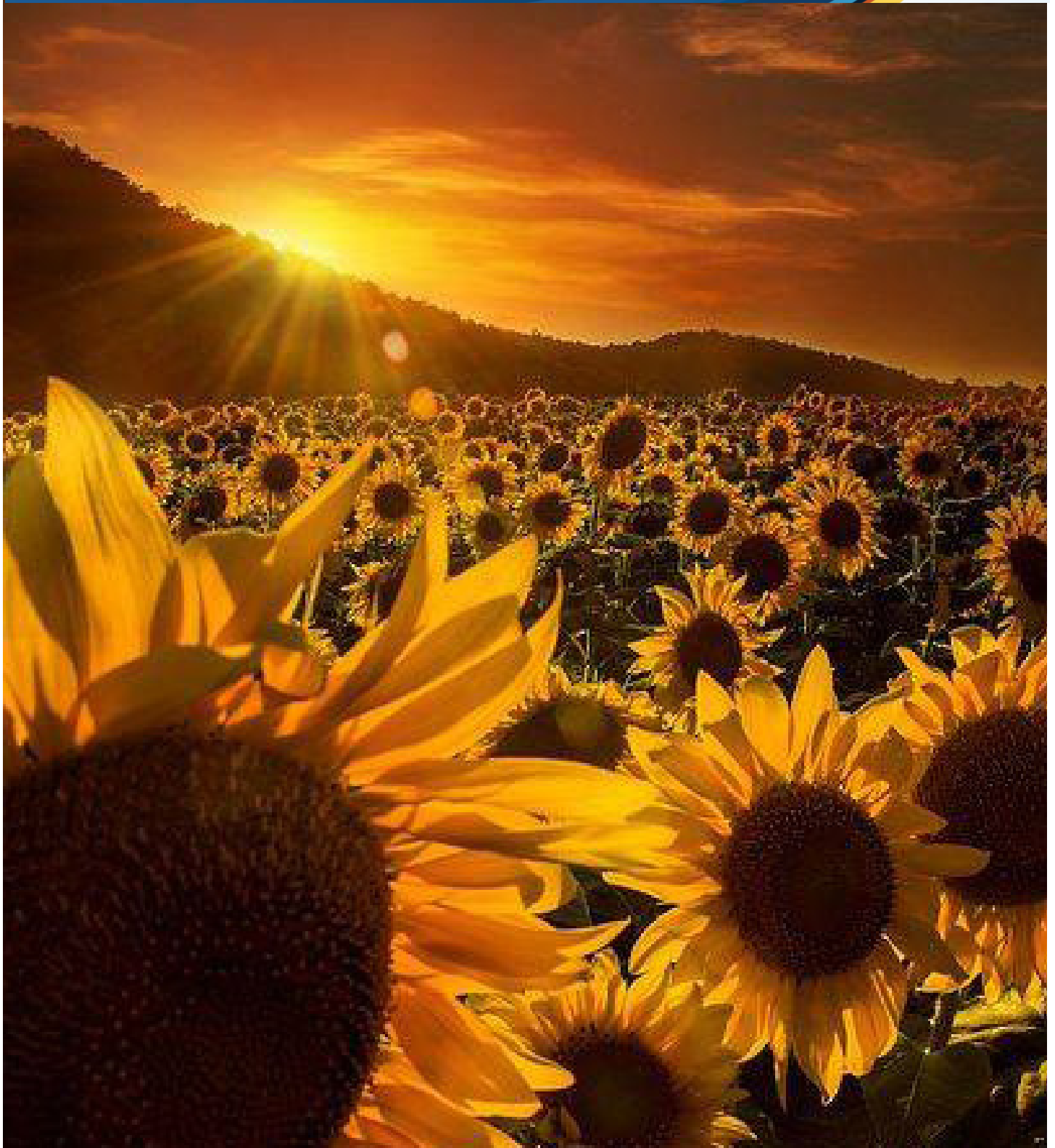


**DMACC**

*Pioneer Connection*

**FALL 2018**





Happy Autumn, Pioneers! I hope this issue of our newsletter finds you enjoying cool temperatures and sunny days. Our year is off to a great start and I am excited to be part of this wonderful organization

Our attendance at the Kick-Off reached 90 this year and the evening was very special. Attendees enjoyed updates from President Denson and Tara Connolly along with a testimonial from a current Pioneers Scholarship recipient attending classes at Carroll. Dana Zeiser, Chair of the Hospitality/Volunteer Committee, awarded the first volunteer certificates and awards. We know how valuable your time is and we sincerely appreciate when our members can provide support to various DMACC activities. It is important to recognize your involvement in this way. Check out the volunteer opportunities available on the Volunteering page.

