Internment Camp Survivor Speaks at DMACC

Grace Amemiya recently spoke at DMACC about being placed in an internment camp with other Japanese-Americans during World War II. Amemiya was a student nurse at the University of California at San Francisco when Japan bombed Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. Shortly after that, she and her family were among the 120,000 Japanese-Americans who were assigned to a 20’x20’ room in one of 10 American concentration camps. She said the compound was surrounded by barbed wire fence and guarded by soldiers with machine guns who, she says, had orders to shoot to kill if any of the imprisoned Japanese descendants came within five feet of the fence. Amemiya, now 91, said she received an official apology in Oct. 1990 signed by President Bush, 48 years after the internment. Amemiya was an invited guest speaker of Matt Walsh’s history class at the DMACC Urban Campus.

Chinese Delegation Visits DMACC

DMACC President Rob Denson (left) greets a 10-member delegation from China who attended events in Ames before visiting with DMACC representatives at a luncheon in the FFA Enrichment Center on the Ankeny Campus. The delegation later toured the Pioneer facility in Johnston.

Senator Grassley Visits DMACC CNA Class

U.S. Senator Charles Grassley (right) gets a first-hand look as Certified Nurse Aid Instructor Valerie Wahl (left) makes sure that Becca Koontz of Ankeny correctly takes a blood pressure reading on “patient” Erica Rund of Des Moines. Grassley visited the class in Bldg. #24 on the Ankeny Campus.
DMACC Truck at Veterans Parade

DMACC President Rob Denson drove the DMACC Opportunity Nation 18-wheeler in the recent Veterans parade in Des Moines. An estimated 2,000 Iowa veterans and current service members paraded through downtown Des Moines as thousands of onlookers cheered and offered thanks. A flyover by Air National Guard fighter jets started the event. The parade also featured a riderless horse and a gigantic U.S. flag.

DMACC Employee Awards

Congratulations to the following employees who have received DMACC Employee Awards.

Norton Peterson, Mechanical/Electrical Technician, Ankeny. For his excellent craftsmanship and hard work in preparation for and installation of a laundry facility for the nursing program.

Alan Steinbach, Mechanical/Electrical Technician, Ankeny. For his excellent craftsmanship and hard work in preparation for and installation of a laundry facility for the nursing program.

Nominations can be submitted at any time for employees who make exceptional contributions to DMACC. To receive a nomination form, click on http://go.dmacc.edu/bulletin/documents/daward.pdf.

Additional nomination forms are available in each department office or may be requested from Kim Cady, 515-964-6301, kscady@dmacc.edu.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who reached out to me during my recent emergency surgery. Thank you to everyone who sent emails, texts, cards, gifts and well wishes while I was healing. I would also like to thank those that sent food over during the time I could not get up to cook. I am truly blessed with wonderful friends and cherish all of you! —Denise Gehlhaar

English Teacher Vacancy at Hebei University

Hebei University of Economics and Business would like to employ two English teachers from Sept. 1, 2012 through Sept. 1, 2013. The English teachers should be native English speakers, 60 years of age or younger who have earned a Bachelor’s degree with two or more years of teaching experience. The English teacher will teach courses such as Spoken English and English Reading. The University will provide one apartment with a living room and bedroom equipped with furniture, a phone, TV, kitchen, toilet, heat and air conditioning. The teacher’s monthly payment is 4,000 to 4,200 RMB Yuan with a Bachelor’s degree or 4,500 RMB Yuan with a Master’s degree. If interested, please contact Academic Dean Jim Stick at 515-964-6429.
PIioneer Events

Urgent Message—Call for Garage Sale Contributions

We are in dire need of additional items for our annual fundraiser for Student Scholarships. As of July 12, we have not received enough donations to warrant the annual sale. Please donate items as soon as possible so we can hold this important fundraiser as planned.

Important: If you are planning to bring furniture or other large items to the set-up days—August 8, 9, & 10—please call us at 515-964-6868 and give us your information.

Donations may be dropped off at the Pioneer storage units located at Ankeny Mini Storage, 705 SE Dalbey Dr, Ankeny. Donation drop-off information:

- Drop-offs may be made each Thursday and Saturday in June and July. The storage unit will be staffed from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursdays and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.
- The last day to accept donations at the storage unit is Saturday, July 28.
- Large furniture and other large items may be dropped off on August 8, 9 and 10 at the garage area of Building #13 on the DMACC Ankeny campus from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Please Donate—Our Students Need Our Assistance

June Meeting

On Thursday, June 14, 45 Pioneer members and guests met in the conference center, Bldg. #7, to learn all about the many benefits that AARP memberships provide and to learn about the AARP driving courses being offered on our campus.

Here are your 2012–2013 Pioneer Board Members.

Executive Board
- Lyla Maynard, President
- Duane Anderson, Vice President
- Dee Johnson, Past President
- Shirley Mulenthaler, Secretary
- Warren Pitcher, Treasurer

Board Members
- Breck Danner, Liaison
- Linda Fernandez, Student Assistance
- Mike Perry, Student Assistance
- Dee Johnson, Hospitality
- Marcia Johnson, Garage Sale
- Verlyn Noring, Programs
- Kathy Lawyer, Membership

July Meeting—July 12, 11:30 A.M., FFA Center, Room 213

Did you know that they are building a Miracle League playground and field in Ankeny? Jan Burch and Bob Mitchell will give us the updated information on this exciting new playground. We have reserved room 213 in the FFA Center for that day and will have a catered boxed lunch by Palmers. The board meeting begins at 10 a.m. in the same room.

Pioneer President, Dr. Lyla Maynard
by Past President Dee Johnson