

From the Central Iowa Beekeepers Association (CIBA) President:

Hello CIBA members:

I am going to start this short President's Newscast with a quote that has literally changed my life's focus. It is titled **WHAT MATTERS**:

One hundred years from now, it will not matter what kind of car I drove; what kind of house I lived in; how much I had in my bank account, nor what my clothes look like. What matters is the world may be a little better because I was important in the life of a "child."

Of course, we are all children in many respects when it comes to keeping bees. So, in all of my volunteering for CIBA -- this has been a large part of my focus. I also know that the leadership of CIBA feels the same way. There are sooooo many things to learn and it is a challenge to separate the people that are giving advice to make money off of you and the ones that are giving advice to actually make you a better beekeeper.

CIBA is looking for leadership within our membership to carry on these values. An added benefit is the fun of connecting to other beekeepers that share the same values.

I know I am a better beekeeper since becoming involved with CIBA. Bee Bit ideas and other ideas to promote better beekeeping to all of us "kids" have come from within our group.

Please consider becoming involved with CIBA by joining a committee or becoming an officer or director—your CIBA is certainly one of the most active bee groups in the Midwest. The time you spend as a CIBA volunteer and leader will be beneficial to you and the association.

At our November meeting Phil Westra from Sanborn, IA will be speaking and will be talking about Varroa Sensitive Bees. It will be held on Saturday, November 18th at 1:00 PM at the Northridge Baptist Church, 3700 6th Ave., Des Moines.

Remember to check out the timeline in the BEELINE to make sure you are completing tasks that need to be done before winter arrives. I have been busy killing mites and feeding 2:1 syrup this last month.

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