Roy Kraol’s final President’s Message:

Iowa beekeepers:

What a nice fall this is turning into! Now it starts raining. Are we checking our hives for weight? A nice warm fall may mean your hive is burning more food than normal. You may need to feed more? My rule is if I can lift them easily, they need more feed. Another bit of caution: do we want to feed sugar water or switch to a winter patty? If warm temperatures hang around, ok; but what if true November temps hit? Moisture is a problem in the hive if bees don’t fly. A couple questions to think about. Would make for good club talk.

I can’t believe I’m writing another monthly column as I have not thoroughly got through the last Buzz! (I’ve been busy treating hives and enjoying my new job) we got a lot of Buzz last month! I believe Ron hit a home run with that one! When we get a lot of info, we have the ability to go to 20 pages. The board approved that awhile back. How great it is to have this much info to get out to members! I’m very happy The Buzz has really become the little paper beekeepers enjoy getting and read.

We had a great board meeting on Sept 30th. The membership needs to be proud of their board members. They all want the best for this association and take their role seriously. They’re a great group to work with.

The board also has tentatively set out our board meetings for the next year. The dates are set, the place will be determined, but hopefully can have them at DMACC. We will get them in The Buzz for all to see.

Ted Reeves has taken over our youth coordinator position. Eric Kenoyer wants more time for the board and Web duties. Ted says he has been working hard on screening our youth scholars. He has indicated to me we have upper 20’s for numbers and we will need more mentors. Please contact me or Ted and we will get you info and a student. Ted has a write up in this month’s Buzz and his new contact info is on the back of the Buzz.

The board will be having an all-day planning session in January or February and the youth program is on the agenda. It is a great program but is needing some tweaking. We must plan and get a clear vision of direction that this association needs to go. I’m looking forward to that, even if painful to do.

This is my last President’s message. These past two years have been a real learning experience that I will not forget. I mean it in a good way because no one could have prepared me for the leadership role that this has been. It has made me view people on other volunteer boards differently. Giving of your time, is something I can’t thank you and others enough for. I have asked a lot of people to volunteer their time. Again I say, “Thank you!”

I have had goals and my reasons for assuming the President’s role. Our youth program is very high on my short list, as I credit my first beehive for making me look at high school very differently. The speech I delivered my sophomore year changed my attitude, and I started to work at school instead failing school. (Beekeeping was the title, if you’re wondering.) I view the Youth Scholarship program as having the potential to change lives. If a beehive did it for me, who else might it change? I’m very pleased where this program is, and where it’s going.

I attended a board launch session a few weeks ago in Des Moines, and it was eye-opening for me. It was on what officers and boards need to know. The seminar centered around non-profits and volunteers. It was very good. Eve, I thank you again for bringing this to our attention. Planning and goal-setting were a couple topics discussed. It just made sense the way it was laid out. This board will start some new things that need to turn into habits, and stay around, like an all-day planning session.

I’m not going very far, since I think the best is yet to come for the IHPA. There is a very strong board at work here. I’m looking forward to being a past President. I will be at the meetings assisting the best way I know how. I thank you all, for the past two years and your trust in me to learn how to lead this strong association. I hope to see you all at annual meeting. It is late so here is my final ”good night” as your President...

Sincerely,

Roy Kraft, IHPA president

Annual Meeting Payments

Thank you to everyone who has sent in your payment for the annual meeting. Keep them coming.

If you are planning on coming to the Annual Meeting (which I know you are) and are planning to pay by credit card, PLEASE, PLEASE pre-register for the event. This will help us both. You will have a faster registration and I will have a better count for the number of meals we will need to have the caterers prepare. Just note you will be paying by credit card on the registration form.

All reservations received prior to October 31st will be entered into the drawing for two (2) Friday night banquet tickets. You must be registered for the banquet to be entered in the drawing.

If you have any questions, please contact Rhonda Heston, IHPATreasurer@gmail.com, r.heston@yahoo.com, or 515-724-2124.
105th Iowa Honey Producers Association Conference and Annual Meeting November 10-11, 2017
Gateway Church of the Nazarene - Oskaloosa, Iowa
Keynote Speakers include Marion Ellis and Dennis van Engelsdorp
(See more details in The Buzz newsletter or online at www.iowahoneyproducers.org)

Friday and Saturday ~~ Registration: 8:00 AM ~~ Conference/Annual Meeting: 8:30 AM
Friday ~~ Queen Luncheon - Noon ~~ Social Hour - 5:00 PM ~~ Banquet - 6:15 PM
Saturday ~~ Meet the Board & Directors Luncheon - Noon

Name: _________________________________________________  No. of colonies: ______________
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DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31st ** NO EXCEPTIONS **
If you can only attend one day, no discounts are offered. No refunds given after November 1st.
** Pre-registration received by October 31st will be entered into a drawing for 2 free banquet meals! **

Conference and Annual Meeting Fees:

INDIVIDUAL:
Registration BEFORE October 31st - $35  /  AFTER October 31st - $40 $ __________

COUPLE / FAMILY:
Registration BEFORE October 31st - $45  /  AFTER October 31st - $50 $ __________

QUEEN LUNCHEON - Friday Noon (pre-registration required) (Orange glazed pork roast)
Number of tickets (per adult) __________ x $14.00 $ __________
Number of tickets (per child 4-12 years) __________ x $10.00 $ __________