We honored two long-time members of the Leadership Council who made the decision to step down from their positions this year, Warren Pitcher, Treasurer, and Verlyn Noring, Programs. They have both assured me they will continue to attend monthly meetings and stay involved. Thank you both!

We welcomed our new Leadership Council members at the Kick-Off, too. Thank you to Patty Holmes, Treasurer, and Craig McEnany, Programs. Both have hit the ground running. Check out the full schedule of programs at the website through August, 2019.

The Fall Giving Campaign is in full swing and donations are coming in for both the Scholarship Fund and Endowment. I would like to take a moment to say “thank you” to those that have returned their pledge cards. Your gift is sincerely appreciated. If you have not returned your donation yet, it is not too late. The dollars raised can change the life of a student forever. No matter the size of your donation—it will make a difference! We want to continue to increase our contributions to Scholarships, but I would also like for you to consider also donating to the Endowment. We reached the \$100,000 level a couple of years ago and Pioneers has been able to make significant contributions from the dividends and interest back to our Scholarship Fund the past two years. As the ad campaign from years past said—Think About It!!

One of our goals this year is to increase member participation and attendance by 10%. We can only do that with your help. As friends retire, personally invite them to join you at a meeting. And if you haven’t attended a meeting in the past, now is the perfect time to start. I would love to see you soon!

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Sue".

# MEMBERSHIP AREA NEWS



Mailing monthly meeting fliers to various Pioneers and preparing informational packets about the Pioneers for early retirees continue to be key ongoing activities of the membership area. However, some new and exciting opportunities are just ahead of us:

A greater involvement in communicating about the Pioneers to early retirees is starting this fall. In addition to preparing informational packets about the Pioneers for early retirees, we now are participating in the small group general exit informational meetings conducted by Human Resources. What a great way to share the mission and vision of the Pioneers to potential Pioneer members!!

Starting in 2019, plans are underway to include Pioneers volunteers in select welcoming events for students as the spring semester begins on January 7. Training will be provided for those Pioneers who are interested in participating in Welcome Week Spring 2019. More details will be provided in an upcoming e-mail on how to sign up for this great opportunity and attend the first training session!!

We are always looking for opportunities to help out where it is needed. Any ideas or suggestions are always welcome!!!

*Marian*  
Marian Tonhouse  
Membership Chair

## ADVANTAGES OF A PIONEER MEMBERSHIP

### FRIENDSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, FOOD, AND FUN

- Interesting monthly programs with updates, announcements, and an opportunity to maintain current and renew former friendships along with meeting new friends with a common connection.
- Three major special programs including the Pioneer Kick-off event, DMACC Holiday Party and Valentine's Day Lunch in the Bistro.
- Access to DMACC Daily email updates.
- Biannual newsletters on Pioneer activities and special interest topics.
- Access to DMACC leaders, facilities and services including:
  - o Reduced fees for course enrollments
  - o Free DMACC Library access
  - o Employee discounted rates at Trail Point Aquatics and Wellness Center, Ankeny Campus
- Ongoing reminders of your role in making DMACC the special place it is today!



## RUTH WAGNER

*T*hese are the annual Pioneer Activities and Initiatives.

### **PIONEERS SUPPORT TO DMACC IN 2017-18**

- Supported Pamela's Pantry with food donations totaling over \$500.
- Read, ranked and reviewed scholarship applications for the DMACC Foundation Scholarships.
- Generated over \$10,000 to support the Pioneer Scholarship fund, allowing us to receive a \$10,000 matching gift from DMACC.
- Generated \$4,300 for the Pioneer Endowment.
- Co-hosted the annual DMACC Holiday Party with the DMACC Board of Directors.

### **MAJOR PIONEER ACTIVITIES IN 2017-18**

- Held our annual Veteran's Appreciation and Recognition program.
- Traveled to Jefferson, Iowa for an all-day field trip.
- Held an annual planning retreat with the Pioneer Leadership Council.
- Elected two new Leadership Council members.
- Developed a Pioneer Volunteer Recruitment and Recognition Plan.
- Added 15 new articles to the online Pioneers History Project and collaborated with Rebecca Funke, Director of Library Resources, to secure DMACC Hall in the Student Center, Building 5 for a DMACC History archive display area.

