

**DMACC**

*Pioneer Connection*

**FALL 2017**



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This has been an exciting year for the Pioneers. We continue to seek new members and I am confident that our annual goals set by our Leadership Council will be met and exceeded.

We have added members to the Council who will bring new energy and ideas to our group.

#### MAJOR INITIATIVES FOR 2017-18

- Promote expansion of Pioneer volunteer activities to support DMACC
- Increase the number of Pioneers who participate in group activities
- Increase Pioneer contributions to DMACC Scholarships
- Assist the DMACC Ankeny Library with history archive displays.

As we embark on our 18th year as an organization celebrating our history with DMACC, we invite you to join us by inviting your other retiree friends to join you at the next Pioneer Meeting. We welcome everyone!

*Carroll L. Bennett*

Getting to know our Directors has been an interesting experience as each of them bring their own special connection to DMACC. Here is a closer look.

#### PRESIDENT, CARROLL BENNETT:

"I was at DMACC for 30 years.

My job titles were numerous: Assistant Director of Vocational-Technical Education, Director of Vocational-Technical Education, Vice President of Instruction (chief academic officer), Dean of Business Management, Dean of the Evening College, Dean of Adult and Continuing Education and Dean of the DMACC Newton Campus.

My hobbies are travel, music (piano) and reading (and being a grandfather and great-grandfather).

The surprising thing about me is that I'm not well organized at home but I have Mary Jo to keep me in line."

#### VICE PRESIDENT, SUE GIBBONS:

"I had the pleasure of working at DMACC for 34 years with stops in Continuing Education, DMACC Business Resources and finally as Director of Central Iowa Works. Following CIW I served as the first dedicated staff to a regional workforce investment board in Iowa. I learned so much from the dedicated professionals on the RWIB.



I have continued working on workforce issues since retiring from full-time work at a variety of community colleges around the state by facilitating their launch of regional sector partnerships. Since this strategy has gone statewide, I have been working on contract with the Department of Education to expand its use in every region.

My favorite activity in retirement has been spending time with my two granddaughters—Layla, 4 and Ana, 2. Reading, traveling, and working part-time at a jewelry store and acupuncture clinic have kept me busy.

People might be surprised to learn that I was cast in the Des Moines Playhouse holiday production of Willy Wonka last December. What fun!"

### **TREASURER, WARREN PITCHER:**

"I worked 5 years (1971-1976) at the Skill Center on Bell Avenue and 11 years (1993-2004) on Ankeny Campus for a total of 16 years combined. I served as the Business Administration instructor working with Verlyn Noring as the department chair.

I especially enjoy international travel - land tours and cruises; golfing; horses - riding and driving; grand-children, especially older ones.

I enjoy music even though I can not sing, especially musicals and live bands. I also like to Jitter-Bug with pretty women."



### **SECRETARY, RUTH WAGNER**

"Dale worked at DMACC full time from Sept. '71 to August '2000 - 11 days short of 30 years. He worked part-time from 2000 to 2010, 10 years. He was Director of Student Activities for 4 years, then Career Counselor for 36 years, working in the main office part of the time and in other buildings part of the time (depending on the head of the dept.) who sometimes put counselors in the buildings near the programs they served. His name tag from the last 10 years says "Department Coordinator & Adjunct Counselor, Business and Technology."

"I worked at DMACC part-time from about '76 to '80, maybe earlier than '76 - working with the registration process and a few times in the Financial Aid department, working on mailings and putting records on micro-film - copying records.

My interests are traveling, singing and being librarian for the Ankeny Community Chorus, being with my family and grandson. In the past I have done tole painting, cross-stitch, painted most of Dale's carvings, and I have made a few quilts - I have one that needs to be finished that I started about 6 years ago! Also, I'm now a Program Communicator for the Greater Iowa Alzheimer's Association.

I have a B.S. from ISU, and was a Home Economics Teacher for 3 years. While Dale finished his Masters, I worked at ISU in the Library 1 year and Music Dept. 2 years. I was a substitute teacher in Ankeny Middle and High schools for 31 years. I was a farm girl, in girls and boys 4-H and am on my 38th year as a leader, doing leader training for most of that time (but not doing much lately). I played 6 x 6 girls basket ball and trombone in high school.



I chaperoned the Eddyville girls BB team that went to State in '67, the year I taught there. Also taught at Lenox, and was a Prom Sponsor at both schools. We have 2 children, Janet is an Elementary Counselor at Oskaloosa Elementary School, and Eric works at Mer-edith Corp., and has an 8 year old son, Evan."

### **LIAISON, BRECK DANNER:**

"I've been at DMACC for 10 years 2007-2017

My Job Title is Associate Director, DMACC Foundation.

My hobbies are biking and spending time with friends and family

I once jumped off a 25 foot cliff."



### **COMMUNICATIONS, DEE JOHNSON:**

"My career as an instructor of Commercial Art began with the advent of the program in 1970 and lasted for 38 years. I was the first and only female Program Chair in the Industry & Technology Dept.

Education and a passion for graphic design continues to be an important part of my life. I volunteer for my Des Moines The Pioneers of DMACC, Skills USA, Tech High School Alumni Hall at Central Campus, and Lakewood RV Resort in Harlingen, Texas where we spend the Winter months.

My husband of 48 years, Lee, is my constant partner in life and supporting me in all of my volunteer efforts throughout the year. We also love to travel and have been fortunate to visit places on our "Bucket List" such as Paris, France, The National Parks, and just recently The Bridges of Madison County.

