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Grant Veeder on President Lincoln's Ties to Iowa - On February 12th, 2009 our country will celebrate the 200th birthday of President Lincoln. A



Exchangite Rocky Buege gets more information from Grant Veeder

national Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission began the two year celebration on February, 2008. Major initiatives include; rededicating the Lincoln memorial; redesigning the Lincoln penny and a television special. The website [here](#) has lots of celebration details and historical information.

Governor Culver has appointed an Iowa Abraham Lincoln Commission to organize the activities here in Iowa. Black Hawk County Auditor Grant Veeder is serving on the commission. Mr. Veeder stopped by today to show us a Power Point presentation he has put together about President Lincoln's involvement with Iowa. Unfortunately the folks at the Elks Club still don't know how to use the fancy AV equipment they purchased and we weren't able to see the presentation. So, we were embarrassed once again. It's actually getting painful to watch this week after week.

Anyway, Grant did his best in a bad situation and simply told us what was on the slides. He told us about a young Lincoln's service as a Captain in the militia during the Black Hawk Indian War and how he received land grants that he used to obtain land in Tama (40 acres) and Crawford (120 acres) counties. The land remained in his family until well after his death.

As an attorney, Lincoln was involved with the Illinois Central railroad as they built the first bridge across the Mississippi River (from Rock Island, IL to Davenport, IA) and on across the state in the 1850's as part of the transcontinental railroad. Grant told us about numerous Lincoln visits to the state in his role as the railroad's attorney.

Mr. Veeder told us about several Lincoln trips across the state as a political candidate running for the U.S. Senate and Presidency. As President, he appointed Iowa Senator James Harlan Secretary of the Interior in 1865.

The Iowa ties continued after President Lincoln's death. His son Robert married James Harlan's daughter Mary in 1868.

Check out the Iowa Bicentennial Commission website [here](#) for lots more details about planned events and history of Lincoln's involvement in Iowa.

NEXT MEETING LOGISTICS

Program : UNI Athletic Director
Prayer : Wanda Martin
Pledge : Sharon Droste
Menu : Cheeseburger With Fries

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Aug 04: Athletic Director
Aug 11: UNI Student Business Center
Aug 18: Closed Business Meeting
Aug 25: Sculptures Throughout Waterloo
Sep 01: No Meeting—Labor day

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH

Aug 04: Cheeseburger With Fries
Aug 11: Meatloaf
Aug 18: Chicken Fried Steak
Aug 25: Orange Roughy
Sep 01: No Meeting—Labor Day
Order Chef Salad one week in advance

BIRTHDAYS

Jul 24 : Mark Miller
Jul 29 : Ann Rogers
Jul 29 : Pat Cole

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

President McGriff offered the following quote by Herb Rappaport: *"I hope that while so many people are out smelling the flowers, someone is taking the time to plant some."*

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Family Picnic - President McGriff reminded us about the family picnic being planned for Thursday, August



14TH at Exchange Park in Waterloo. We'll gather at 5:00 for a social time and the meal will be served around 6:00.

Winter Cruise - Check out page 3 for details on the winter cruise. Pat Cole needs to get the rooms booked by August 13TH. Contact Pat for more information—contact info is on page 3. In addition to being a great vacation, the Club receives \$80 per cabin as a fundraiser. Highly recommended.

Guests - DeLon Gobeli invited Lori McNamee to join us for lunch. Lori is a realtor with the REMAX home Group. We hope you felt welcome Lori and please come back again soon.

Health Issues - We learned today that Ivan Miller is in Rochester, MN recovering from heart surgery. Ivan had a by-pass procedure and a valve replacement. They are planning on returning home on Friday.

Arlan Hamer is dealing with a painful bout of shingles affecting his eyes and ears.

Let's keep our ailing Exchangites and their families in our thoughts and prayers.

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Winter Escape

January 10-18, 2009

Carnival Victory

Southern Caribbean

Six stops in paradise:

San Juan, St. Thomas, Dominica, Barbados, St. Lucia, Antigua, St. Kitts

Price for the 7 day cruise:

Balcony stateroom \$1099

Other staterooms may priced on request

Trip Cancellation insurance is recommended.

The pre-night hotel in San Juan is unavailable at this time, but it will need to be included in the itinerary to enjoy a day in Old San Juan.

Airfare and transfers with Carnival Cruise Line \$752.70

Best rates on airfares will be researched at time of booking.

Cruise deposit \$500 per person

Make your reservation as soon as possible

Space is limited

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