BANQUET - Friday at 6:15 PM Banquet Keynote Speaker - Dennis van Engelsdorp
Number of tickets (per adult) __________ x $ 24.00 $ __________
Number of tickets (per child 4-12 years) _________ x $ 17.00 $ __________

MEET THE BOARD & DIRECTORS LUNCHEON - Saturday Noon (pre-registration required)
Number of tickets (per person) (Box lunch - drink extra) x $8.00 $ __________

2018 MEMBERSHIP DUES
IHPA membership dues (includes subscription to "The Buzz" newsletter) $20.00 $ __________
2nd Family membership w/ same address - Name - ____________________________ $ 5.00 $ __________
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TOTAL DUE: $ __________

Return (with payment) to: Rhonda Heston, IHPA Treasurer, 52735 187th Avenue Chariton, IA  50049
Check payable to Iowa Honey Producers Association   Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation.
My Promise to You

Back in January I promised you would know exactly what to expect at this year’s Annual Meeting and Conference. As of this newsletter edition, I think I have fulfilled that promise. If you missed some of the details, I invite you to go back to the following newsletter editions. If you have thrown away your past copies, you can also read them on-line by accessing the IHPA website: www.iowahoneyproducers.org.

1. Venue Selection/Location – January, August
2. Hotel Options – March, April, May, July, September, November
3. Contests – February, July, August, September, October, November
4. Speakers – August, September, October, November
5. Vendors – October, November
6. Awards - September, October, November
7. Youth Scholarship/Mentoring – June, September, October
8. Agenda – September, October, November
9. Breakout Sessions – September, October, November
10. Food options - October, November
11. Silent & Live Auctions - September, October
12. Queen Auction - August, October
13. Business Meeting / Elections - September, November
14. Honey Swap – May, August, October, November
15. Changes to event – July
16. Bee Quilt – August, September, October, November

Like my predecessors, I have spent countless VOLUNTEER hours to organize this two-day event to make it educational, interesting and enjoyable for beekeepers of all ages and level of experience. I haven’t gone without some help, however. And thankfully, many have been involved in some way over the years and have provided me with valuable help and feedback. Lest we forget, no event is perfect and no event will please everyone. I will take responsibility for those things that go seriously wrong (except those beyond my control) – and they could – but if you are unhappy with the location, food, speakers, or contests, my suggestion to you would be to volunteer your time to help plan next year’s event. Only once you know the nitty-gritty details behind the tasks involved to plan an event such as this – and time involved - can you begin to understand why some things are organized the way they are, why the event is held where it is, why the meal cost isn’t the same as a meal at Arby’s, why the agenda is scheduled as it is, or which speakers you are able to secure. (continued next page)
Make no mistake, your feedback at the end of the event IS valued and respected. To plan this year’s event I read and re-read those event evaluations from the past two years (yes, I know I sound like a broken record). Some suggestions were easy to accommodate such as a larger venue, better sound system, more bathrooms, more time for speakers, local food sources for meals, additional lines for banquet dinner, more incentives for contests, and additional breakout sessions to name a few. Other suggestions were not as easy to fulfill, such as moving the event to the western part of the state. Note we are working to hold the 2018 Summer Field Day in your neck of the woods. Securing Michael Palmer as a speaker wasn’t feasible; sadly he never returned my e-mail requests (for 2018). The suggestion to require our food contest competitors to provide at least 25 servings for each item entered or be disqualified was found to be unrealistic. First, because many of our attendees drive more than 2 hours to get to our event and several of them work fulltime jobs, it is understandable they may not have enough time to make multiples of their entries. Second, we have had a decline in competitors over the last couple of years; therefore, making it more difficult to enter the food contest was not our aim. And, finding space for a large bulletin board to post items for sale wasn’t in the cards; there will be a lot going on at our event and there is ample room in The Buzz for such items which in the end reaches a much larger audience.

We have all done our best to please you, so please, do your best to understand our limitations, both personal and time; take everything in stride and simply enjoy the show!

Eve Vanden Broek, IHPA Vice President

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

As we look forward to attending the Annual Meeting in Oskaloosa, it’s clear that we are going to be presented with significant and interesting speakers. Here’s a review of their names, and more information is listed in the August and September Buzz issues on our website. Surely there will be something for everyone in this impressive list of speakers:

Dennis Van Engelsdorp—Assistant Professor of Entomology in the University of Maryland, and international bee epidemiologist, president of the Apiary Inspectors of America, founder of the Colony Collapse Group.

Marion Ellis—Professor emeritus of entomology in the University of Nebraska. He taught bee biology, advanced beekeeping and presentation methods. He is studying the synergistic interaction between drugs used in beekeeping, and the sub-lethal effects of pesticides on the reproduction in a hive.

Tim Olsen—Beekeeper in SW Minnesota, Master Gardener, judges at fairs, is president of the Northwest Iowa Beekeepers Club.

Matt O’Neal—Associate Professor of Entomology in Iowa State University. He focuses on soybeans, looking at biological aphid control as well as developing aphid-resistant soybeans.

No matter if you are a first-year beekeeper or a seasoned lifer, you’ll find inspiration and news listening to the various speakers at this year’s Annual Meeting.

Rhonda Fleming Hayes—Member of Garden Writers’ Association, the Herb Society, the Xerces Society, and the Minnesota State Horticulture Society. Author of “Pollinator Friendly Gardening: Gardening for Bees, Butterflies and Other Pollinators”.

