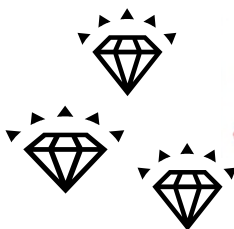


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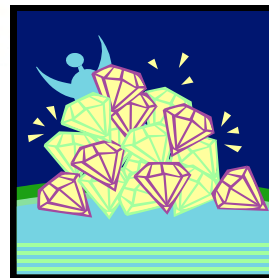
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When I reflect on the national meeting in Philadelphia all I can say is wow !!

Iowa is now the proud owner of the Diamond award. For those that are not aware, every state chapter has to submit an achievement award book. There are certain criteria that must be met. In order to qualify for the Diamond award, the chapter must first attain platinum status. This requires a major group effort. There are separate awards as well, Government Affairs, Newsletter, and Membership. Congratulations go out to LaVonne Lupkes for Membership, and to Barbara Thomsen for Government Affairs and Newsletter. All received perfect scores. Platinum status requires that those three separate awards be met. This year there were 28 states that met the Platinum status.

Only one state is awarded the Diamond award and this year Iowa is the recipient.

As the President of the Iowa Chapter I had to go on stage to accept the award. What a tremendous and nerve-wracking honor. Since the competition was so intense, I wasn't really expecting or prepared to stand in front of more than 700 members from all over the world and give a speech. Hopefully I didn't embarrass Iowa with my ramblings. I did ask all the Iowa members in attendance to come on stage to accept the award with me, since it truly is Iowa's award and required all of your hard work.

Since returning from Philadelphia, I've been reflecting on what an honor it is to serve as your President. As you're all aware it takes years to create a Diamond. It also takes years to create an organization and nurture it to the level that it can win the top award of an organization that includes nearly 15,000 members. It has taken years to get the Iowa chapter to that level. My thanks of course go out to the current Iowa board members and committee chairs who so diligently volunteer, but also to all of those Iowa members who have previously volunteered to serve as board members, committee members, presidents and national DMA leaders. There are many more than I could ever hope to name. All of you have worked years to take us to the DIAMOND level.

I'm truly humbled to serve as your President.

The national meeting in Philadelphia not only bestowed upon the Iowa chapter the highest honor a chapter can receive, but also challenged Iowa as a chapter as well.

Your board will be working on those challenges. Look for some exciting and perhaps important changes this fall and spring. And don't be surprised if a few of you get contacted to help.

See you all in October.

Ken



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Sept 10 ICHA
Nutrition Regs Update
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Dubuque IA

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Hello!!

LuAnn Hejlik CDM of the Rockwell nursing home here, just had to share with you our fish fry from this week. I was telling the residents about my fishing trip to Wisconsin and they all thought I should bring back some fish. My Dad, avid fisherman got right on that, and I brought home a cooler full! One resident was determined to help me with the fish fry, we set up camp outside and Russell and I fried up 150 Crappies, deeply enjoyed by residents and staff alike, and I had an absolute ball listening to all of his fish stories while we fried away!!! Just had to share.....

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