People are not surprised to know about my collection of ladybugs which originated from an artist friend about 40 years ago and they stuck with me to this day. I don't really like collections as my parents raised parakeets and African violets in our home. We had over 100 of those little cheepers all in cages and it literally sounded like a jungle."



### HISTORY, JUDY VOGEL:

"I was at DMACC for 17 years as a Professor of Speech Communication, Arts and Sciences.



My hobbies and special interests are researching family history, writing collections of personal memories and poems for each grandchild, preserving history of our immediate family, and collecting "old" treasures.

People are surprised to learn that when my husband and I built our home in Illinois, I was "hands-on" with every aspect of the project from laying the foundation to shingling the roof...three stories high! I did all the staining and finishing of woodwork for the entire house."

### HOSPITALITY, DANA ZEISER:

"I worked at DMACC for 12 Years as the Confidential Administrative Assistant to Executive Director of Continuing Education



I love to Travel. Hawaii is my favorite.

People are surprised to learn that I lived in Berlin, Germany for a year when I was 19."

### MEMBERSHIP, MARIAN TONHOUSE:

"I was at DMACC for 12 years as a Professor, English & English Department: Arts & Sciences.



My hobbies and interests are all kinds of dancing and exercise; music; variety of groups and activities; started a book years ago that I need to finish!

People would probably be surprised to know how many hours and types of dancing and exercise I do; people would also be surprised that I compose and record my own music."

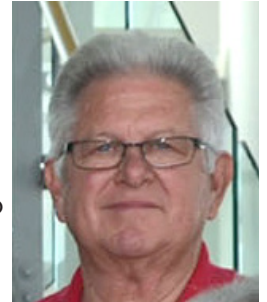
## A CLOSER LOOK AT OUR LEADERSHIP

### PROGRAMS, VERLYN NORING:

"I was at DMACC for 19 1/2 years.

My title was Business Administration District Department Chair.

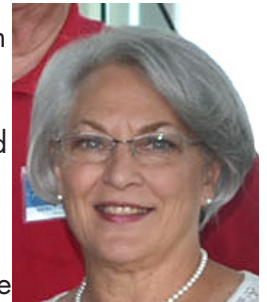
My Hobbies are playing the piano and organ and collecting Lionel toy trains. I have owned several classic cars & Corvettes over the past 20 years.



I also collect Frankoma pottery and am a Chicago Cubs and UNI sports fan."

### STUDENT ASSISTANCE, LOIS KEISTER:

"I spent 26 years at DMACC as Coordinator, Continuing Education



My hobbies include reading, sewing, counted cross stitch, yoga and Zumba.

In the first 10 years of my career, I was given the opportunity to create 3 new positions for Family & Consumer Sciences (formerly known as Home Economics) professionals. Two still exist today."

I was also able to revive the position I held at DMACC, and took it from 1/2 time to full time, with the encouragement of Carroll Bennett."

*A*s new members join the Pioneer Leadership Council we are especially grateful to all of those who gave of their time and expertise to assure that you get to reconnect with your long time DMACC friends, to share a special lunch, and to learn about places and things that will add to your golden years. Retiring this year from a long time commitment are **MARCIA JOHNSON, LINDA FERNANDEZ, SHIRLEY MUEHLENTHALER, AND MIKE PERRY.** They contributed many years and hours to your Pioneer leadership. **WE APPRECIATE THEIR SERVICE!**

## FROM OUR TREASURER

# FINANCIAL REPORT

For the first time our Endowment account has reached \$100,000.

We continue to be able to gift over \$20,000 in scholarships to our students from all campuses. The College Foundation has been generous to match our fund raising drive again this year. You should have received a personal letter asking for your support. The need for financial support continues to grow every year so please donate as you can.

This year we defined the difference between the scholarship and endowment funds which allowed donees to better understand where the money goes.

### CHOICE 1:

#### PIONEERS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Donations to this Pioneer account would be used for DMACC student scholarships each year. DMACC will annually "match" the first \$10,000 donated by Pioneers.

### CHOICE 2:

#### PIONEERS ENDOWMENT FUND

"The donation that keeps on giving!" Donations to this account would be invested by DMACC and only the interest or dividends earned by the fund would be used for student scholarships. None of the principal donations would be used for scholarships, only the earnings from the invested funds could be used for student scholarships.

To donate you can submit on-line at:

[WWW.DMACC.EDU/FOUNDATION](http://WWW.DMACC.EDU/FOUNDATION)

or mail in your check to:

**DMACC FOUNDATION  
BUILDING 22  
2006 S ANKENY BLVD  
ANKENY, IA 50023**

*Note: Be sure to let them know your donation is for the Pioneer Scholarship or Endowment fund.*



## WARREN PITCHER

**YEAR END REPORT  
JUNE 30, 2017**

### SCHOLARSHIP FUND

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$15,071.16</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>\$10,436.98</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$19,691.55</b>
<b>AWARDS</b>	<b>\$9000 FALL</b>
	<b>\$10,691.55 SPRING</b>

### PIONEERS SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$96,540.67</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 3,800.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$100,340.67</b>

**CURRENT INCOMING DONATIONS  
\$10,335.00**

**WE NEED YOUR  
DONATIONS TO  
REACH OUR  
2017 GOAL TO  
ASSIST OUR  
STUDENTS**

*Thanks for your support*



**RUTH WAGNER**

These are some highlights from the Leadership Council meetings this Fall that will be of interest to you.

### **FALL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:**

Breck reported that the annual golf event raised \$451,780. Dennis Albaugh donated the use of his golf course, and the Foundation pays all expenses, therefore, all proceeds go to scholarships.

The Boone campus hosted a reunion for all present and former baseball players, honoring Coach Smith.

