# Hiking Club

# **Pimiteoui Trail Association**

May - Aug 2011

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# **Announcements**

The next Board Planning Meeting of the Pimiteoui Trail Association is scheduled for Sunday August 7th, 5:00 PM at the Embassy Suites Hotel Restaurant.

Volunteers are needed for The Sun Foundation's "Art & Science in the Woods" program. Volunteers are needed to help groom the trails and assist teachers during the program. The foundation is located near Lacon, IL. If interested and for more details, contact Sharon Obery at sharon.obery@gmail.com or phone 309-251-2819.

# **EVENTS SCHEDULE**

## May 14,15,16, Friday, Mississippi Palisades State Park

The club is having a week-end-get-away where we will combine hiking, biking and campfire fun. You don't have to camp to join the fun!!!

The park chosen for this is Mississippi Palisades State Park, 16327A IL Rte. 84, Savanna, IL. 61074. You can make campground reservations at <a href="https://www.reserveamerica.com">www.reserveamerica.com</a> (Make reservations a.s.a.p. for the camp grounds. Reservations are currently wide open)

This park is located near the confluence of the Mississippi and Apple Rivers in northwestern Illinois, about 3 miles north of Savanna, IL. The park is 2,500 acres of land and is rich in American Indian history. It will be about a 2 hour 40 minute drive and about 149.73 miles from Morton, according to Map Quest.

Sam and Linda Kent will be coming into the park on Thursday afternoon on May 12. We currently will be at campsite 063 and will be in a brown Monaco motor home. You can come at any time, but most people probably will arrive on Friday night and Saturday morning. We will be on the look out for all members, and will send out another e-mail closer to the weekend date with a meeting place for Saturday. If you come on Friday during the day or in the evening, please come to our campsite.

We will eat out together on Friday night and hike on Saturday morning at about 10:30 a.m. So feel free to drive up Saturday morning. Depending on the weather, we will have lunch, bicycle later in the afternoon, and then have a great pot luck together Saturday night. We will tell some great ghost stories!!!

Sunday, we will hike/bike in the morning and decide on lunch and leaving time.

We already have great interest for this experience. Cindy Alexander has promised her famous cobbler and we will make our infamous homemade strawberry ice cream.

So if you don't camp, please find a great hotel or motel close to the park at: <a href="http://local.yahoo.com/IL">http://local.yahoo.com/IL</a>. There are several chain hotels/motels and several smaller motels in Savanna.

More info will come in the newsletter soon but put this on your calendar, now! You do not have to sign up for this weekend, but if you know in advance that you will be coming, please let me know when and we will keep on the lookout for you. If you decide at the last minute to come, please do!

See you on the trails.

Leader: Linda Kent 263-8500 or 264-6156

#### Sunday, May 22, 2:00 PM, Fort Creve Coeur Park

Let's join together to hike in the woodlands and savannahs that have been set aside as an Illinois State Nature Preserve, and are in the same area that was trekked by early French explorers, in the 1600's. In addition to this park having a rich history with a fort and small museum, it is also one of the highest bluffs in the Illinois River Country. Although the trails are moderately strenuous, they offer some spectacular vantage points for observing eagles and other activities on the river. Luckily, the steeper trails decline to the river and the upward ones weave back and forth, partially on the contour, to offset the pain one would experience if they had to go straight up them. Consequently, they will not be any more severe that Robinson Park in comparison, and not as long. If you can find town of Creve Coeur, follow the brown Fort C.C. signs that go through the local neighborhood to get to the park, which is off of Lawnridge Road. I will have my phone charged up if you need further directions that day or call me ahead of time and we can discuss it. Also, the is Crevecoeur Rendezvous will be in its final day, the Sunday of our scheduled hike, so we should be able to see people dressed up in their native or mountain man regalia. Please accept this invitation to attend a fun filled event. As usual, we can decide where we would like to dine based on interest. Bring a walking stick; trail snacks, binoculars, and camera as desired.

