



De's Dazzles – Life is Like a Ferris Wheel!

Life is like a Ferris Wheel, steadily progressing forward, seeing the sights and sounds from a new perspective, experiencing highs and lows, which I choose to enjoy the ride! Everyone goes round the same, but people have different angles & reach the highs & lows at different times than me.

The hub or center part of the wheel rotates with the axle. The Corning Opera House hub is our beautiful space that centers on various activities including First Friday Friends. Just as the Ferris Wheel has different perspectives and opinions, so do our speakers as they share the highs and lows of their life stories. Over conversation and refreshments people make connections and appreciate this journey called life. Our last speaker connected people from Villisca, Red Oak, Elliott, and Corning while sharing veteran's stories. Could you say yes to hearing new perspectives and stretching your boundaries? In the coming months on the First Friday of each month, we will hear about Iowa's Misbehaving Women, Abandoned Towns and Underground Railroad.

Spokes connect the center to the outer edge of the wheel. You matter as one of the spokes on our wheel. The Corning Opera House spokes (people) are building community, making connections, and sparking creativity. If a spoke (you) is missing the wheel does not work well or if several spokes (people) are missing the wheel collapses. One thing you might notice is every spoke is equally important for the wheel! Just as our sponsors, patrons, guests, donors, volunteers, entertainment, rentals, tours, classes, etc. are important. Will you be one of our spokes? Your mental health could depend on it!

Just as the Ferris Wheel needs to be supported, we need support also. The buzz of conversations and sounds of music are a joy to hear! Our mission statement states Corning Opera House will provide a facility, honor our heritage, and enhance experiences. Comments from this past month included: beautiful building! Great Facility! Lots of fun! Interesting First Friday Speakers! And more.

Who is riding with you in the Ferris Wheel? Friends? Families? Or a special guest? We know you can't do everything, but the Corning Opera House is more than an old building - it is an anchor in our business district. Won't you give us a spin?

Sincerely,

De Heaton, Executive Director