Project Team Updates – Dee presented an idea for an insulated drink cup to be used for gifts for speakers, board members, and new members. Sue moved we order 96 at \$9.95 each. Motion seconded and carried.

Carroll, Sue, and Dee met with Rob Denson to give him an annual up-date on Pioneer activities and fund raising. Rob was very supportive and promised to assist us in getting must needed personal e-mail information from the retirees so we can inform them about Pioneer activities.

The September Kick-Off had Rob Denson and Tara Connolly as speakers. Verlyn and a friend, John Crabb, will provide dinner music.

### **FROM OUR SECRETARY**

A suggestion was made that local magicians are available as a back-up if a scheduled program is cancelled. Dee has also contacted Matt Walsh from Urban Campus who has published a biography of Robert Ray - important Governor of Iowa.

Judy needs committee members for the history project. We have a possible space in the new building 5 hallway near the Simon Estes exhibit and perhaps something near the Library in Building 6 for archives.

Dana is doing a terrific job of keeping expenses for the lunches to a minimum as we have increases in our budget for food every year.

Carroll thanked Dee for making business cards for him. He will use them as he meets with people this coming year.

Plans are being made to bring Boris Zhogin to the DMACC campus from Russia in April 2018. Pioneers will be involved in the planning, and he will possibly be on campus for one of our meetings. DMACC nor the Pioneers will not be responsible for any expenses relating to his visit.


All of the Leadership Council members have been tasked with meeting their individual goals for the year. Reports are given at the Leadership Council meetings every month.

Carroll has written personal notes to every scholarship donor and continues to send notes to those who present programs to our group.

The annual Scholarship review is in progress and many of the council members will be active in reviewing the applications.

The Scholarship dinner is scheduled for Monday, November 20th.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth Wagner, Secretary



## FROM OUR HISTORIAN

### DMACC PIONEERS!

Please join your colleagues by adding your recollections to the DMACC Pioneer History Project. Use the address below, and submit the form on line. It is easy to complete, and your memories will add a meaningful dimension to the history of the college! Thank you for participating!  
Judy Vogel – Pioneer History Chair



**JUDY VOGEL**

Here is an example of a Recollection on our website. Read more and enjoy your trip down DMACC memory lane!

**Submitted by: Carroll Bennett - Ankeny, IA**

1. When did you begin work at DMACC? *June 1967*
2. When did you retire or leave DMACC? *July 2006*
3. In the early years, what was your work position and major responsibilities? *Assistant Director of Vo-Tech Education. My duties included assisting the Vo-Tech Director in program development, recruiting and interviewing faculty, conducting staff development, and recruiting students. I had primary responsibility for developing unique training programs for businesses and making presentations to education and community groups.*
4. What events or happenings to you remember most about your first years at DMACC? *The quick and positive response to the new college by students, their families and the community. The rapid growth in enrollment and the increase in new programs (in 5 years we had 40 programs). The building of new facilities (all programs were initially housed in temporary facilities in several locations for the first two years).*
5. What major changes did you observe during your time at DMACC? *I watched the college grow from 30 students in three programs to 20,000 in 70 programs, and expand from one campus to 5, with several attendance centers. The relationships with high schools improved when college credit courses were made available on their sites, as did*

*the respect that senior colleges showed through articulation agreements that recognized our strong academic program. The college gained recognition as an institution for first choice and developed an outstanding reputation nationally with unique programming and the talents of the faculty.*

6. Who do you remember the most from DMACC and why?

*Our outstanding first Superintendent/President Dr. Paul Lowery, who developed the mission and basis for later success. Dr. Phil Langerman who set the tone with strong off campus programs and later became the CAO. Leonard Bengtson who developed student services and a reporting system that were the envy of other colleges. Own Shadle 1st vo tech director, Dr. Bob Eicher built vo tech. Jack Asby our first CFO. All faculty and staff, and many board members.*

7. Please share any other special memories you have about the early years at DMACC. *It was exciting to be one of the first college employees and to be a part of most of the major development efforts for my 30 years. I was given latitude to try new ideas and to participate as a leader in state and national professional organizations. I had many mentors who encouraged me to take risks and think big. I will always be grateful for the opportunities and the personal satisfaction I have gained from DMACC.*

**SUBMIT**

DMACC

*Pioneers*

**TODAY**

DMACC • HISTORY ARCHIVE

<https://www.dmacc.edu/pioneers/history/Pages/firsttenform.aspx>

**PIONEER HISTORY PROJECT**

# BE A DMACC PIONEER VOLUNTEER



- **Volunteering is the easiest way to make a difference, help others and have fun at the same time.**
- **Join your fellow Pioneers and volunteer to assist with DMACC sponsored events.**
- **Have fun, earn points and receive rewards while making a difference.**



**DANA ZEISER**

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**LOIS KIESTER**



## SEPTEMBER

## *Kick-Off*



83 Pioneer Members and guests attended the Annual Kick-Off catered by Smoky D's with centerpieces by HyVee. We were informed, elated and reunited and ready for another exciting year ahead. Our guests of honor were President Rob Denson & Tara Connolly

## OCTOBER

## *Prairie Trail*



40 Pioneer Members and guests attended the October meeting where we were brought up to day about the latest exciting things going on at Prairie Trail.

**NOVEMBER**

# *Honoring our Veterans*



43 Pioneer Members and guests attended the Annual meeting honoring our DMACC veterans. The veterans in attendance are pictured above including Trevor McCarthy and Valerie Stump, veterans who are currently enrolled at the college and hosted by Don Enright, DMACC Veterans Affairs.

A hot meal was catered by by HyVee. We were humbled by our Veterans as they shared stories of their time in the service.

