, and passion necessary to manage the organization and ensure adequate resources to sustain the programs essential for PVA to achieve its mission.
On August 18th, Styx was the main headliner at the Iowa State Fair Grandstand. Prior to this performance, IPVA was contacted by “Rock to the Rescue” Tour Manager. (Rock to the Rescue is a charity founded by Styx, supporting and strengthening communities across the United States.) He asked if we were interested in helping with a fundraiser. OF COURSE!!!

So, on the evening of the 18th, twelve members, caregivers and volunteers were admitted into the Grandstand and given our directions. We were to sell the Styx new CD for $20. When a CD was bought, the buyer also received a ticket which allowed them to be entered into a drawing at the end of the night for a brand new guitar autographed by every member of Styx! And, an added benefit is the IPVA would be getting a portion of the profits!

Two people in the group stayed in a designated area for selling and handing out information about IPVA. The rest divided into groups and went out into the stands to sell. A friendly competition ensued of who could sell the most.

We were amazed at the generosity of those in attendance. And, so many people thanked our members for their service.

At the end of the night, we were told IPVA sold the most CD’s than any other group before!! And, we were able to bring over $2,000 in donations to help support our members. An added bonus….we were able to enjoy a free Styx concert!

Thank you to Styx for this opportunity and thank you to all the people who donated their money and time!

Pictured left: Jen Degner of Waukee, Iowa, is the proud winner of the autographed Styx guitar! She was very excited!!

Picture above: IPVA Members, caregivers and volunteers (12 total) helped sell Styx CD’s for this successful fundraiser.
ANNUAL AIR RIFLE & AIR PISTOL PROGRAM
Cal-Diego Air Rifle and Pistol Tournament
December 3, 2021
Camp Pendleton
Camp Pendleton, CA
Wisconsin Air Rifle and Pistol Tournament
March 11-12, 2022
Milwaukee Tech Area College
Milwaukee, WI
Mid-Atlantic Air Rifle and Pistol Tournament
March 2022 (Dates TBD)
Colonial Shooting Academy
Richmond, VA
Buckeye Air Rifle and Pistol Tournament *
April 14-16, 2022
Spire Institute
Geneva, OH
*Buckeye Wheelchair Games

PVA BOATING/FISHING TOUR
Mid-America Bass Tournament
September 10-12, 2021
Lake Eufaula
Eufaula, OK
Vaughn Bass Tournament
October 8-10, 2021
The Lakes of Egypt
Marion, IL
Southeastern Bass Tournament
October 15-17, 2021
Thurmond/Clark Hill Lake
Evans, GA
Florida Gulf Coast Bass Tournament
April 3-5, 2022
Lake Toho
Kissimmee, FL
Kentucky-Indiana Bass Tournament
April 22-24, 2022
Lake Barkley
Kuttawa, KY
Mid-Atlantic Bass Tournament
June 10-12, 2022
James & Appomattox Rivers
Hopewell, VA

ANNUAL PVA/NWPA BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT SERIES
Buckeye Billiards Tournament
July 17-18, 2021
8 Ball Sports Bar & Billiards
Columbus, OH
Mid-South Billiards Tournament
October 15-16, 2021
Clicks Billiards
Memphis, TN
Mid-Atlantic Billiards Tournament
March 18-20, 2022
Diamond Billiards
Midlothian, VA

ANNUAL PVA/AWBA BOWLING TOURNAMENT SERIES
Great Plains Bowling Tournament
July 29-August 1, 2021
Thunderbowl
Council Bluffs, IA
Mid-Atlantic Bowling Tournament
September 24-26, 2021
Bowl America
Midlothian, VA
KY-IN Bowling Tournament
October 2021 (Dates TBD)
Kingpin Lanes
Jeffersonville, KY
Florida Gulf Coast Bowling Tournament
February 23-25, 2022
Pin Chasers
Tampa, FL

VAUGHAN BOWLING TOURNAMENT
April 2022 (Dates TBD)
Bowlmore
Romeo, IL

PVA NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS CIRCUIT
North Central Trapshoot
September 11-12, 2021
Crooks Gun Club
Sioux Falls, SD
Mid-Atlantic Trapshoot
September 2021 (Dates TBD)
Conservation Park of Virginia
Charles City, VA

