

CENTRAL IOWA TRAVEL MASTERS NCT CAMPOUT

September 5, 6, 7, 2017

YELLOW SMOKE PARK DENISON, IOWA

**Hosts: Jerry and Judy Burton
Clif and Marge Ellerbeck**

Tuesday

Burtons, Ellerbecks, Dales, Micks and Shears arrived in time for coffee, cookies, and bars.

In the afternoon we toured the McHenry Mansion and Museum. The house was three floors, plus the basement. The house was built in 1885 and is owned and maintained by the Crawford County Historical Society. Exhibits included the academy award won by Donna Reed for her role in "From Here to Eternity." Original pieces from the McHenry family were also on display as well as period pieces donated to the museum.

We had dinner at the Pizza Ranch and in the evening we were able to have a campfire and enjoy the full moon.

Wednesday

In the morning we toured the Donna Reed Theater and Museum. Our tour guide provided a wealth of information about Donna Reed's early life in Denison as well as her movie career. We enjoyed lunch in the theater lobby where we also conducted the monthly



business meeting.

In the afternoon we took a bus tour of historic homes in Denison. Most were built in the late 1800's. In the evening we ate dinner at Cronk's Restaurant and once again were able to have a campfire.

Thursday

We enjoyed coffee and pastries before departing for the District 8/14 Rally in Fremont, Nebraska.

When we arrived in Fremont we were greeted by members from Straddlers who presented each couple with a "welcome bag" filled with goodies.

The Rally officially opened at 5:00 PM followed by dinner and entertainment by the Masonic-Eastern Star Home for Children band.

Friday

After breakfast provided by the hosts we participated in what was called a "Corky Herbster Activity." In this activity we were all reacquainted with our skill of "coloring between the lines." We were given a picture of a clown and asked to color it. It was something most of us hadn't done in years — such silly fun.

After lunch we enjoyed B-I-N-G-O followed by a variety of games — hand and foot, pegs and jokers, and dominoes.

In the evening we were treated to a spaghetti supper followed by entertainment from the Tangier Shrine Chanters.

Saturday

Our hosts once again provided breakfast. The morning activity was games of baseball. Teams were Nebraska vs. Kansas and Iowa vs. Colorado in the first round. Our Central Iowa Travel Masters won the first round, but were soundly defeated by those pesky Kansas Jayhawks.

In the afternoon we had the District 8/14 Meeting. During the meeting Past NCT National President Leroy Ball presented CITM Secretary-Treasurer Linda Dale with a certificate naming her NCT National Secretary of the Year. This award had been announced at the NCT National Rally in July. Larry Shears from Central Iowa Travel Masters was elected District Director for NCT District 8/14.

Later in the afternoon there were more awards, door prizes, and a wrap-up of the Rally. This is a



picture of the team from CITM receiving their ribbons for second place in the baseball tournament.

Central Iowa Travel Masters issued an invitation to the 2018 District Rally to be

held in the Amanas.

We enjoyed a catered dinner followed by entertainment by "The Cleaning Lady," Mary Lou Erickson, P.G.M. She had all of us roaring with laughter.

Sunday

All too soon it was time to say good-bye to our friends from Nebraska, Kansas, and Colorado. Even though there were a few rain showers, we enjoyed a continental breakfast and conversation before departing for home.