Please Note: Ms. Hayes’ immensely popular book will be available at the Annual Meeting, and she will be happy to autograph it for you. Get one for yourself, and for your club’s lending library.
Breakout Sessions - Friday, November 10

Session A – Beekeeper Roundtable – Meet and learn from a trio of beekeeping sages, Phil Ebert, Ron Wehr and Dale Fields. Each will do their best to dispel myths, tackle your complex questions or simply share their experiences. This session is designed for a meaningful group dialogue with our current president, Roy Kraft, to facilitate the discussion no doubt with a hearty laugh or two.

Session B – The Ladies of Beekeeping – It should be no surprise that women beekeepers mirror their male counterparts. Sit down with queen bees Eli Kalke and Erin Miller and Tracy Pielemeier from The Hive Butler (one of our vendors) as they talk about their relationship with the honeybee and how they have become a leader in and out of the bee yard. Drones are not only welcome to attend but encouraged to join the exchange.

Session C – Queen Rearing - Adam Ebert will share tips on how to raise queens on a small scale. He will review the basics of a low-investment grafting system, discuss swarming impulse for natural queen cells (no grafting), and point out important things to know when you extract natural cells to place in other hives or nucs. Most of us only need a few queens, and this is the place to learn more about producing your own!

Session D – Bee Breeds and Characteristics – Did you know honeybees differ subtly when it comes to their specific characteristics? Some are more docile; some are better wax builders; and some are better honey producers. Iowa’s state apiarist, Andy Joseph, will explain the various common honeybee races and discuss their varying characteristics. Who knows, you may decide experiment with a new breed next year.

Please Step Up and Volunteer!!
The IHPA Board met on Saturday, September 30 at which time many topics were discussed, including positions of leadership. If there are any IHPA members who would like to serve in a leadership role, please contact Roy Kraft or Eve Vanden Broek. Their contact information can be found on the back of The Buzz. Open positions include President, Vice President, as well as a couple of District Director positions.

Thanks for considering Leadership!!

Breakout Sessions – Saturday, November 11

Session A – Beginning Beekeeping – Are you new to beekeeping or only have a year or two under your belt. There’s so much to learn! Yes, a new hobby can be overwhelming but with patience and persistence, you will succeed. Join Doyle Kinsey as he explains some beekeeping best practices. He’ll provide simple, easy to understand explanations to seemingly complex tasks. Bring your notebook as school isn't over just yet. Rest assured, next year will be easier!

Session B – Advanced Beekeeping – You’ve made it beyond five years of keeping bees and your apiary is growing ... things may have gotten a bit more complicated and now you’re seeking advice on many fronts. You want to know the signs to recognize when you have a problem and you want to learn about various ways troubleshoot diseases. What works? What doesn’t? Where do you go from here? Pat Ennis and Alex Ebert are your experts on deck and look forward to your challenging questions.

Session C – Commercial Beekeeping - For those with beekeeping in their blood and 'follow the bloom', this session is for you. How has this season treated you? What changes have you made in your management practices to stay ahead? How are you diversifying your operation to protect your investment? What are your plans for 2018, or where do you go from here? Tim Wilbanks and Ryan Stern will share valuable insight and generate discussion to benefit you.

Session D – Hive Inspections – When you open up your hive, you know you should see lots of worker bees but what else should you be looking for? Proper hive inspection is key to the colony’s well-being. Erin Miller earned her Master Beekeeping Certificate through the University of Montana and knows a thing or two about hive inspections. Join her presentation for a round of Hive Inspection 101 and beyond.

If my count is correct, we have at least 13 people who have volunteered their time to help make these breakout sessions interesting, educational and fun. By all means, engage them and pick their brains. Then, when the session is over, be sure to thank them for their time.
Vendors Featured at the 2017 IHPA Annual Meeting and Conference

1. Dadant & Sons, Inc. of Sioux City, Iowa will have an assortment of beekeeping supplies on hand. Note if you order in advance of the event, Dadant will bring your order with them for no charge. There is no specific order cut-off date, except when the truck is full. Best to get your order in early to assure space. Call them at 877-732-3268 – Hours are M-F 8 to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. CST.

2. B & B Honey Farm of Houston, Minnesota notes their booth will feature beekeeping supplies and anything and everything from candle making to candies, from books to soaps and lotions. If you would like to order in advance and pick it up at our Annual Meeting, you need to have your order placed one week in advance. www.bbhoneyfarms.com

3. Mann Lake Ltd. from Hackensack, Minnesota is looking forward to provide you with protective clothing, gift items and of course a large variety of beekeeping supplies. Want to order in advance and have your order personally delivered? You’d do best to place your order by November 7 and you can pick it up on the weekend. How easy is that? www.mannlakeltd.com

4. Randol Honey Farm of Winterset, Iowa will be on deck to tempt you with options such as creamed and flavored honey, goat milk soaps and lotions, lip balms and Bugs Bee Gone. All these items would make great stocking stuffers for the upcoming holiday season or simply a treat for yourself. If you peruse their website, www.randolhoney.com and want additional items than what will be on hand, your order placed one week in advance will be brought to the Annual Meeting free of charge.