Leader: Mark Klokkenga, Cell = 309-678-3827

#### Sunday, May 29, 1:30 PM, Lakeland Park – Canton

Come enjoy this jewel of a park in Canton, IL! Tucked away is this lovely park. The trails are paved for hikers and bikers. The trails will loop around several lakes. The trail is easy but will have some hills. Be sure to bring bread or popcorn to feed the friendly geese and GIANT catfish that inhabit the park. This park is known for its wildlife. Lakeland Park is located at 1200 West Lakeland Park Drive

We will meet at the Pekin River Front at the pavilion. We will depart at 1:30.

Suggested dining: Cracklin Jakes

Leader: Jessica Anderson 309-613-6172

#### Saturday, June 4, 10:00 AM Emiguon NWR

June 4 is National Trails Day and the Thompson Lake Festival at Emiquon Preserve featuring the grand opening of the new visitor facilities. Join us as we spend the day exploring and experiencing both. We'll start by meeting at 10:00 a.m. at Riverfront Park in Pekin, located at Court St. and 2nd St., to carpool. We'll then travel 45 minutes to Dickson Mounds Museum near Havana where we'll stop to top off our water bottles before proceeding to the Frank C. Belrose Nature Trail for our hike. Bring your lunch or a snack to eat on the boardwalk after the hike (Note: A food booth will also be available at

the festival). At this time, we'll celebrate National Trails Day by awarding some really cool door prizes, including NTD t-shirts, a daypack, headlamp, bug spray and more. From there we'll proceed to the Thompson Lake Festival where we can spend time walking the lakeside path connecting the observation areas and visiting the various conservation information booths. Expect to be back at Pekin around 4:00. Anyone wanting to meet up with us at Dickson Mounds please contact the hike leader so we know to look for you.

Leader: Cindy Alexander, 309-231-2190

#### Saturday, June 11, 9:00 A.M. Rocky Glen

Come on out to a special event where Pimiteoui Club members and guests will be joining up with the Friends of Rocky Glenn coordinators and supporters, to hike and observe a unique Peoria treasure, commonly called a "mini Starved Rock". Access is limited to guided tours, as these hidden geologic formations are on private land. As mentioned on the Friends of Rocky Glen website (**friendsofrockyglen.org**), the area does not have marked trails, so be sure to dress in proper hiking gear. We will follow a creek towards Rocky Glen, and will need to cross it several times. There may also be exposed muddy areas, and we also may have to climb over or under downed trees. The coordinators of these hikes have asked people to meet at **JIMMY'S BAR on Farmington Road at 9:00a.m. sharp.** After checking in, carpooling will take place to the hiking location on Kickapoo Road. Again, remember to dress for the weather, as this hike does not yet have a designated trail. I am looking forward to seeing a good number of PTA "folks" at this event. Please call with any and all questions.

Leader: Mark Klokkenga Cell = 309-678-3827

# Sunday, June 26, 2:00 P.M. McNaughton Park - Pekin

Hike with other club members at one of the most beautiful areas in Central Illinois, McNaughton Park in Pekin. From Route 98, turn onto McNaughton Park Rd. just East of N. Parkway Dr. Keep driving until you see the white Toyota Prius or other club members gathered. We'll attempt the seldom-hiked north section of the park. Walking difficulty if moderate. Bathrooms are available at the beginning and partway. A 2.5 hour hike is intended. A shorter turn-back route is available. Brink water and wear hiking footwear. Consider bringing a walking stick, especially if muddy, a cap/hat and bug spray. Dogs on leashes are permitted. Optionally afterward, we'll retire to a local food and beverage establishment that will have us.

Leader: Jay Meinrich, 309-472-0165 cell

Sunday, July 10, Lost Goldmine Trail MacKinaw Leader: Dan Redmon 309 –241 -5179

# SATURDAY, JULY 16, 5:00 P.M. CLUB SOCAL POTLUCK

Pimiteoui Hiking Club summer social potluck will be at the Kennel Lake Sportsman Club in Morton, IL. at 5:00 P.M. on Saturday, July 16.