Dee Johnson shared a history of their son, Captain Dana L. Johnson ,who is currently serving as an MC 12 pilot in the Oklahoma Air National Guard in Oklahoma City.

This is a meeting we all look forward to.



**MEETINGS**

## *Thank You For Your Service!*



**JOIN US TO GET INTO THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT**



**YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS OF HOLIDAY TREATS WILL MAKE THIS EVENT AN SPECIAL CELEBRATION.**



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# *Holiday Party*

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 11**

**DMACC ANKENY CAMPUS**



**LAKEVIEW • BLDG 7 • 11 AM-1 PM**

**ALL DMACC FACULTY AND STAFF ARE INVITED TO JOIN US  
SPONSORED BY THE PIONEERS AND THE DMACC BOARD  
NON-PERISHABLE SNACK ITEMS WILL BE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED  
FOR OUR PAMELA'S PANTRY - NEEDY STUDENTS**

**PIONEERS: PLEASE CALL  
515 964.6868  
TO LET US KNOW WHAT  
HOLIDAY TREATS YOU WILL  
BE BRINGING TO SHARE.**

**WEAR YOUR FUN HOLIDAY  
SWEATER AND PLAN ON  
HAVING A JOLLY HOLIDAY  
TIME WITH ALL OF YOUR  
DMACC FRIENDS**



**UPCOMING MEETING**



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## PROGRAMS - 2017 & 18

We have planned a year of programs that should have wide appeal as to subject matter, informational education, and just plain fun.

Last Spring we held our first day long tour experience which centered on the Sigourney area and sights nearby. We are looking forward to continuing that tradition with another trip in 2018. Stay tuned for exciting details.

These are the dates and details of the Programs so you can plan ahead to add to your Pioneer experience.

### JAN NO MEETING

**FEB 8** Valentines Lunch at the Bistro

**MAR 8** "The Iowa Baby Lady". Katie Nyberg is one of Iowa's leading experts on Doula. This informative program will give you some insight into one of the fastest growing businesses in today's health fields.

**APR 12** "How To Glue Your Face to the Carpet & 365 Other Great Sketchbook Assignments" This is title of Bob Kling's new book. Bob has exhibited his paintings, drawings, sculptures and photographs throughout America for more than forty years. He has been a life-long educator at both the secondary and college levels. Bob has served as board member of BRAVO Greater Des Moines, written a newspaper column for 25 years, done freelance writing for numerous newspapers and magazines, and served as a Iowa Department of Education consultant. You will not want to miss this Pioneers' program!

**MAY 10** Pioneers Field Trip Day. Due to the positive response of our first Pioneers Field trip, a second field trip is being planned. Watch for details later as you will want to be a part of this unique Pioneers event.

**JUN 14** "Are Those Old Postcards Valuable?" Dave Brown has been collecting postcards for years. Bring your old postcards to this Pioneers meeting and learn if you have some valuable treasures!



**JUL 12** "Body Building at 79!" Dick Bloedow is a Des Moines native who excelled in body building and weight lifting throughout his entire life. At age 79 he still works out regularly and has many interesting stories to share. He was Mr. Iowa in 1963, won first place in the Mr. Hercules contest when he was just 21, was the power-lifting champion in two different classes, held the bench lifting record for the 165 lb. class for 13 years when he bench-pressed 355 pounds, was a manager for the Sorensen Gym and served 20 years as an A.A.U. official in Olympic Lifting and Power Lifting. Dick has worked out with some of the best, including Arnold Schwarzenegger. Dick displayed his talents at the 1962 Iowa State Fair by lifting a 2600 lb. car! Even if you are not familiar with body building, you will love hearing Dick's stories.

**AUG 9** "A Story Telling Picnic" Summer time means picnic time. Bring your lawn chair and join us in a good old-time Pioneers picnic. And the best part is that you will provide the program. Everyone has something they treasure and would like to share.. Remember "show and tell" time in grade school? Well, this is your chance to bring something to show and share. Maybe it's a keepsake, picture, piece of jewelry, or a family heirloom. Whatever it is, bring it to the picnic to show others and have some fun sharing your story with us! Watch for details later!

**SEPT 4** Fall Kick Off

**OCT 11** Love That Pork. October's meal will be catered by Steve Heaberlin, a retired farmer who owned and operated one of the larger hog confinement operations in Iowa. After years of raising pork, Steve decided to start a catering business. Of course, pork items often appear on his menu. Steve keeps very busy entering barbeque contests, teaching various cooking and barbequing classes, catering numerous social events including meals for a local winery. Steve also caters meals for the monthly meeting of the Iowa Community College Presidents. He is a regular at the Iowa State Fair Cook Out competition. Steve will discuss some of the issues related to the pork industry.

**NOV 8** "American Wars Significance On and Off the Field" As we honor those Pioneers who served in our military, we will be treated to a program by Pete Taggart. Pete is a Simpson College history professor who has a wealth of knowledge about American wars. He will present a program on the effects of our culture after various American wars as well as during the wars. Pete also works with the Drake University Ray Society. You won't want to miss this interesting and informative program.