Cal-Diego Trapshoot
March 25-27, 2022
Redlands Shooting Park
Redlands, CA
NEVADA TRAPSHOOT
April 1-3, 2022
Clark County Shooting Park
Las Vegas, NV
Florida Gulf Coast Trapshoot
May 13-15, 2022
Silver Dollar Trap Club
Odessa, FL
Virginia Trapshoot
June 3-5, 2022
St. Charles Sportsmen’s Club
Elburn, IL
Wisconsin Trapshoot
June 10-12, 2022
Brown County Sportsman Club
Green Bay, WI
Iowa Shooting Trapshoot *
June 17-19, 2022
Otter Creek Sportsman Club
Cedar Rapids, IA
*Year-End Tournament

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KY-IN Boccia Tournament
July 17-18, 2021
Indiana, IN
KY-IN Boccia Tournament
September 25-26, 2021
Bowling Green, KY

VAUGHAN BOCCIA TOURNAMENT
October 22-23, 2021
Carol Stream, IL
Bayou Boccia Tournament
February 11-12, 2022
Gulfport, MS

PVA WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL CLINIC
August 26-29, 2021
Lakeshore Foundation Facility
Birmingham, AL

PVA WHEELCHAIR RUGBY INVITATIONAL
October 7-10, 2021
Raleigh Convention Center
Raleigh, NC

For more information: pva.org/sports
September
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October
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Jeff W. Mullin      Oct 16
Randall L. Andersen Oct 18
Thomas R. Sankey    Oct 23
Ian J. Ralston      Oct 26
Vernan D. Daniels, Sr Oct 29

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

9/6       Labor Day—Office Closed
9/9       Bingo at the Des Moines VA CLC—6:30 pm
9/17      Election Ballots Due
9/18      3rd Annual Midwest PVA Fishing Event Fish Fry Fundraiser
9/30      Election Ballots Counted
9/30      Caregivers Support Meeting at IPVA Office—1:00 pm
9/30      BOD/Membership Meeting at IPVA Office—1:00 pm
9/30 - 10/2 PVA Women Veterans Empowerment Retreat
10/10     Annual Banquet (See page 20)
10/11     Columbus Day—Office Closed
10/14     Bingo at the Des Moines VA CLC—6:30 pm
10/21     Caregivers Support Meeting at IPVA Office—1:00 pm  (NO BOD Meeting)
10/30     Annual Pheasant Hunt (See page 2)
11/11     Veterans Day—Office Closed
11/11     Bingo at the Des Moines VA CLC—6:30 pm
11/18     Bi-Annual SCI Meeting on Zoom—12:00 pm
11/18     Caregiver Support Meeting at IPVA Office—1:00 pm
11/18     BOD/Membership Meeting at IPVA Office—1:00 pm
11/25     Thanksgiving—Office Closed
11/26     Office Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving Holiday
12/15     Caregiver Support Meeting—CANCELLED
12/15     BOD/Membership Meeting at IPVA Office—3:00 pm
12/15     Annual Christmas Celebration at IPVA Office 5:00 pm—7:00 pm
ATTENTION

Please check out our webpage! [www.iowapva.org] Many items of interest will be posted frequently. This will bring you news about the chapter between newsletters. It is a work in progress, but you will find it very interesting and informative. You can also check us out on Facebook!

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ANNUAL DINNER AND AWARDS BANQUET

The Board of Directors of the Iowa Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America invite you to their Annual Dinner Meeting and Awards Banquet

SUNDAY—October 10, 2021 at 1:00 pm
at the Ramada Tropics Resort & Conference Center
at I-35/80 and Merle Hay Road in Des Moines, IA

1:00 p.m. Social Hour
1:30 p.m. Lunch

(Lunch will consist of a Soup and Deli Sandwich Buffet, Pasta Salad, Potato Salad and various desserts. Coffee, tea, lemonade and soda will be provided. Cash Bar available.)

Program and Awards will be presented following dinner

Please RSVP to the Iowa PVA office by close of business on Monday, September 20th at 515-277-4782 or iowapvakim@yahoo.com or iowapvagretchen1@yahoo.com

(Dress is Business Casual)