From I74 going east, take the first exit to Morton. That is Morton Avenue South. On Morton Ave., go to the second stoplight. That is Jackson Ave. Turn left going east. Take Jackson to the four way stop signs at Main and Jackson. Take a left on Main going north.

Take Main St. out to Lakeland St. (no stop sign) turn right going east and stay on Lakeland going over railroad tracks, taking a dogleg jog to the left. Now Lakeland just turns into Hirstein Rd. without warning but Lakeland takes a right turn to the East. Take

Lakeland until you see on the left... kennel LAKE ROAD. Turn north (left) and you run right into the clubhouse, a parking lot, a park and a lake.

Drive around the lake, it is a one-way road. When you come to the swimming area and parking lot at the back of the lake...Stop, park and Linda and Sam will greet you at the big shelter on your left.

The club will provide the meat but please bring a covered dish to share, your table service, and any drinks you may desire. We have great cooks in this club!

HOSTS: SAM AND LINDA KENT 263-8500 OR 264-6156

#### Sunday, July 31, 2:00 P.M. Robinson Park - Camp Wokanda

Let's meet to hike the Northern Segment of Robinson Park, starting at Camp Wokanda. We will be hiking the Illinois River Bluff Trail and encountering a range of terrain that includes some moderately strenuous hills and valleys and streams crossings. (The group could hike a short segment of Robinson south, if there is the time and desire to do so.) The trail runs about 1.5 miles one way, to Mossville Road, where we can take a break with snacks and levity before re-tracing our steps, back to the vehicles. Be sure to bring water, snacks, camera, and hiking sticks as desired. We will discuss dining at a local and special food and drink emporium, to celebrate our presumed survival. Please call if directions are needed. Note: We will meet in the parking lot, close to the restrooms.

Leader: Mark E. Klokkenga Cell = 309-678-3827

# Saturday, August 6, 8 AM, East Peoria to Morton Bike Trail (Bike)

This **BIKE RIDE** will start at the Fondulac Retirement building (at the caboose) and we will ride up the trail to Morton. The length of the ride will be 5 miles up the hill and then back down to the cars. Afterward or perhaps during the ride, we can gather at a local restaurant for breakfast.

Leader: Mike Bohn – 309-657-4557

Saturday, August 20, Sand Ridge and Fishery

Leader: Dan Redmon 309 –241 -5179

## Sunday, August 28, 2 PM, Detweiller South

Spend a sultry summer afternoon hiking the ridges and ravines of Detweiller Park. That means, expect a hill or two. The trails are well established and covered by towering tree canopies. This south section also follows alongside a flowing creek part of the way. Meet in front of the Moose shelter located on the south end of the park. From the Galena Road entrance, turn/stay left at each stop sign. From Knoxville Ave., turn east onto Detweiller Dr. and take the right fork at the park sign all the way to the bottom of the bluff.

Leader: Cindy Alexander, 309-231-2190

# **EVENT REPORTS**

#### **EVENT 1 – Hike - East Peoria to Morton Trail**

Thirteen intrepid hikers braved the January wind and walked the East Peoria to Morton Trail -- toward East Peoria this time. An eagle was sighted and small mountains were climbed (part of the trail is still needing to be finished), and everyone seemed to enjoy the time, helped along by plentiful sunshine and good camaraderie! Altogether, we hiked for an hour and a half, followed by some lively conversation and good food at Embassy Suites.

Attendees: Bev Evans (Leader), Ken Kiley, Fran Kiley, Dan Redmon, Eric Hutchison, Al McMullen, Joan McMullen, Dave Grebner, Mark Klokkenga, Brian Cunningham, Rob Alexander, Cindy Alexander, John Jackson, Bonnie Jackson

#### **EVENT 2 – Hike - Starved Rock State Park**

Always a great hike. Seven hikers took to the trails to take in the canyons of the park. Several frozen waterfalls were looking spectacular. The winter concentrates the American bald eagle along the river and we got some close ups. Following our trek we dined at the park lodge.