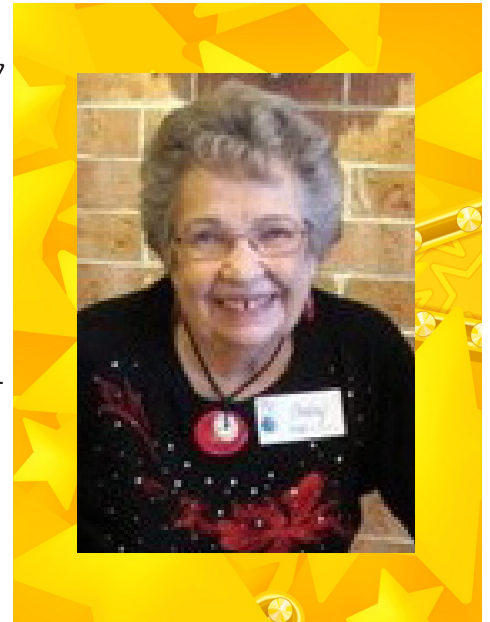
**DEC 10** Annual Holiday Party for all staff & faculty with the DMACC Board of Directors - Lakeview Inn

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**MEETING POLICY** Program Meetings of the DMACC Pioneers are scheduled at 11:30 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month with the exception of the Annual Kick-Off at 4:30 p.m. in September and the Holiday Party at 11:00 a.m. in December. Members will be informed by e-mail or receipt of a printed flier of the upcoming meeting topic and location. Reservations by e-mail at [pioneers@dmacc.edu](mailto:pioneers@dmacc.edu) or by phone at 515 964-6868 are expected by 4:00 p.m. on the Monday before the meeting date unless otherwise announced. Should DMACC Ankeny campus be closed the meeting will be canceled. Closures will be announced through wide spread media. Cancellations will be posted on the Pioneer phone line or by e-mail.

## Outstanding Pioneer 2017

As one of the very first employees, Shirley has had a long and successful career at DMACC – 36 years to be exact. She was among a small number of faculty members who were a part of DMACC’s first instructional team in the fall of 1967, the first year classes were offered. Shirley had a long and successful career as program chair of the Medical Assisting program – a program that was, in thanks to her, among the first to be accredited – both nationally, and at DMACC. She also was active in related activities and served as president of the Iowa Vocational Association and later as a Regional Vice President and board member for the American Vocational Association.



She has been active in a variety of roles as a DMACC Pioneer that culminated with her election as President of the organization from 2014 to 2016. She has been invaluable in driving DMACC to new heights by providing volunteer support, generous financial support, and irreplaceable insight.

### **LITTLE KNOWN FACTS & GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

*In her own words:* “With my husband John, raising 3 kids while working full time! Developing the Medical Assistant curriculum. There were no Programs in Iowa until the Area Schools were established. Drs. had to be convinced our graduates could be more efficient than training staff on the job. Our program was one of the first in the nation to be approved by the American Medical Association. We presented testimony to the House Committee of Education and Labor in 1981. When we started at DMACC we were a small group. We knew everybody and depended on each other for support. Long-lasting friendships developed, still very close to those I worked with. I don’t know if that still happens hope so! Sharon Eskstrom and I became “Sisters of the Heart” (Note: Sharon was the first recipient of the Outstanding Pioneer of The Year in 2008. Also, since we were there at the beginning, we developed and designed our space in the building. That was another new experience. I don’t think I ever worked so hard in my life.

I appreciated the support from administration when I got involved with American Vocational Association and Iowa Vocational Association. It was another “growth” I could not have participated in without their support and the support of my family.

**SPECIAL MEMORIES:** On my 50th birthday, my students tied me in a wheel chair, went on a campus tour.

At a party at my house, had a race on a kid’s tricycle and a toy John Deere Tractor. Quite a sight!

We used a mobile trailer for typing classes and the mice invaded in the fall. Lots of squealing students.

I love Pioneers because it helps me stay in contact with DMACC friends, remain involved in activities that benefit DMACC and especially students, and raising money for scholarships for students.”

## **WE LOVE YOU SHIRLEY**

# Recently Deceased Pioneer Friends

## JOAN ADAMS • 1930-2017



Joan Adams passed peacefully on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at Mercy Hospice in Johnston. She was born November 20, 1930 to Charles and Gertrude Forney in East Beaversburg, PA. She grew up on the family farm in rural Pennsylvania where she learned to love outdoor life, plants and animals. She started her working life at age 15 at a candy store in Lancaster. After graduating from East Hempfield High School, she attended Elizabethtown College for one year before she learned that nursing was her true calling. She trained at the Osteopathic College in Philadelphia, PA, then began her career as nurse on the Seaboard Express, a passenger train that ran between New York and Miami. Following that she worked as a hotel nurse in Cleveland and San Francisco. Eventually, she returned

to Philadelphia, where she married Dr. Jay Adams and worked in his pediatric practice as his nurse. In the late 1950's they moved to Des Moines. Jo worked as a psychiatric nurse at Hillcrest Hospital, which is now Scottish Rite Park, the retirement high rise where Jo lived most recently. When Hillcrest closed, she became the head of nursing at Iowa Lutheran Hospital. She earned her Masters' degree at Goddard College and went on to teach nursing at DMAAC until she retired in 1993.

Early in the 1970's, Jo was introduced to Healing Touch, a practice she learned to love and willingly shared. She was a gifted healer, as well as a hypnotist, helping hundreds of patients, students and friends over the years. Jo loved learning. She was always interested in the latest developments and anything new that could improve people's health and sense of well-being. She had a special passion Samoyed dogs and told stories about her favorite pet, Soul Brother.

Her family and friends will always remember her as a compassionate, fun-loving person who handled every situation with sensitivity and grace. Her sons think of her as a great storyteller and the ultimate peacemaker. She also loved having fun. She frequently regaled those she knew with stories from her nursing school days and her stints as a hotel and railroad nurse. She loved telling about the skeleton she and her friends placed outside the nursing school dorm. They named him Jay, put a cigarette in his mouth and left him at the front door to greet everyone. Jo was full of creative ideas and always found someone who would help her get them rolling. She was methodical and thorough when she latched on to a project and found ways to make it fun and meaningful for everyone involved.