5. The Hive Butler out of Westfield, Indiana is a new company and they are all about superior frame storage and safe bee transportation and queen protection. Their product is a storage box constructed of food-grade HDPE designed to hold newly constructed wax frames or frames full of sweet liquid gold. Move your frames without damage or major leaks in your vehicle. If you’d like to order in advance, contact them at thehivebutler@gmail.com and they will bring your order and save you shipping costs.

6. Strong Microbials of Milwaukee, Wisconsin will feature their product called SuperDFM-HoneyBee. This product is a Direct Fed Microbial (DFM) supplement of naturally occurring beneficial and viable bacteria. DFM are safe bacteria designed to help restore essential digestive balance. Rich Russell will be on hand to talk with you about how this product can improve your overwinter survival rate. Want to order in advance of the meeting, call 414-322-3945 to place your order.

7. Lappe’s Bee Supply & Honey Farm LLC of East Peru, Iowa is excited to be on hand to offer you a well-rounded assortment of beekeeping supplies and equipment. What did you wish you had for this past season’s honey harvest? Do you need hive wraps for this winter? How about feeders for spring? There’s no time like the present to prepare for next year. Advance orders can be placed and brought to the event but you’ll need to place your order by November 1st. Check out their website at www.lappesbeesupply.com.

If you do place an order to be delivered at the time of our Annual Meeting, please be sure to tell the company to bring it to the event in Oskaloosa and remind them of the date: November 10 and 11. Again, be sure they know your order is not to be shipped directly to you but brought to the IHPA Annual Meeting in November. You may want to call them a few days in advance of the meeting to remind them of your order; a follow-up call never hurts.

Queen Auction

It’s time to be thinking about donating to the auctions at the Annual Meeting. Anything you have that would be of interest to the membership is welcome. Some will be auctioned off live, some will go on the silent auction. Proceeds from the auction go to help fund the Iowa Honey Queen as she travels our state attending various events. Thanks in advance for bringing auction items to Oskaloosa.

Connie Bronnenburg, Honey Queen Program Chair
FINE DINING FOR SURE!

What? You haven’t sent in your registration yet? You’re not certain whether you want to spend the money on the food we’re offering? Well, here’s what you’ll get at the Annual Meeting.

The **Queen Luncheon** will be on Friday, November 10 at noon, catered by Country Catering, a family business located near Peoria, Iowa. The meal will consist of Orange-glazed pork roast, or a veggie burger, with red mashed potatoes and green bean almandine with a dinner roll and butter; homemade chocolate cake for dessert. The lunch cost is $14.00 for adults, $10.00 for children (4-12 years). Lunch will be buffet and will include ice water and coffee; other drink options will be available for purchase at the church.

Friday night **Annual Meeting Banquet** will be catered by Cater 2 U, LLC and comes highly recommend by everyone I talk to. They are located in Chariton, Iowa. I have worked with the owner to incorporate honey in as many items as possible. I provided her with many recipes from the National Honey Board and a few of my own personal favorites. She has diligently tried the recipes and provided her feedback. We have decided upon the following: Green salad with creamed honey mustard dressing; for the entrée, pineapple honey glazed ham and broasted chicken with honey dipping sauce to be served with cheesy party potatoes, grilled corn and red peppers, and honey cornbread; for dessert carrot cake made with honey. The vegetarian option will be penne pasta sautéed in olive oil and garlic with baby spinach and roasted red peppers. The banquet meal cost is $24.00 for adults and $17 for children (4-12 years).

On Saturday we will feature a **Meet the Board & Directors Luncheon** at noon. To save time and so you are able to meet and ask questions to the newly elected board and directors, I have opted for a boxed lunch from Ulrich Meat Market out of Pella, Iowa. When you enter the lunch location, we will have boxed lunches set up on tables, separated by sandwich variety which will be clearly marked. You choose what you want; options will be available on a first-come-first-serve basis. When your preference is gone, there will be no more. Options will be: **Beefeater** – Ulrich’s own thin-sliced, hickory smoked dried beef with Swiss-American on white bread; **Smokey** – Ulrich’s own double smoked ham with Wisconsin baby Swiss cheese on wheat bread; **Bird on the Run** – Oven roasted turkey breast with imported Danish Havarti cheese on wheat bread. Each lunch will include a bag of chips and mixed fruit cup. A vegetarian option will be available. A large tray of my favorite frosted cookies, in the form of a skep, from VanderPloeg Bakery, will be on hand for dessert … if I don’t get to them first! Cost of the lunch is $8.00. Drinks will be on your own. (There is no need to provide your choice in advance.)

If these choices are not what you are interested in, you are welcome to have lunch or dinner in Oskaloosa. Get in your car and head east into town and you will find the gamut of fast food restaurants and other dining establishments. A listing of

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**What’s Your Pet Peeve?**

We all have things that annoy us to no end, like poor customer service, misuse of words, people who chew with their mouth open, or people who litter. No doubt we could all assemble a serious list of our pet peeves in a matter of moments. Let me ask you this, where would tardiness or being late fall on your list? Top, bottom or somewhere in the middle? It’s top on my list. In May, I paid $120 to see Cher in Las Vegas and her concert started well over an hour later than was printed on the ticket. I was frustrated.

As I have noted several times before, I have read and re-read the evaluations from the previous years’ annual meetings and candid comments about starting on time or sticking to the agenda are always heavily mentioned. Even at the Summer Field Day event this year, one person commented the only thing they would improve upon would be to stay on time. Quite honestly, I thought we did pretty darn good to stay on time but alas, someone felt we did not.