## FROM OUR SECRETARY


### **PIONEER GOALS FOR 2018-2019**

- Increase individual member attendance and involvement in Pioneer meetings and other activities by 10%.
- Expand Pioneer volunteer opportunities to serve DMACC; increase the level of participation by 50% and recognize Pioneers who volunteer.
- Increase the number of financial contributors and the average contribution to the DMACC Pioneer Scholarship fund and the Pioneer Endowment by 10%.

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

*Ruth*

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth Wagner, Secretary





## FROM OUR TREASURER

Thank you to each of you as we continue to provide needed scholarships to DMACC students. DMACC has been generous to match up to \$10,000 of our fund-raising drive again this year. The need for financial support continues to grow every year so please consider supporting as you can. Here are the two options for consideration when support the funds.

### **OPTION 1: PIONEERS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Donations to this Pioneer account would be used for DMACC student scholarships each year.

### **OPTION 2: PIONEERS ENDOWMENT**

Donations to this account are invested by DMACC and only the interest/dividends/gains earned are used for student scholarships. The principal may not be used for scholarships. Over the past five years we have earned an average of around six percent on the principal to be used for scholarships.

### **THE WAYS TO DONATE INCLUDE:**

Complete the form sent in the letter earlier this fall and return it in the postage paid envelope. To donate you can submit on-line at:

[WWW.DMACC.EDU/FOUNDATION](http://WWW.DMACC.EDU/FOUNDATION) Make sure you indicate which option and in the "Leave a comment" section indicate it is for the Pioneers Scholarship Fund or Endowment.

Or mail 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 Fund or Endowment.*

## PATTY HOLMES



### **FINANCIAL REPORT - JUNE 30, 2018**

#### **SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$15,816.59</b>
<b>PIONEERS' CONTRIBUTION</b>	<b>\$10,623.22</b>
<b>DMACC MATCH</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
<b>EARNINGS FROM ENDOWMENT</b>	<b>\$ 8,835.32</b>
<b>DISTRIBUTION FOR SCHOLARSHIP</b>	<b>(\$11,000.00)</b>

#### **ENDOWMENT**

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$109,175.99</b>
<b>PIONEERS' CONTRIBUTION</b>	<b>\$ 4,380.00</b>
<b>INTEREST/DIVIDENDS/GAINS</b>	<b>\$ 5,406.46</b>
<b>EARNINGS MOVED TO SCHOLARSHIPS</b>	<b>\$ (8,835.12)</b>

**DONATIONS JULY 1 - SEPT. 30, 2018**    **\$ 7,750.00**

**WE NEED YOUR  
DONATIONS TO  
REACH OUR 2018  
GOAL TO ASSIST  
OUR STUDENTS**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

*Thanks for your support*

## FROM BRUCE HANN



Here is one of our most colorful memories submitted by **Bruce Hann, Denver, Colorado**

**1. When did you begin work at DMACC?** *August 1969*

**2. When did you retire or leave DMACC?** *2007*

**3. In the early years, what was your work position and major responsibilities?**

*I taught English. At first, my classes were mostly related instruction for vocational students. Later I taught college credit composition and literature classes.*

**4. What events or happenings do you remember most about your first years at DMACC?**

*I initially interviewed with Dr. Ellis Hanson, Assistant Superintendent, in the summer of 1969 and was offered a contract and a salary. After moving my family from Albuquerque, I discovered my salary had been reduced by \$1000 because the Superintendent or Board did not approve Dr. Hanson's recommendation. The new salary was still higher than what the West Des Moines Schools offered, so I was not displeased. Later I learned that several "early hires" also received lower salaries than offered. The "lower campus" or "temporary buildings" were all that had been built and were still under construction. Since space was at a premium, I was put in Ellis Hanson's office next door to Superintendent Paul Lowery in Building One. Ellis was out of his office most*

*of the time. Soon I moved to share an office with Ben Shlaes, Accounting. He and I often ate our brown bag lunches with the computer instructors.*

*The computer students were my first composition students. I am not sure if it was Freshman Composition or Business English, in either case, they were good students though they didn't particularly love English class. The classes in English were given to career program students, but also to college transfer students. For several years, I taught at least two night classes a week to make a full schedule (5 classes). The night classes ran from 7 to 10 PM. The students were usually working adults as opposed to recent high school graduates. They were good students, serious about their classes; however, since they may not have done well in high school and, in any case, had been out of high school for quite a while, they needed reassurance about their ability. Their skills were actually much better than they realized because they had been working and were good communicators—their writing skills just needed polishing. The day students, also, would include a large portion of adult students. At one time Computer Programming even had a woman student who had a master's degree but could not find a job in her field.*