Survivors include her sons, Steven (Ankeny) and David (and Laurie) Adams (Ankeny); and her brother Joe Forney (Lancaster, Pennsylvania). Jo was preceded in death by her parents, two siblings (Charles and Betty), and her husband Jay.





## JOYCE BROWN • 1935-2017

West Des Moines

Joyce Graham Brown, 81, of West Des Moines, Iowa, died on August 6, 2017. Memorial Services will be held on Saturday, August 26th, 11:00am, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. There will be a luncheon at the church following the service where the family will greet friends.

Born on November 16, 1935 in Colfax, Iowa, Joyce was the daughter of Charles and Gladys (Ferguson) Graham. She graduated from Colfax

High School then earned both a Bachelor's and a Master's Degree from Drake University. Joyce taught history at East High School, then was a counselor at DMACC for many years, retiring in 1998. Her favorite hobby was genealogy and she traveled extensively in both the US and England pursuing her family history. When Joyce ran out of findable ancestors, she worked finding ancestors for other people. She volunteered at the Iowa Genealogical Society where she loved helping solve ancestral mysteries. She also dedicated extensive time to supporting members of her church and others in the community when they needed a helping hand or a shoulder to cry on. One of Joyce's greatest joys was spending time with her four grandchildren and her new great grandson.

Joyce is survived by her daughters, Ginger (Virginia) Brown (Rick Tacy) of Virginia and Joanna Glenn (Barry) of Texas; her grandchildren, Joshua Dennison (Lauren), Joel Dennison, and Bethany Dennison of Texas, and Graham Parvinkarimi of Virginia; and her great grandchild, Jonah Kepple Dennison of Texas. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Luke's Episcopal Church or the Iowa Genealogical Society.



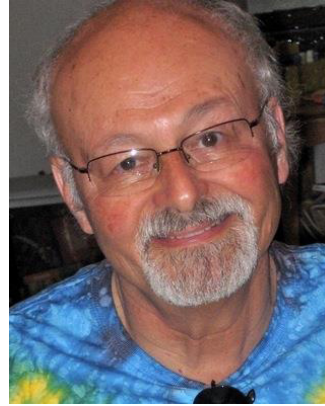


## LLOYD MILLER • 1938-2017

Des Moines

Teacher and musician, Lloyd J. Miller, 78, died on July 18, 2017 in Des Moines, Iowa.

Lloyd was born in Duluth, MN on December 17, 1938, where he grew up until moving to Madison, WI through high school. An abundantly curious, deeply-principled, optimistic, generous soul, Lloyd lived and loved his life fully. He especially enjoyed riding his motorcycle, traveling to the Southwest and national parks, gambling in Las Vegas, fishing and camping, passionately debating politics, celebrating special occasions with family, and spending time with close friends.



Lloyd served in the Navy then attended the University of Wisconsin where he received a Bachelors then a Masters in Ibero-American studies. He taught Spanish and anthropology at Kankakee Community College in Illinois (1968-70), and Des Moines Area Community College (1970-2000), spending eight years as DMACC's director of social and behavioral sciences division (1974-82).

His anthropological career included graduate work studying the Otomí of Huixquilucan, Mexico in 1963, and independent field work with the Yucatán Mayans of Chan Kom, Mexico in 1990. He was editor of the newsletter-cum-journal, *Teaching Anthropology: SACC Notes*, for the Society for Anthropology in Community Colleges, a section of the American Anthropological Association (1991-2014). He conducted various tours of Mexico, culminating in 1989 in what he deemed "the educational highlight of my career": a Fulbright-Hayes Group Studies Abroad grant in conjunction with the University of Naucalpan, Des Moines' sister city, guiding seventeen teachers on a six-week educational tour of Mexico. Of twenty-one selections in *The Tao of Anthropology* (2008), his "The Accidental Anthropologist" was the only submission written by a community college professor.

From the age of fifteen, Lloyd was a professional saxophonist and clarinetist. Belonging to the American Federation of Musicians, Local 75, he performed jazz, classical, and big band dance for over forty years throughout central Iowa.

He is survived by his children: Sam Miller, Laura Sparks (George Sparks); stepchildren: Erin Drinnin (Jason Jones), Joel Drinnin (Amanda Drinnin); grandchildren: Nathan, Toby, Maby, Jade, Beatrice, and Owen; and companion: Mary Beth Wilk. He is preceded in death by parents Phil and Helen Miller, wife Toby Miller, and wife Beverly Drinnin. A memorial service will be held at Temple B'nai Jeshurun, 5101 Grand Avenue, Des Moines at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 23rd.

Among many organizations, Lloyd passionately supported the Cutaneous Lymphoma Foundation. In lieu of flowers, please donate to causes close to your hearts.



GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN DMACC PIONEER FRIENDS

**HAROLD GAMM • 1927-2017**

Harold Leon Gamm, 90, of Brandon, FL passed away on Saturday, June 17, 2017. He is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Maxine Gamm, his children, Georgia Hollrah (Kent) Jennifer Ruechel (Al) and Jeffrey Gamm (Melinda), 11 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and friends. A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, July 22, 2017 at 10am with Military Honors at Stowers Funeral Home, Brandon, FL. Donations should be to the Salvation Army.