Here’s the deal. When a group of likeminded people gather together for an annual event where there are great speakers, superb vendors, free coffee and donuts and loads of friends to catch up with, having enough time to do it all becomes a challenge. If you have looked at the agenda, you’ll note we will break from tradition and draw for door prizes behind the scenes. This change has been made to allow more time for our speakers, more time for you to shop, and more time for you to be social. This is what YOU asked for; however, if YOU are not cognizant of being on time throughout the day, this is where leading the event becomes a challenge for me and the rest of those who want things to go according to plan.

With a group of 200 or more, is it too much to ask that people are in their seats by 8:30 a.m. so our event can begin on time? Most everyone either wears a watch or has a phone in their pocket with the time being the first thing you see. In advance of our event, I kindly ask you to extend us all the courtesy to be in the main auditorium when the event begins at 8:30 a.m. Then also take stock of when the next session will begin and end. Questions to our speakers are welcomed and encouraged, but asking a question that deserves a 10/15 minute answer when there are only two minutes left in the session will send our event into overtime and that’s clearly what many dislike.

If that’s you, I recommend you seek out the speaker during a break or sit with him/her at lunch; I am sure they will be more than happy to answer your questions in greater detail. There will also be a full hour to socialize before the banquet begins at 6:15 p.m. I have worked hard on the agenda to make it possible for you to do everything you want and expect to do, and have fun. I’m counting on you to help make every effort to stick to it.

To those who have complained about getting off track in previous years, I’ve put it out there to everyone to be on time, now it’s up to you to do your part to help keep the event on track; help me keep everyone on track because I certainly cannot do it alone. Thank you!

Eve Vanden Broek, IHPA Vice President

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**WAY TO GO, CARLY!!**

Can you imagine visiting every county in Iowa? Remember, this is a really large state. Carly Raye Vannoy, our reigning Iowa Honey Queen, has the goal of visiting each county by the time we meet in Oskaloosa. Buzz Editor has watched Carly in action with second graders–60 of them at a time!!—and she does a masterful job. We have been blessed all over the state this year again with a great Honey Queen, and we expect Carly will do well in Reno, NV in the national Queen contest. Carry on, Queen Carly!
ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA FOR FRIDAY  NOVEMBER 10

Notes:- Get your RAFFLE TICKETS FOR THE BEE QUILT at Registration
- Cooking with Honey contest entries due in the church kitchen by 10 AM
- Photo contest entries due in side hall & hive boxes entries due in Community Room #2 by 10:00
- Silent and Banquet Auction donations due to Connie Bronnenberg in the Foyer
- Door prize drawings will take place behind the scenes; look for your name on the white boards/collection Comm Rm #3

8:00 AM Registration
8:30 AM Welcome – Announcements and Introduction of IHPA Board Members
8:35 AM Introduction of our Queen Candidate(s)
8:40 AM Reading of Prose: When Bees are Packed for Winter, by Bill Mellvir – IHPA Honey Queen
8:45 AM Keynote Speaker: Marion Ellis – Managing Bees for Honey Production
9:30 – 9:45 Question & Answer
9:45 AM Break / Visit the Vendors
10:00 AM Keynote Speaker: Dennis vanEngelsdorp – Practices That Work & Those That Don’t
10:45 – 10:55 Question & Answer
11:00 AM Keynote Speaker: Tim Olsen – Overwintering Double Nucs Report - Investing in
11:30 – 11:45 Question & Answer Regional Beekeeping Projects
11:45 AM Break / Visit the Vendors
12:00 PM Queen Luncheon – Youth Center
1:00 PM Keynote Speaker: Rhonda Fleming Hayes – Pollinator Friendly Gardening: Gardening for Bees, Butterflies, and other Pollinators
1:45 -2:00 Question & Answer
2:00 PM Contest Winners Announced
2:15 – 3:15 Breakout Sessions A, B, C, D (Choose one or float in-between)
Session A – Beekeeper Roundtable--Phil Ebert, Ron Wehr, Dale Fields
– Roy Kraft Moderator Main Aud. East
Session B – The Ladies of Beekeeping--Eli Kalke, Erin Miller & Tracy Pielemeier, Main Aud. West
Session C – Queen Rearing--Adam Ebert, Youth Center
Session D – Bee Breeds & Characteristics--Andy Joseph, Comm Rooms 1 & 2
3:15 PM Break / Visit the Vendors (Try the cooking contest samples in the Youth Center!)
3:30 PM Business Meeting – Main Auditorium
4:15 PM Honey Swap – Fireside Room

Collect contest items
5:00 PM Social Hour – Youth Center
6:00 PM Find Your Seat – Main Auditorium
6:15 PM Banquet – Main Auditorium
AGENDA FOR ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11

Notes: - Get your RAFFLE TICKETS FOR THE BEE QUILT at Registration
    - Silent Auction donations due to Connie Bronnenberg in the Foyer
    - Door prize drawings will happen behind the scenes; names appear on the white boards/collection Comm Rm #3