**5. What major changes did you observe during your time at DMACC?**

*A couple of changes for the better: in 1969 "sidewalks" between the temporary buildings were just 4' x 8' sheets of plywood laid on top of the mud left from construction. When it rained, the plywood became slick and wet and muddy which made the building floors dirty. A second improvement came when smoking in the classrooms was banned. I remember teaching a class one afternoon and having the students almost fall out of their chairs laughing at me. I checked my fly, but that was zipped up and I couldn't figure out why I was so unintentionally funny (I sometimes wanted to be funny.) Finally, some kind person took pity and pointed to my back. During my teaching, I had unconsciously sat on the table at the front of the room. Since I was focused on making my point, I hadn't noticed that I had sat on an ashtray. The ashtray had a wad of gum in it and stuck to the wad of gum was a cigarette butt both of which stuck to my pants. I looked like I had a tail.*

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

*At one point in the 70's (I think) the policemen (no women, yet) could get money to go to college. I had policemen from many cities and towns in the night classes. One of my former students later became Chief of the Ames Police Department—he had been an excellent Freshman Composition student. Another student advanced in the Des Moines Police Department*

and later taught classes in DMACC's Law Enforcement Program. In one class, I had several officers from the Urbandale Police Department including the Chief. One night, one of them turned on his police car's flashing lights behind me just as I pulled into my driveway. I was relieved to discover that it was a joke.

**7. Please share any other special memories you have about the early years at DMACC.**

Class schedules were sometimes tough because I was the only full time English teacher. I might have a night class that ended at 10 PM and then an 8 AM class. I lived in Urbandale about a 20 to 30 minute drive. If I came through Johnston, I would hit 2nd Avenue because it curved east to join Highway 69 to enter the east entrance to the campus. That was the only entrance. Later when the permanent buildings were built, there was a south entrance. What is now a four lane highway on the south side of the campus was a gravel road with very thin gravel. If it was wet or in the early spring when thawing and freezing made it extremely muddy, it could be an exciting drive. It wouldn't have been quite so bad, but my old Mercedes diesel car had not been rust proofed, and the top of the front fenders had rusted out behind the headlights. The muddy water would splash out of those holes and cover my windshield. One summer when I had a 7 AM class, I would see lots of wildlife on that road. One of the strangest sights was a three-foot tall, long-eared jack rabbit. It must have been imported from the west because I lived in Iowa most of my life, and I never saw anything like that before or

since.

The teachers were not vocational or technical teachers, but were called "related" teachers. Though we started offering college transfer classes in August of 1969 (or before?), the administration rarely mentioned that fact.

After the permanent buildings were built, teachers and students would be frustrated by the lack of parking. We early "related" teachers taught classes wherever there was an empty classroom. We could be in any building. Often we would have a class on lower campus and in 10 minutes another class on upper campus. It was nearly impossible to give full time to both classes. At first, vocational and technical students usually had their related classes in their own buildings. Later they needed to go to different buildings.

A bone of contention later for Arts and Science teachers was office space. Either they had no office, or they had a cubicle with no privacy, no security, no doors and only short walls. Those spaces were not good for quiet grading or counseling students.

I have mentioned some problems; however, one of the best things about being one of the first Arts and Science people hired and being on campus as it was being built was the esprit de corp. Since we were small, we knew almost everyone. There was some hierarchy, of course, but we were in such close quarters that we rarely stood on formality. For about 25 years, some of us men had a very low stakes (penny, nickel, dime) poker game that met in each other's houses each month.

## DMACC PIONEERS!

*P*

lease 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!

I would also like to encourage you to learn about the history of our own organization. The web link is below.

Thank you for participating!  
Judy Vogel – Pioneer History Chair



**JUDY VOGEL**

**PIONEER HISTORIAN**

**SUBMIT**

DMACC

*Pioneers*

**TODAY**

DMACC • HISTORY ARCHIVE

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



# BE A DMACC PIONEER VOLUNTEER



- **Volunteering is the easiest way to make a difference and have fun at the same time.**

Join your fellow Pioneers and volunteer to help with our signature events for 2018/2019.