**DEE STOLZE • 1935-2017**



Doreen M. Stolze, 82, of Ankeny, IA, passed away Tuesday, June 6, 2017, at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines, IA. Visitation will be from 2:00 p.m., to 4:00 p.m., Sunday, June 11, 2017, at Ankeny Funeral Home (1510 W. First St., Ankeny, IA 50023). Mass of Christian Burial will be at 2:00 p.m., Monday, June 12, 2017 at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church (510 E. First St. Ankeny, IA 50021). Memorials may be directed towards the Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children (5525 Meredith Dr Ste F, Des Moines, IA 50310).

Doreen Mary Stolze was born February 23, 1935, to Homer and Mildred (Helton) Wagner, in Burlington, Iowa. She was raised there and graduated from Burlington High School. Doreen then went on to attend Iowa State University in Ames, IA, where she received her Masters of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education. Doreen was united in marriage to Mark August Stolze on April 22, 1957 in Burlington and they were blessed with 8 children. Doreen worked in childhood education for many years, working at Des Moines Area Community College for 15 years before moving to Columbus, Ohio, where she went to work as a professor at Columbus State before retiring in 1999. Doreen and Mark moved back to Ankeny in 2000 where she was self-employed as a children's education center consultant for a few years.

Doreen was a member of Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church in Ankeny where she was an Eucharist minister, and she and Mark hosted the Wise & Wonderful group for many years. She was also a member of the Catholic Daughters. Doreen was involved with the Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children and also the Des Moines African Violet Club. In her free time, Doreen enjoyed raising African violets and reading, along with doing needle-point work.

Doreen is survived by her husband of 60 years, Mark Stolze; 8 children: Peter (Laura) Stolze of Ankeny Mark G (Julie) Stolze of Windsor, CA, Joseph (Elizabeth) Stolze of Omaha, NE, Catherine (Sean) Fry of Tulsa, OK, Cecilia (Robert) Hickman of Ankeny, Cynthia (Kevin) Hultman of Lewisville, TX, Constance (Terry) Handel of Sycamore, IL and Colleen (Mark) Bennett of Appleton, WI; she is further survived by 2 siblings, Doris (Melvin) Nelson, Donna (Rev. Tom) Woehrle; 19 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Doreen is preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Dale Wagner.



## DALE WAGNER • 1938-2017

Dale William Wagner died at Trinity Center on March 6, after years of battling Alzheimer's disease.



He was born on February 9, 1938 at Burlington, IA, the son of Homer Dodge and Mildred Eunice (Helton) Wagner. He graduated from ISU with a degree in Agriculture in 1961. He joined International Voluntary Service (IVS) and served 2 years in Vietnam teaching the Hmong and other hill people how to improve their ag practices.

Dale married Ruth Davidson in 1967. Family was his number one priority. He was a great supporter of his family's activities through school, college, and their careers. He enjoyed his grandson, Evan, and welcomed Bryan Johnson as Janet's husband. He also enjoyed having dogs, especially the giant breeds, a Newfoundland and a Great Pyrenees.

He completed a Master's Degree in Student Services and Counseling, and worked at DMACC as Director of Student Activities and then a Student Career Counselor. He was an active member of ICCSSA (Iowa Community College Student Services Assoc.) He retired from full time at DMACC in 2000. In 2001, he began part time jobs in the Counseling Department, and was Department Coordinator and Adjunct Counselor for the Business and Technology Department until 2010. He was active in the Pioneers retiree group at DMACC and received the **PIONEER OF THE YEAR AWARD IN 2010**.

Dale was an active member of the Ankeny Presbyterian Church and was an ordained Elder. He was the Scout Master of Troop 88, served on the Polk County Extension Board, and one of the original drivers of the Ankeny Marching Hawk Band Trailer.

He had many hobbies and interests, including gardening, small motor repair, video and still photography, and wine making. He was known for his wood carving of Santas, creating and giving many as gifts for 20 years.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Ruth; children, Janet (Bryan) Johnson, and Eric Wagner; grandson, Evan Wagner; sisters, Doris Nelson, Doreen (Mark) Stolze, and Donna (Tom) Woehrle; brother-in-law Robert (Mary) Davidson and 16 nieces and nephews, their spouses and children.

Memorials may be given for the DMACC Foundation (memo: Pioneer's Scholarship), Ankeny Presbyterian Church, or Alzheimer's Association of Greater Iowa.



# Known Deceased Pioneers

## ANKENY, BOONE, CARROLL, NEWTON, URBAN, OTHER

Carol Abbott, Bus Office Assistant  
 Clair Abbott, Campus Dean, Boone  
 Joan Adams, Nursing  
 Jay Alcorn, Systems I.T.  
 Connie Allen, Human Resources  
 Mel Allen, Asst. Dean, Urban  
 Bill Alley, Recreation Specialist  
 Bob Anderson, Mechanical Drafting  
 Max Arnburg, Plant Services  
 Jack Asby, V.P. Business Office  
 Ruth Aurelius, Speech & English  
 Don Bell, Public Relations  
 Leonard Bengtson, Vice President  
 Dee Benning, Operating Room Tech  
 Jim Bennett, Data Processing  
 Bill Berge, English Instructor, Boone  
 Eldon Bergstrom, Dir. Media Center  
 Evalotte Berl, Bookkeeper, Boone  
 Joe Borgen, President  
 Joyce Brown, Counselor, Advisor  
 Marvin Buck, Student Center Serv.  
 Marilyn Burdick, Counselor  
 William Bulwalda, Conditioned Air  
 Pat Cahill, Office Asst. Continuing Ed  
 Eva Dean Caldwell, Business Office  
 Rusty Caldwell, Com Horticulture  
 Sue Chatterton, Learning Center  
 Valerie Cole, Student Services  
 Ken Collier, Welding  
 Jerry Corrigan, Industrial Electronics  
 Tom Dart, Placement  
 Lori Dowie Reeser, Hospitality Careers  
 Bev Drinnin, Psychology  
 Bill Easter, Student Center  
 Diane Eastman, Librarian  
 Sharon Moore Eckstrom, Dental Asst.  
 Bob Eicher, Director Career Education  
 Pete Everett, Industrial Marketing  
 Denise Farmer, Human Resources  
 Clair Fisher, Business Administration  
 Marilee Frazee, Student Services  
 Ron Frier, Instructor, DSM Skills Center  
 Lloyd Frette, Auto Collision Chair  
 Harold Gamm, Career Ed Assistant  
 Director & Personnel Director  
 Richard Gartin, Printing Chair  
 Donald Gaster, Automotive  
 Dorothy Gilliland, Public Relations  
 Edward Gunton, Industrial Marketing  
 Sue Graffiti, H.R. Benefits Specialist  
 Leona Hadley, Sec Asst Dir Adult Ed  
 Byron Hamilton, Dean, Boone  
 Virjama Hamilton, English, Boone  
 Ellis Hansen, Chief Academic officer  
 Gene Harder, Auto Collision/Educ.  
 Assistant Behavior Objectives

