

. Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Friendship Force  
General Meeting  
Stone City General Store  
Aug. 18, 2012

The Tri-Club picnic was held at the General Store Pub, 12612 Stone City Road, Anamosa.

75 Friendship Force members gathered for the Tri-Club picnic. Participants ordered from the menu and were served as we arrived except for the Knopps. There is a rumor the Ironsides ate Knapp's lunch.

Tasty desserts were provided. After lunch Connie Williams welcomed everyone and introduced David Detwiler. Dave welcomed everyone and made remarks.

Mary from the Dubuque club responded and thanked CR for the hospitality. The Quad Cities representative also said thanks for the hospitality and the nice weather.

Pat Meyer, N. Ill. Club and Regional rep, remarked about the great turn-out. When asked she showed off her T-shirt representing the Midwest.

Everyone signed up for a drawing. Six names were drawn for prizes.

Tom Brummen, a resident of Stone City and member of the Stone City Foundation, welcomed everyone and invited all to visit the black smith shop and St. Josephs Catholic Church. Tom gave a history of Stone City. The stone quarries brought in the railroad in 1861. With the help of a friend, who is self taught smithy Tom explained the shop and answered questions. He made small items such as square nails and a fish from a horse shoe. The upper floor of the smith is a small museum.

The group walked up the hill to the church. St. Josephs is on the National Historic Register and the only building designed by an architect. It was an interesting afternoon in a scenic and historic town..

Notes from Donna Ironside as interpreted by S. Williams