



85th Anniversary – Iowa Affiliate

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Continuing on our year long series about what our affiliates did to celebrate our 85th, here is Iowa's report.

Affiliate: **IOWA**, submitted by Cindy Thompson, current state president

How did your affiliate celebrate the 85th?

For the first time in many years, we held a social/educational event for our members. We partnered with the Midwest Grape and Wine Industry Institute, which is a collaboration which includes Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, to learn about the history of wine making in our state and taste samples.

We also had a monthly article in the Human Sciences Extension and Outreach weekly e-newsletter "Community Chat". The spot included the NEAFCS 85th graphic, a section on something related to the national organization (history/background/structure/etc.) and how that related to Iowa now. The articles were co-written by Donna Donald (past national NEAFCS president) and Cindy Thompson, current Iowa affiliate president.

How did your affiliate use the NEAFCS history/archives information on our website?
Which resources did you use?

I asked Donna Donald, NEAFCS president 1996, the question above and this is her response:

"I used some info from the narrative histories (NEAFCS website) as well as info from JCEP and ECOP websites. I delved into my own archives for several things because in the transition from management companies some of the wonderful articles about our history prepared for the 75th anniversary was lost. For example, the state reports for the 75th celebration don't pop up."

How did your affiliate implement the **85 Things to do** list as a group /individually?

Past president distributed to members at December 2018 business meeting.

Additional comments/feedback regarding our 85th Anniversary celebration

We had planned to interview Charlotte Young, Iowa life-member and NEAFCS national president during the 50th Anniversary, and then have that discussion as a focus of one

of our articles. However, the process of attending to several new hires (both before, during, and after the process) got the better of the summer. We hope to accomplish this before the end of the calendar year, though.