- **DMACC 5K RUN**
  - **HIGH SCHOOL KNOWLEDGE BOWL**
  - **JUNIOR HIGH KNOWLEDGE BOWL**
  - **IPTV TELETHON**
- SEPT EVENT**  
**10/25/18 & 10/24/19**  
**4/18/19 & 4/16/20**  
**3/7/19**

Have fun, earn points and receive rewards while making a difference

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**OR**

**Lois Kiester**

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**DANA ZEISER**



**LOIS KIESTER**



**MAY • JEFFERSON, IOWA**

*2nd Annual field trip*

**DMACC PIONEERS DAY TRIP** Jefferson, Iowa • Thursday, May 10, 2018



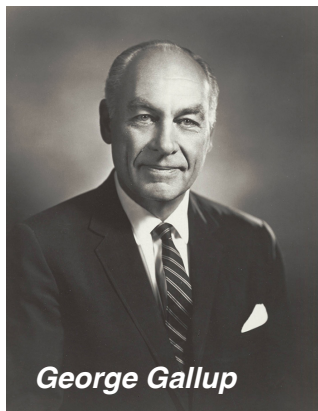
The Gallup House is the birthplace and boyhood home of Dr. George Gallup, the father of public opinion polling.

Located in Jefferson, Iowa, the Gallup House, with its historic significance, unique octagon shape, hilltop location, and quiet residential setting, is a perfect place to gather. The house, which has recently been renovated, is on the National Register of Historic Places.

*Restored Room*



**TOUR  
GEORGE GALLUP  
HOME**



*George Gallup*

*Custom-designed table illustrating George Gallup's influences and legacy by Sticks, Inc., of Des Moines, IA*



*Our Group*

**PROGRAMS**



## TOUR OF MAHANAY BELL TOWER

Fourteen-story carillon located on town square. Forty-seven bells chime throughout the year and carillon concerts are played by local musicians. Westminster chimes also play every 15 minutes. Visitors view the surrounding countryside from the 128-foot observation deck accessed by elevator. Also only visible from the observation deck, view many rooftop art among Jefferson's downtown businesses.



*Verlyn enjoys the tower information along with others*



*Views from the tower show community art.*





## TOUR OF RVP FURNITURE FACTORY

Master furniture maker Robby Pedersen has more than 20 years experience building historically accurate furniture using only the tools, techniques and finishes used in 1875.



*An enjoyable and educational experience for our group with love demonstrations and information by the craftsman.*



## TOUR OF GREENE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Listed on the National Register of Historic The Greene County Courthouse was built in 1918 and is known for its beautiful marble, mosaic artwork, murals and a stunning rotunda.



*Wrapping up our full day of touring and we saw and learned so much more about the historic town of Jefferson. Another successful May Pioneer day trip.*





SEPTEMBER

Kick-Off



84 Pioneer Members and guests attended the Annual Kick-Off catered by Jethros 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



**2018 - 19 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**

Front: Craig McEnany - Programs, Sue Gibbons - President, Marian Tonhouse - Membership  
Mid row: Carroll Bennett - Past President, Patty Holmes - Treasurer, Judy Vogel - Historian  
Back: Ruth Wagner - Secretary, Dee Johnson - Communications, Dana Zeiser - Hospitality/  
Volunteer Program, Not pictured: Lois Kiester - Student Assistance/Volunteer Program

PPROGRAMS





**VERLYN  
NORING**

## PROGRAMS - 2018

*W*e 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 Jefferson area and sights nearby. We are looking forward to continuing that tradition with another trip in 2019

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

**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. 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

**OUR MEETINGS ARE MOSTLY IN THE  
FFA ENRICHMENT CENTER**



# PROGRAMS - 2019



**CRAIG  
MCENANY**

**JANUARY** No monthly meeting

**FEB 14** Valentine's Day Lunch at the Bistro

**MAR 14** "Did we really look like this?" Picture Identification for the DMACC History Project with Rebecca Funke, Director, Library Resources

**APR 11** "Jazz up your Vacation Photos" by Steve Gibbons, DMACC Continuing Education Adjunct Instructor. Get quick tips and techniques for taking better travel photos whether you are using an SLR or cellphone.

**MAY 9** This isn't Old McDonald's Farm" - Come visit the DMACC/Dallas County Farm with the DMACC Agribusiness Faculty.

**JUN 13** Social and Networking Event - SNUS Hill Winery, Madrid, Iowa. This will be a late afternoon social from 4:00–6:30 p.m.

