



Monthly Happenings

by Ray Ringgenberg

October is here! The “end” of the BBQ season as the American Royal is done and the weather is cooling down.

October also means we will be doing the 3rd Annual Zoo-B-Que at Blank Park Zoo. This is a great event to participate as a Iowa BBQ Society member. If you have the time, please stop by and help us out. You’ll enjoy it.

Then as the months pass December will bring the tree and food give-away at the Salvation Army parking lot in Des Moines.

Don’t forget to get your Bio in today so you can join us on the board to help make us the best BBQ society in the Midwest. We have 5 slots available for new members and a few of those members can choose to run for one of the executive positions.

If you have an event you would like featured in the IBS newsletter please send to:

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IBS Events Schedule. Save the date!!

- **November 1st** – Have your Bio done and submitted to Francis Dutton.
- **November 7th** – Zoo-B-Que at Blank Park Zoo in Des Moines. Contact Mike Green if you can help out or just show up. Watch IBS Facebook for times.
- **December 6th** – Xmas tree and food give-away held at Salvation Army parking lot in Des Moines. If you can donate items please contact a board member to arrange a drop off or pick up.
- **January 30th, 2016** – Annual Meeting and Banquet. Quality Inn and Suites, Ames, Ia.

Volunteers are needed for all these great IBS events. If you can help out, please contact a board member for information.



Senior Q a hit again.

Mike Tucker, Smokey D’s and some IBS volunteers helped make a nice National Grandparents day for residents at Sunnyview Care Center in Ankeny.



Tree and Food Giveaway

Volunteers needed.

Why join the Iowa BBQ Society

By Jay Ringgenberg

I have been a member of the Iowa BBQ Society quite a few years now and have never thought about why. It really never crossed my mind until I was voted on to the board of directors and became active in recruiting new members and found myself trying to explain all the reasons a person should join. To me it is easy; I love everything there is in BBQ, especially the people. Whether you're a cook, judge or just a BBQ lurker, you know what I mean about the people, what a great bunch!

So why join when I can do this anyway? For me, I guess it comes down to being part of something good that is truly trying to help others of Iowa with my meager membership. I have seen the good things the society has accomplished and would really like to see this spread out across Iowa. As a lot of you know, there is not enough good in the world and I like to believe I did my part in providing a small glimmer of hope for someone in Iowa. Have I agreed with everything the society has done? No, but did it take away from what I believe the IBS is trying to accomplish? No. Everyone will have a different opinion, just like every judge has a different taste, but overall the outcome is the same.

What will the IBS do for me? Great question, isn't it? With money being tight for a lot of us we tend to look for deals and would like to see where our money is going. The last 2 years the board has been actively seeking partners to offer members discounts on products or at their stores and do have a few companies that do just that listed on the website. I'm glad that these are offered to the members, but if you're anything like me and have purchased a discount card from your local high school football team, it never gets used. For me, I'm just happy to see the IBS helping others with my money and giving back to Iowa communities for betterment and to expose as many people possible to Iowa's great BBQ.

The IBS doesn't do anything for my community so why should I join? The best answer for this would be, the more members we have the more we can do. With that being said, we also need the help from community members to be aware of particular causes or events and onsite coordination for the best possible outcome. If there are events in Iowa that would like the assistance of the IBS, all they need to do is contact a board member. With almost 2 years under my belt on the IBS BOD, I have been involved with a lot of discussions about Iowa events and can tell you that the BOD does everything possible to help.

I am very passionate about BBQ and enjoy using my ability as a cook and a judge to make others' lives better. I may not be the best cook or the richest person, but I can make someone smile and that is all that really matters to me. As they say, a smile is infectious and if you have ever seen a child work hard on a kids Q to get a small trophy, you too will be smiling. So, why join the Iowa BBQ society? It is very simple to me; I like to smile...Do you?

SENIOR Q is served up in style on NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY

By Mike Tucker



Now entering their 11th year of celebrating Senior Q, a small group of bbq enthusiasts have once again gathered to honor our senior citizens.

The location was Sunnyview Senior Care Facility, located in Ankeny, Iowa. The date was September 13th, on National Grandparents Day. The goal was to provide a free bbq lunch for the facility residents, as well as to tempt family members to come in for a visit and enjoy some outstanding bbq. The smell of cherry wood smoke must have worked, as an estimated 300 people feasted on delicious Smokey D's bbq. The spread was amazing, with everything from burnt ends to potato casserole. The Sunnyview staff provided sides, drinks, desserts, and tons of friendly smiles. It was a warm, family way to celebrate grandparent's day, and to show the seniors that they are still extremely important to us. In a time when we are often "too" busy, sometimes we can forget where we came from. A big thank you to Smokey D's, Hawgeyes BBQ, the Iowa BBQ Society, the Kansas City bbq society, and the national bbq news for continuing to support this cause. Last but not least, the biggest thank you goes out to those at Sunnyview Care facility (and other quality care facilities like Sunnyview), who devote their lives to taking care of our seniors when they need it. Seniors deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. Quality care for them is not an option, it's a requirement. Now, go out and hug your grandmother :).

Mike Tucker
Hawgeyes BBQ
TNT Landscaping



We need you!

We need your ideas, your experience and your knowledge to help the Iowa BBQ Society grow.

We will have 5 open seats starting in January 2016 for a 2 year term. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month for approximately 2 hours at a restaurant decided at the prior IBS meeting and enjoy a meal and discuss the issues at hand.

Please consider sending your bio in today. Include a little about yourself and a picture and email it to Francis Dutton at kiss5763@msn.com

For bio examples see bios from last year [here](#).



WE NEED YOU!