Mary Ann Harpel, Office Occup  
 Mary Harris, Accts Receivable Clerk  
 Ruth Ann Harstad, English, Urban  
 William Hart, Mech Tech Chair  
 Kenneth Hoff, Printing, Chair  
 Lindley Hoyt, Agri Bus & Registrar  
 Faune Husted, Receptionist  
 Kathy Irwin, Office Occupations  
 Ken Johnson, Culinary Arts  
 Morris Johnson, Assist. Dean, Urban  
 Ardella Jones, Secretary, Voc Ed.  
 Ed Keefe, Counselor & DP Faculty  
 Eugene Kees, Automotive  
 Clyde Kramer, Dean Adult & Con Ed  
 & Director, DMACC Foundation  
 Richard Lintner, Health Care Admin.  
 Mike Loos, I.T.  
 Paul Lowery, Superintendent  
 Harlan Mann, Adult Education  
 Jack Mastrofski, Commercial Art  
 John Megerson, Criminal Justice  
 Leo Michels, Purchasing  
 Lloyd Miller, Anthropology  
 Ted Miller, Building Maintenance  
 Instructor – DSM Skill Center  
 Helen Miner, Assist to the President  
 Charlie Moench, Dir Community  
 College IA Dept of Education  
 Joe Moore, Bookstore Manager  
 Ben Moravek, Supplemental Coor.  
 Wayne Neal, Supplemental Coor.  
 Tom Nelson, Dean I & T  
 George Nichols, Ast Dir, Skills Cntr  
 Francis Pentico, Custodian, Boone  
 Tom Peterson, Architectural Drafting  
 Sunny Powers, Development Center  
 Instructor, Boone  
 Russ Priestley, Office Occupations  
 Dave Reimers, Placement  
 James Renwick, Automotive  
 Mary Rhoads, Registration  
 George Rogers, Com. Horticulture  
 Jack Rollinger, Coor Adult Cont Ed  
 Chuck Rousch, Marketing, Skills Cntr  
 Margaret Rowe, Med Lab Tech. Chr  
 Chuck Schaefer, Development Center  
 Instructor, Boone  
 Carl Schiefert, Automotive  
 Robert Schouten, Math Instructor,  
 Carroll  
 Dick (Richard) Scroggs, Printing  
 Dick Seliger, Machine Shop Chair  
 Dick Silver, Tool & Die  
 Curt Smith, Auto Parts Specialist  
 Russ Slicker, Dean, Arts & Sciences  
 Charlie Smart, Upholstery Chair

Joyce Nelson Smith,  
 Cont Ed Coordinator  
 Mary Sounders, Key  
 Purchasing  
 Emil Stadel, Dean -Boone  
 Velma Stanley, Secretary  
 Dick Steen, Tool & Die  
 Keith Stevens, Diesel  
 Bill Stewart, Tool & Die  
 Chair  
 June Story, Marketing  
 Retail Fashion  
 Dee Stolze, Child Care  
 George Sturtz, Custodian  
 Boone  
 Dick Tay, Asst. Dean,  
 Boone  
 Michelle Tedrow,  
 Librarian, Boone  
 Mildred Thompson  
 Office Occupations  
 Jack Tillson, Librarian,  
 Boone  
 Curt VanDivier, Vice Pres  
 Madge Versteegh, Ca-  
 reer Education Instructor  
 - Urban  
 Joan Von Grabow  
 Nursing Director, Boone  
 Phyllis Vulcano,  
 Receptionist – DSM Skills  
 Center  
 Dale Wagner, Stu Activ.  
 Gary Wilcox,  
 Dean Arts & Sciences  
 Mildred Yarrow,  
 Secretary, Health

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## *The Golden Years*

*T*he golden years are years to be remembered.  
Be happy doing the things you want to do.  
Through golden years you never should be lonesome,  
just sitting and thinking of no one but you.

*T*he golden years are not for you to wonder.  
The three score ten will never let you down.  
Get out and be more useful helping others.  
There's a lot that you can do. Just look around.

*T*he golden years should be years of pleasure.  
Just look around, get busy, be alive.  
Then life will be a life that's sure worth living  
with happiness and health past sixty-five.

*T*he golden years have many things to offer  
where you can reap the bounties yet untold.  
Forgetting time, the calendars and the birthdays,  
believe me, the golden years are worth their  
weight in gold. Angelo Sciavolino

*P*lease join us at a Pioneer Meeting where your friendships endure and your memories are shared by everyone. Your Editor: Dee Johnson

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