7:30 AM    Meeting of Bee Clubs – Ron Rynders – Youth Center
8:00 AM    Registration
8:30 AM    Welcome / Announcements and Introduction of new Board Members and the new Iowa Honey Queen
8:40 AM    State Apiarist Report – Andy Joseph – The State of Iowa’s Honeybees
            9:10 – 9:25 Question & Answer
9:30 AM    Keynote Speaker: Marion Ellis – Effective Use of Oxalic Acid
            10:15 – 10:30 Question & Answer
10:30 AM   Break / Visit the Vendors
10:45 AM   Keynote Speaker: Dennis vanEngelsdorp – Spit, Blood and Crap
            11:30 – 11:40 Question & Answer
11:45 AM   Break / Visit the Vendors – One last time before they pack up
12:00 PM   Lunch with the Board – Youth Center
1:00 PM    Keynote Speaker – Matt O’Neal – Can Honeybees Thrive in Iowa?
            1:30 – 1:45 Question & Answer
2:00 PM    Break
2:15 – 3:30 Sessions A, B, C, D (Choose one or float in-between)
            Session A – Beginning Beekeeping--Doyle Kincy, Children’s Auditorium
            Session B – Advanced Beekeeping--Pat Ennis & Alex Ebert, Main Auditorium
            Session C – Commercial Beekeeping--Tim Wilbanks & Ryan Stern, Youth Center
            Session D – Hive Inspections--Erin Miller, Comm Rooms 1 & 2
3:30 PM    Honey Swap – Fireside Room
            Fill out the Evaluation Form ... Your feedback is important!
3:45 PM    Raffle drawing for the Bee Quilt
            Grand Prize Drawing of a complete hive (no bees) –Must Be Present to Win

Thank you for coming!
See you next year – November 2 & 3, 2018 – Ankeny, Iowa
Recipes with Emma Jakes

It's that time of year again! Time to don those holiday aprons and get cooking! With Thanksgiving just around the corner, I thought it would be appropriate to try out a nice pumpkin pie to get in the spirit!

Honey Pumpkin Pie (page 118):

- 2 cups pumpkin puree
- 3/4 cup honey
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
- 3 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 3/4 cup coconut milk or evaporated milk
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 unbaked pie crust

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Mix the pumpkin, honey, vanilla, salt, and spice together. Mix in the coconut milk or evaporated milk, then gently beat in the eggs. Carefully pour the mixture into the pie shell. Cover the edge of the crust with a pie shield (or foil) and bake at 375 degrees for 25 minutes. Remove foil and bake for another 20-30 minutes or until knife comes out clean.

Note: The coconut milk used in this recipe is from a can. Use the regular variety, and not the light. It makes a great dairy-free pie.

Emma says: This recipe was very easy to make and tasted great, all of my family deemed it a keeper!

Aside from the standard pumpkin pie, I thought it might be fun to do something a little less traditional. And since I had never made a custard pie, I decided to try that!

Honey Custard Pie (page 117)

- 4 eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2/3 cup honey
- 2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 teaspoon honey
- 2 cups half & half, light cream, or milk

Prepare and roll out pastry for a single crust pie. Sprinkle 1 teaspoon of tapioca on crust. Beat eggs in a medium mixing bowl, add vanilla and salt. Heat half & half (or light cream or milk) with honey until hot and combined. Slowly add eggs to mixture. Pour into pastry shell and sprinkle nutmeg on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Test by inserting a knife in the center to see if it comes out clean. Note: Also good without pie shell. Bake in greased dish or glass pie tin.

Emma says: When beating the eggs, make sure the egg yolk is fully combined with the egg white so that you do not have scrambled eggs on top of your custard. Something I found helpful was pouring the filling into the shell while the shell was sitting on the rack in the oven so that you will not spill while carrying the pie from your work area to the oven. When I made the custard, I found that it took about an hour for it to get fully cooked. I baked it in 10-minute increments until it was done.

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Annual Meeting Motel Room Information:
There are blocks of room in the EverSpring Inn & Suites (Ph: 641-676-6000) and the Super 8 (Ph:641-673-8481). You can cancel up to 24 hours prior to arrival. Other motels are located in Pella, 15 miles away.
Personal Interest Story

We all love to read about other beeks and how they do what they do. Do you remember the picture on the cover of the Feb 2017 Buzz where a little baby was sitting on a quilt? Joyce Wilson sent me that pic and she calls her grand daughter Baby Buzz.

Joyce updates us all:

Hi Ron, I worked with you back in January of this year regarding a Beek of the Month picture and story that was published in your February 2017 newsletter, The Buzz. The Beek of the Month was my dad, Bob Backen. My dad passed away two months after that newsletter on May 12th. He was working with his bees when he passed away. My dad died doing what he loved.

So...there were 6 bee hives without a keeper. Since then, my sister and I have accepted the challenge of beekeeping. Although suited up in bee gear, we have both been initiated by the bees with many stings. She knew a little bit about bee keeping because it was her son that dad helped as was written in the Beek of the Month article in February. Sadly, we recently lost one hive due to wax moths, due to lack of experience, but on the happy side, we just harvested over five gallons of honey.

Although the article in February said that I was willing to let dad do the bees and that I would stay with quilts and the "Baby Buzz", I love bee keeping. I wish I would have paid more attention when dad was here. He was an excellent beekeeper and I would have learned from one of the best. I miss him and I’m sure he shakes his head with a smile on his face in heaven as he watches us from above “learning the hard way”. But as I catch myself saying a lot, “The expert isn’t here to ask.”

If you want to share this in your newsletter, that would be great. If any of the readers would like to share beekeeping "hints" with us that would be graciously appreciated as well.