Attendees: Susan Hood, Eric Hutchinson, Dan Redman, Rob and Cindy Alexander, & Bonnie Jackson, Leader: John Jackson

#### **EVENT 3 – Hike - Forest Park**

Six dedicated Pimiteoui Trail Club members, and their four guests, showed up for the wintery hike from Forest Park to Grandview Drive Hill on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011. After introductions, the group was off and running in their quest to reach the spectacular scenery on the "summit of the most beautiful Drive in America", according to Teddy Roosevelt. Despite the 10 to 15 degree temperatures, and the challenges presented by the frequent icy footing, (especially downhill), the hardy trekkers managed to achieve its goal of reaching the summit. A group picture was shot by our roving photographer, Dan Redmon, and can be viewed on the PTA website. (<a href="www.ptahike.org">www.ptahike.org</a>)

Snacks were shared on the Hill before proceeding back to Forest Park Nature Center for warming up, and talking with J.D. Russell, the new Chief Naturalist. In summary, the seasonal beauty of this hike, together with the changing terrain and remarkable vistas, is one of the best examples of the Illinois River Bluff and Valley landscape that the Peoria Area has to offer. If you have missed this specific part of Forest Park Trail System, please plan on attending when the Pimiteoui Club plans future hikes on this outstanding trail.

Attendees: Jerry Gegel, Joyce Gegel, Bill Simmens, Eric Hutchison, Dan Redmon, Hunt B. Wagstaff, Mary Jones Streitmatter, Larry and Mary Paustian Leader: Mark Klokkenga

#### **EVENT 4 – Hike - Cooper Park**

Despite the recent snowstorm, we had sunshine and temperatures in the mid-40s for our hike along the East Peoria riverfront on March 13. We started our adventure at Cooper South behind Jonah's. From there we followed softened snow tracks along the wooded trail leading to Cooper Park and spurs out to the river. We also had the advantage of two boardwalks which elevated us overtop creeks and wetland. At Spindler Marina we turned around for the hike back to our cars. Afterwards several of us continued the adventure at Burger Barge where we ate, drank and talked. It was a nice day and a nice hike for beating those winter cabin fever blues. -- CA

Attendees: Cindy Alexander (Leader), Rob Alexander and Kenzie (dog), Bev Evans, Brian Cunningham, John Jackson, Dan Redmon, Laura Van Riper, Mark Klokkenga, Susan Hood, Eric Hutchison

Guests: Tom Haserstein, Chrys McKenzie-Campbell and kids (Reegan, Kelly, Declan, Danae and Shelley)

#### **EVENT 5 – Social - Annual Meeting/Potluck – Forest Park Nature Center**

Everyone seemed to enjoy this year's version of the Pimiteoui Trail Club Social Gathering, Dinner, and Meeting, held at the Forest Park Nature Center, on February 19<sup>th</sup>. There was more planning that went into this year gathering, as it was held at the Nature Center for the first time since 2005. Special thanks go to John and Bonnie Jackson, who roasted a ham and Cindy and Rob Alexander, who cooked a turkey, generously supplying their edible masterpieces. All attendees, who said the cuisine was more delectable, compared to what can be found at restaurants, local or elsewhere, provided many creative dishes.

After dinner, with President Mark Klokkenga presiding, the meeting began with acknowledgements and thank you, for all those donating their time for the betterment of the club, during the past calendar year. Those recognized were Mike Bohn, Newsletter Editor, for his outstanding work on the club newsletter, Linda Kent, Treasurer, for updating the membership roster, and other promotions of the club, Bonnie Johnson for sending out hiking announcements and reminders to the membership and the Journal star, Cindy Alexander for Event Schedule Postings and presentation and provision of the Dusty Boot Awards, Rob Alexander for website coordination, Dan Redmon for Facebook Announcements and Website picture postings, and Ken Kiley for sending requested paper newsletter copies. Recognitions were also given to those generous folks that hosted club parties; John and Bonnie Jackson, Linda and Sam Kent, and Lon and Lynn Furness. A General thank you was given to all those that lead or coordinated hikes, during this past "hiking club" year.