**JUL 11** Blank Children's Hospital by Alissa McKinney, Senior Director of Development

**AUG 8** Ronald McDonald House and the DMACC Connection (Tentative)

**SEP 3** Pioneer Kick-Off

## MEETING INFORMATION:

*Members will be informed by e-mail or a printed flier of the upcoming meeting topic and location. Reservations by e-mail at [pioneers@dmacc.edu](mailto:pioneers@dmacc.edu), [danazeiser@msn.com](mailto:danazeiser@msn.com) by phone at 515 964-6868 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 2018

**VERLYN NORING** was named Outstanding Pioneer of 2018 after many years of dedicated service to the organization.

Verlyn joined the Pioneers in 2004. Since that time he has been part of the Leadership Council serving as a Board Member, Vice President and Program Director.

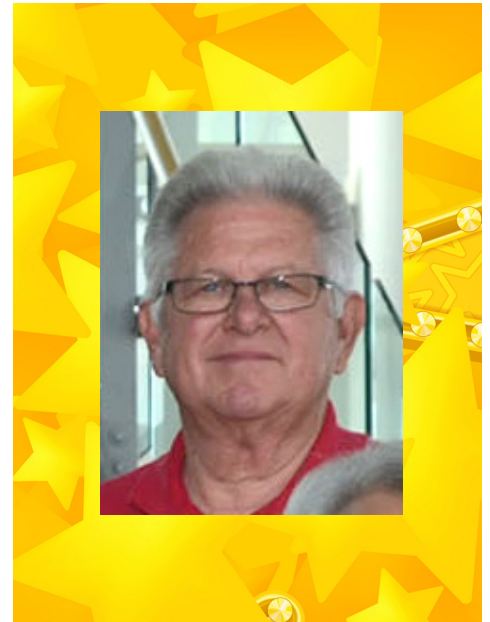
He was the first Program Director to coordinate an 18-month schedule of programs allowing members to plan ahead making certain to get programs of particular interest on their calendars. He was also instrumental in organizing two day trips for the Pioneers in 2017 and 2018.

Verlyn received his BA in 1968 and MA in 1975 both from UNI. In addition to serving as Business Administration Chair at DMACC he was also a member of the Curriculum Commission for over 10 years and was a charter member of the DMACC Investment Club which he helped inaugurate. Verlyn also launched the Phi Beta Lambda chapter at DMACC and served as advisor for 17 years.

Verlyn and his wife, Louise, of 40 years live in Indianola. Over the years he has been active in numerous organizations and activities including leadership roles with the Scotch Ridge Presbyterian Church, Indianola Concert Association, and Indianola Masonic Lodge. Verlyn was recognized as the Masonic Member of the Year and his musical skills earned him the Warren County Music Legend Award. For years now we have enjoyed Verlyn's musical talents on the keyboard at Pioneers events including the Holiday Party and annual Kick-Off.

Verlyn has fond memories from working at DMACC and his time in Building 8 sharing an office with Larry Seville. The two faculty members found a way to teach and make it fun all at the same time. Their antics were well known on campus and enjoyed by everyone in the Business department. For those of us who didn't get to work directly with Verlyn, we have recognized over the years that he has never met a stranger and he knows someone in just about every community in Iowa.

Congratulations on this award, Verlyn, and Thank You for your many contributions to Pioneers!





# *Honoring Those Who Have Passed*



**MARCIA  
JOHNSON**

**SUSAN  
HINMAN**



**CHARLIE  
PARDEKOOPER**



**IRV  
STEINBERG**

**LEIGH  
STREFF**



**NANCY  
(PARKS)  
HEIMBAUGH**



**IVADELL THOMAS**



**JUNE WELTHA**

**DON HUNTOON**



**JANIS WINTER**



**GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN DMACC FRIENDS**

*In Closing* Let us always remain thankful for our years of service to this great place where we dedicated our lives to making a difference. Please join us to renew friendships and to celebrate DMACC.

**I HEARD YOUR VOICE IN THE WIND TODAY...**

I heard your voice in the wind today  
and I turned to see your face;  
The warmth of the wind caressed me  
as I stood silently in place.

I felt your touch in the sun today  
as it's warmth filled the sky;  
I closed my eyes for your embrace  
and my spirit soared high.

I saw your eyes in the window pane  
as I watched the falling rain;  
It seemed as each raindrop fell  
it quietly said your name.

I held you close in my heart today  
it made me feel complete;  
You may have died....but you are not gone  
you will always be a part of me.

As long as the sun shines...  
the wind blows....  
the rain falls  
You will live on inside of me forever  
for that my heart knows.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU AT ONE OF  
OUR MANY EVENTS SOON!**