Thank you!
Joyce Wilson - Beekeeper in training.

Joyce lives in Tama, so if there is a club member around there looking for someone to bee-friend, be sure to look up Joyce!
Pollen

IHPA provided the pollen during the Iowa State Fair. Currently there is 15 pounds of loose, unpackaged pollen in my freezer. There are 29 8oz jars of pollen and 7 empty 2 pound jars (that hold 1 pound of pollen). The association is looking to sell these items. The loose pollen cost $6.50 a pound and that is what the pollen will sell for ($97.50). The 8 oz bottle of pollen is $4.50 per jar (this is half of what the association sold it for at the Fair) and the empty 2 pound jars are $1.35 each. If you are interested in the pollen, please contact Rhonda Heston, IHPATreasurer@gmail.com or r.heston@yahoo.com or 515-724-2124. If you are wanting the pollen in a jar, please let me know.

Merchandise Sale

During the Iowa State Fair, many of the Keep Calm, Keep Bees t-shirts were sold. We have lots and lots of the “old style”, yellow t-shirts, as well as a few 100th Anniversary shirts. There are limited numbers in certain sizes. The new price is $6 per shirt, plus $5 shipping. (Or save the shipping and pick them up at the annual meeting.)

When ordering, please state the size you would like as well as an alternate size. We have sizes youth small through adult 3XL. We will make every attempt to fill your order with the size requested, but we may have to substitute a different size. Please include your phone number and/or an e-mail address that we can contact you if need be.

Also, we now have Iowa Honey Producer bumper stickers. The cost is $4 each. We still have IHPA Hats and Aprons. We also have two different style magnets for $5 each.

2017 Buzz Quilt Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets for the 2017 Buzz quilt are still available. The tickets are $5 each for 5 for $20. You know you want one or five. How cool would it be to have this priceless quilt hanging in your house or on your bed every night? This is a one-of-a-kind quilt made by members of the Iowa Honey Producers Association.

The proceeds of Raffle Ticket sales benefit the Honey Queen Program. The Quilt Raffle proceeds help offset the Honey Queen mileage and food, as well as any other expenses incurred, so she can attend your events. And attend your events she did!!

The tickets can be purchased before the annual meeting by sending a check to IHPA, c/o Rhonda Heston, 52735 187th Ave, Chariton IA 50049. If you have any questions, please contact Rhonda Heston, IHPATreasurer@gmail.com, r.heston@yahoo.com, or 515-724-2124. Tickets will also be available during the annual meeting.

Huge Old THANKS!! to Eric Kenoyer for all the work he has put into being our Youth Scholarship person these past few years. Here’s a few words from our new Scholarship person:

Hello,

My name is Ted Reeves and I have recently accepted the position of IHPA Youth Scholarship Coordinator. I live on an acreage outside of Indianola. I have a passion for working with young people. My family was brought into beekeeping because of the IHPA Youth Scholarship Program. Ben Reeves, my now 18-year-old son was a scholarship recipient three years ago. Together with two of his sisters we manage a growing apiary. I am also finishing my first year as a mentor and I have found it to be a wonderful experience.

I thought that perhaps I was not ready to mentor yet as I have only been keeping bees for a few years myself, but that was just not the case. I really enjoyed answering the questions that my student had and guiding them into hiving their package of bees. I live about 30 miles away from my student, so checking in with him often to watch the colony grow as spring and summer passed was a very rewarding commitment. In the end, being a mentor was easier than I thought it would be and definitely worth my time.

The IHPA Youth Scholarship Program works, but it only works if we have dedicated mentors and good beekeeping clubs and classes to get these young people off to a good start. This year looks to be another record for the scholarship program. We are going to attempt to grant 30 youth scholarships this year. That means we will need 30 mentors from all areas of the state. Thus far we have applicants from the following counties: Buena Vista, Cass, Cerro Gordo, Clarke, Dallas, Dubuque, Hamilton, Henry, Iowa, Jasper, Marion, Mills, Mitchell, Muscatine, Polk, Plymouth, Shelby, Story, Tama, Van Buren, Wapello, and Worth.

If you are a beekeeper that would enjoy passing on your knowledge to one of our scholarship recipients, please contact me at beekeeper@reevestkd.com, or find me or Roy Kraft at the IHPA Annual Meeting in Oskaloosa.

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Editor note here: I have the notion that one of the strongest traits of a good club is that it has plenty of mentors to go around. A new beekeeper needs answers to many rather complicated questions. We can’t expect one club president or someone to do all the answering. There is so much power in gluing a mature bee to a newbee. The new beekeepers will grow to become mentors in an ongoing tradition. Please consider becoming a mentor to some of these youth scholarship winners; but then go on to watch over those who are just graduating from bee classes this winter season. Sign up to pair up with new beekeepers and promote bee health all over our state.

Thanks in advance for helping with mentoring! (Ron Rynders)
IHPA Awards

If you know of somebody the IHPA should recognize during the Annual Meeting in November, please contact Curt Bronnenberg at (515) 480-6075. Send nominations to cbronny823@aol.com or Curt Bronnenberg, 14405 Hull Ave, Perry IA 50220. A brief written description of the nominee’s involvement in beekeeping/IHPA would be appreciated. Here are the categories. See if someone you know should have an award.