Future events were discussed for the upcoming season, especially those that were currently listed on the 4-month event schedule at banquet time. Two changes for the January to April hiking period were pointed out. First, the number of hikes has been increased from the typical 8 (one every other week) to #12 (3 per month). This was done to provide club members more hiking opportunities, and was possible due to board members, as well as, people who are not currently on the board, offering to lead hiking events. (Those people were recognized at the banquet and can be found in the January to April, 2011 Newsletter.) Secondly, the club has two Saturday Afternoon hikes (2:00PM) scheduled; April 2<sup>nd</sup> - Glen Oak to Springdale, and April 30<sup>th</sup> at Forest Park Nature Center. The President also pointed out that anyone is welcome and encouraged to lead hikes and/or offer suggestions for new or repeat hiking destinations. It was noted "folks should make or submit their hiking suggestions to club officers before scheduled board meetings, so all board members can consider them at hike planning meeting held every 4 months.

The next agenda item was to recognize new and potentially new (some were still considering joining) club members...They are too numerous to mention here, but please welcome them into the club when you see them on hiking events.

John Jackson read the Treasurer's report in lieu of Linda Kent's absence with minimum discussion, and approved and accepted with no discussion.

The New Pimiteoui Trail Association officers were elected after some discussion from the floor. Some officers and board member positions changed, and some stayed the same. The new position of secretary was instituted, after several years of absence, and one dedicated individual decided to offer to fill the position. The following is the list of 2011 – 2012 Pimiteoui Trail Club officers and board members, elected at this year's banquet.

Dan Redmon – President
Jessica Anderson – Vice President
Susan Hood – Secretary
Linda Kent – Treasurer
Mike Bohn – Newsletter Editor
Mark Klokkenga – Officer at Large
Bev Evans – Officer at Large

Next, two Door Prizes were distributed, by allowing winners of a novel guessing game, to have first two picks. The Game consisted of guessing the most attendee at "out of town" and "local" area hiking events, from a list provided. The "out of town hike with the most attendance was Matheson State Park (23 people) and guessed by John Jackson. Detweiller Park (17 people) was the local hiking event that had the most attendees, and guessed by Mike Pantier. At least 15 other door winners were chosen on a first come, first serve, and random basis to receive the numerous prizes available. These included Hiking Illinois Books, Hiking sticks, Club hiking shirts, Patches, and trail mix. Everyone was delighted at the opportunity to win something!

The annual meeting would not be complete without the presentation of the coveted Dusty Boot Awards, presented by Cindy Alexander that recognizes club members that attended the most overall hiking events, during the year. This year's recipients of those sought after awards were Dan Redmon - 1st place, Linda Kent  $-2^{nd}$  Place, Sam Kent  $-3^{rd}$  place and Mark Klokkenga  $-4^{th}$  Place.

The evening was capped off by Keynote Speaker; J. D. Russell, the Chief Naturalist at the Forest Park Nature Center. J. D told the membership about his background and how he became the Chief Naturalist. He also brought the group up to date on many of the projects that are ensuing at Park District properties across the Peoria Area, mainly focusing on the Kellar Branch Plans, Singing Woods and Tawny Oaks, Camp Wokanda, and Forest Park Nature Center Projects.

On a final note and one I should have made at the annual dinner meeting and banquet...The 2010 – 2011 President, Mark Klokkenga WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE OFFICIERS AND BOARD MEMBERS, (and anyone else that may have been inadvertently omitted) THAT DEDICATED TIME, ENERGY, AND EFFORT, WORKING DILLIGENTLY TO MAKE THE PIMITEOUI TRAIL ASSOCIATION A GREAT ORGANIZATION, THIS PAST YEAR. It has been a pleasure to work alongside you, to make our club fun and exciting. Thanks Again.