**Lifetime Membership Award**

**Pioneer Award**—for having been involved in beekeeping for 50 years or more and still active in beekeeping.

**Distinguished Service Award**—for assisting other beekeepers, being willing to share information, and/or serving the state association.

**Education Award**—for teaching beekeeping classes, speaking at service clubs, giving presentation to school children or speaking about beekeeping on radio or T.V.

**Promotions Award**—for promoting honey and beekeeping, promotions for the state association or promoting their own product.

**Friendship Award**—for being a friend of the association. This could be someone who has displayed at the annual IHPA trade show or a state official who has assisted or encouraged beekeeping. They do not need to be a member of our beekeeping community.

**Youth Award**—for a young person who has shown commendable involvement in such things as helping at the state or county fair, successfully keeping bees for at least one season including wintering, writing, making a float for a parade, speaking, etc.

**HERE’S A CHANCE TO BRING AND BRAG:**

Don’t forget the Honey Swap at the Annual Meeting in Oskaloosa. You bring a one-pound jar of your Iowa Honey—labeled and in the container of your choice—and drop it off at the registration table when you arrive. You will be asked to fill out a 3X5 card with your name and county where you collected the honey. If you attend from another state, include that info on the card too. You can swap more than one jar. (No store-bought honey, please). You will receive a ticket for each jar you bring. On both afternoons you will turn in your ticket for an equal number of jars at the swap. Honey jars will be displayed.

**Cookbook Sale**

In 2016 IHPA collected your recipes and created a new cookbook. This is a great cookbook. There are more than 400 delicious recipes. In anticipation of a strong demand for the new cookbook, IHPA ordered two runs of the cookbook. The original price of the cookbook was $10. We are lowering the price to $5 each. If you wish to order a case of 30, the individual book price is $3 or $90 a case. These cookbooks can be resold at Farmers’ Markets, Craft Fairs, etc. These cookbooks make a great, inexpensive gift for out of state family and friends.

The cookbooks can be mailed to you at the cost of $5 per individual book. Other arrangements can be made for case lot sales. Cases of cookbooks will be available at the Annual Meeting in Oskaloosa in November. If you are interested, please let me know so we can have enough for everyone.

Please contact Rhonda Heston, IHPATreasurer@gmail.com, r.heston@yahoo.com or 515-724-2124, for further information.

**Here Come the Clubs**

Grab some breakfast and head for the Club Gathering in Oskaloosa on Saturday morning at the Annual Meeting. At 7:30 a.m. we’ll discuss how to set up a club, what some other clubs are doing, and dream about some roles that clubs can play in beekeeping in Iowa. I know of 17 clubs, and information on them is on the back page of the Buzz. But maybe there are more? Make sure at least one member of your club is present on Sat. morning. And then ask for a report at your next club meeting. We might be able to develop a speaker list, we “mite” be able to monitor varroa counts, we could collect accurate information on winter survival, we might provide information on queen availability in Iowa, and there might be a lot of other topics. Clubs can function effectively, and the bees are the winners.

Ron Rynders, Buzz editor.
Reflections on my first Annual Meeting.

It might have been the fall of 2013. Randy Oliver was one of the speakers at my first Annual Meeting. I was overwhelmed by the number of beekeepers in the state. I was walking into roomfuls of strangers, all of whom knew far more about beekeeping than I, and it was intimidating. But it helped that all the people at the registration desk were friendly and efficient. That helped a lot.

Wandering around, I noticed tables FILLED with items that were for silent auction. Surely this organization contributes heavily, I thought. I saw artful pieces and practical pieces, and some very tasty-looking pieces. In between the sessions, I went back through and checked to see if people had raised my bid, and so I bid a little more. Fun!

So that first year, I thought I’d go “across the street” for food at meals, since it maybe was cheaper. (Did I mention that I’m Dutch?) Big mistake. I missed out on much of the conference that year. They did so much at the meals, and immediately I determined to always attend all the sessions and meals at all the Annual Meetings.

So when I look forward to Oskaloosa this year, I’m going to be on the front row with notebook in hand. Oh sure, I have a lot of people to meet, but I want to wring every bit of learning out of the conference sessions. (And Eve, I’m going to be on time!) It would be nice to take home some artifacts for the hobby at the auctions, but more than that, I’m going to learn, and it looks like Eve has lined up some fantastic speakers.

PS: When seasoned beeks come to the Annual Meeting on the 10th, be looking for people who look like they don’t know what they are doing. The temptation will be to look for friends, but it’s more helpful to find a newbie and direct them and encourage them. You might be introducing yourself to the next president of the IHPCA, in a few years.

PPS: Thanks in advance for any articles that our membership wants to put into the Buzz. The more you contribute, the better the magazine becomes for everyone. I would like to feature a Beek of the Month each issue, but nothing will happen unless people contribute interesting pieces about this wonderful hobby (pictures, too).

Ron Rynders, Buzz Editor
A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered their time to work a shift or two or more at the Iowa Honey Producers Association booth at the Iowa State Fair. Each year we are impressed with the level of participation and ever more indebted to your dedication; we couldn’t do it without you. Without a doubt, our booth is so well-liked and attended not only because of the great interest in honeybees, but because our members care about sharing this special hobby with others. But do you think folks might also like the honey lemonade? How could they not?

Another thank you to everyone who took the time to exhibit entries in the Apiary – Bees and Honey classes. If you know any of these folks, congratulate them as they certainly have something to crow about.
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