Mark Klokkenga

#### **EVENT 6 – Hike - Funks Grove**

Enjoyed a visit to Funks Grove. A total of twenty seven hikers took in the huge old growth timber. The trails were snowy and had that silence you get in the deep snowy woods. The syrup buckets were hung on the maple trees with care, but the weather was to cold for the sap to flow. The sugar run was not ongoing. Following the hike we checked out the pie selection at the Busy Corner.

Attendees: Chrys McKenzie, Campbell, Reegan, Kelly, Declan, Duane, Joan Bonnett, Linda Lanhardt, Hunt B. Wagstaff, Mary Jane Streitmatter, Jerry and Joyce Gegel, Bev Evans, Bev Tisdale, Marc Proud, Chris Golden, Gene Sconduto, Sharon Obery, Richard and Susan Hayden, Tom Hieser, Dan Redman, Carole Pauter, Mary and Earl Botene. Leader: John Jackson

#### **EVENT 7 – Hike - Rock Island Trail State Parks**

The Rock Island Trail hike on March 6, 2011 was a huge success! We walked from the Alta parking lot to Pioneer Parkway and back with 30 people and three dogs (that's 72 tired feet). We started at 2 p.m. and returned about 4 p.m. About 1/3 of the group met afterward at Panera's on Knoxville for refreshments and conversation. Attending: Dave Grebner (leader); Frank & Debra Disney; Chris, Reegan, Kelly, Declan, & Danae McKenzie-Campbell; Bev Evans; Eric Hutchison; Tom & Debra Sturm; Mark Klokkenga; Dian Brownlee; Ken Kiley; Laura Van Riper; Tom Hasenstein; Gail Bennett; Claire Putman; Parker McRae; Mary Greenhood; Tom Hieser; Mike Bohn; Jay Meinrich; Bonnie Davis; John Jackson; Susan Hood; Dan Redmon; the Gentry's; and the pooches (sorry, forgot their names). Mosey stayed home to nap and visit with the neighbor dog.

#### **EVENT 8 – Hike - Constitution Trail**

Staring at 10:30 AM from out in front of the Beer Nuts Company Headquarters we began by walking across Washington St to Atwood Wayside, our trailhead. Our direction of travel was north, going a distance of approximately 3 miles and sharing the trail with light traffic until College town Normal, where traffic became heavier but acceptable. On the upper end of our hike we waited for the Chicago bound train to exit the station and we crossed the tracks to look around briefly. We then turned around for our 3 mile walk south to our starting point, whereupon we had a hardy meal at Schooners. The North wind made the day seem cooler but the Sun did visit at times along our walk. Conversation was had, wildlife observed and landmarks visited! All had fun.

Attendees: Mike & Carol Pantier, Jerry & Joyce Gegel, Homer & Barb Gurtler, Dan Redmon, Richard & Susan Hayden (Leaders)

#### **EVENT 9 - Hike - Comlara Park**

On March 26th 2011 the Pimiteoui Trail Association paid a visit to McLean County's Comlara Park. It was a cool and windy day but the hardy group pushed on through a 3 mile hiking experience. The rewards were many as the group experienced the cold wind, sunny sky and sparkling wavy waters of Lake Evergreen. Many water birds were seen in their glory, such as, pelicans, geese, ducks, gulls and others. It was a bad experience only if you missed it. After the hike, the group traveled to historic and world famous Lake Road Inn at Lake Bloomington. We enjoyed a meal, libations and conversation. Those in

attendance were, Dan Redmon, John Jackson, Tim and Donna May, Laura Van Riper, Tom Hasenstein, Susan Hood, Steve Grube, Mike Klokkenga and Brian Cunningham.

#### **EVENT 10 – Hike - Glen Oak Park/Springdale Cemetery.**

Some 30 hikers joined in on a sunny spring day for a two hour hike through Glen Oak Park and on into Springdale Cemetery. There were several stops to wait for hikers to catch up on some of the big hills and we did have a number of people drop off the hike early for many reasons. Some even started and quickly left to perform an unscheduled clean up day of the Park and surrounding area led by Brian Cunningham. After the hike some 20 people went to TNTs sports bar in Peoria Heights for dinner and a little NCAA basketball watching.

Attendees: Tom Donohoe, Marc Proud, Bev Tisdale, Aurea Toxqui, Dan Redmon, Hunt Wagstaff, Mary Jane Streitmatter, Sandra & George Burrier, Eric Hutchison, Tom & Debra Sturm, Joyce & Jerry Gegel, Brenda & Larry Shea, Joan Bonnett, Cindy Alexander, Dave Grebner, Chrys McKenzie Campbell, Steve Lovely, Mark Klokkenga, Linda & Sam Kent, Jay Meinrich, Bev Evans, Brian Cunningham, Laura Von Riper, and Tom Hasenstein. Leader - Mike Bohn

#### EVENT 11 – Hike - Independence Park

18 hikers showed up on April 10<sup>th</sup>, for an unusually warm Sunday afternoon hike at Independence Park, which is a patch of woods between I-474 and Marquette Heights, between Creve Coeur and Pekin. Hikers were greeted with an a taste of early summer, when temperatures soared into the 80's, making it possible to actually work up sweat at times, on the moderately strenuous, and hilly terrain, until the sun when behind the clouds later on in the afternoon. After studying the map and determining that a "club friendly", short and more circular route was not available, we proceeded to walk west, knowing that we would likely have to re-trace our steps to our point of origin. Half way into our westward stroll, Dan, our fearless, and newly elected club President showed up to give us encouragement, and remind us that we were not that far from civilization. We did decide to turn around and return the same way we came, both to keep the hike to a 2 and one half hour maximum, and to avoid some deep ravines in the topography, that seemed to be more suitable for mountain bikers than hikers. Overall the hike proved to be fun regardless of a few minor obstacles.

About half of the group decided to dine at Embassy Suites before the scheduled Pimiteoui Trail Association 2nd Quarter meeting.

Hike Attendees: Bev Tisdale, Carol Knox, Judi and Rick Gentry, Cindy and Rob Alexander, Sam and Linda Kent, John Jackson, Jay Meinrich, Susan Hood, George and Sandi Burrier, Chris McKenzie Campbell, Dan Redmon, Amanda Smith (guest), and Paul Peterson (guest)

Leader: Mark Klokkenga

#### **EVENT 12 – Hike - Forest Park Nature Center**

Eleven faithful hikers turned out for the April 30<sup>th</sup> hike at Forest Park Nature Center. Since it was Earth Day, parking was further away; so extra hiking to get to the hike was an added bonus! The trails were lovely with spring flowers everywhere and all had a good time! A few of us went out for some tasty burritos afterward.

Attendees: Bev Evans, Merrill Parsons (new member—welcome!), Eric Hutchison, Roger & Kathy John, George Burrier, Linda Kent, John Jackson, Laura Van Riper, Tom Hasenstein and Aurea Toxqui.

#### **Treasury Board Meeting**

As of 12/12/2010: Date: TBD Location: TBD Checking \$171.37 Savings \$417.58 Time: TBD

Total \$588.95 President: Mark Klokkenga

# **For Outdoor Events**

- 1. In case of bad weather, contact the hike leader to see if the hike has been
- 2. Any hike leader wanting to use the club's first aid kit can obtain it by calling Jay Meinrich.

Membership Application
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Membership Applicat	tion		
	() Renew Member	() Individual \$6	
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Membership Year Expires in February of every year			
The Newsletter is mailed electronically. If you do not have email, provide your snail mail address and we will send you a Newsletter in paper form.			
Make checks payable to "The Pimiteoui Trail Hiking Association", Mail to: Treasurer: Linda Kent 22172 Northfield Drive, Morton, Illinois 61550, 263-8500			
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