



NEWS NOTES

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A Word from the Director - Robert Harlow

Spring has finally arrived! The school year is coming to an end and we will soon be completing our Intergenerational programs for 2015-2016 school year. Laura and Mikki have done a great job learning the programs and implementing them. The program is once again running strong.

We recently received a grant from the Stateline Community Foundation's Women's Fund to continue the teen rides program for young women. Although the number of recipients is rather low, the program has been effective in helping these young women attend school and personal growth classes. The SVS program (Seniors Volunteering for Seniors) is running strong as well. Patty continues to do a wonderful job in this program which does a great deal to help keep seniors independent and in their own homes.

Patty recently attended a statewide transportation conference which allowed her to network with other professionals involved in the same type of program and get current information on how to enhance transportation services to seniors.

In May Mikki and I will be attending the annual volunteer coordinators State conference in Pewaukee. This will be Mikki's first time attending and she will be able to meet other staff in RSVP programs from across the state as well as attend training sessions on a variety of volunteer related topics.

I hope you all join us for our 43rd Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner on June 16th at the Janesville Moose Lodge. Once again musical entertainment will be provided and there will be a Silent Auction and Raffle. Enclosed in this newsletter is the reservation form for the dinner. Please send the form in by June 1st.

Our office will be closed on the following days

May 19th Staff Outing
May 30th Memorial Day
June 16th Volunteer Dinner
July 4th Fourth of July
September 5th .. Labor day

RSVP Wish List

1. Printer cartridges: HP 56 and 57, Canon 26, 26c, 26m, 26y and HP 35A.
2. Pink, green and blue copy paper
3. 1 inch mailing tabs
4. Avery laser 5160 labels
5. Paper plates and plastic utensils
6. Napkins
7. 4-ply yarn
8. Toilet paper and paper towels



25 Years

Eva Arnold

Drene Hoague

20 Years

Shirley Anderson
Eva Hoff
Anne Reed

Hazel Black
Dolores Leonard
Marge Terneus

Nathan Bruce
Virginia Nitz
Kurt Yankee

15 Years

Margaret Brandenburg
Barbara Kronquist
Jan Mickelson
Alfred Pinnow
Dorothy Wensel

Lois Ferrara
Judy Lechelt
Angie Miller
Donna Reay
Donald Wilson

Maxine Kittelson
Charlene McKittrick
Phil Pickett
Dorothy Warriner

10 Years

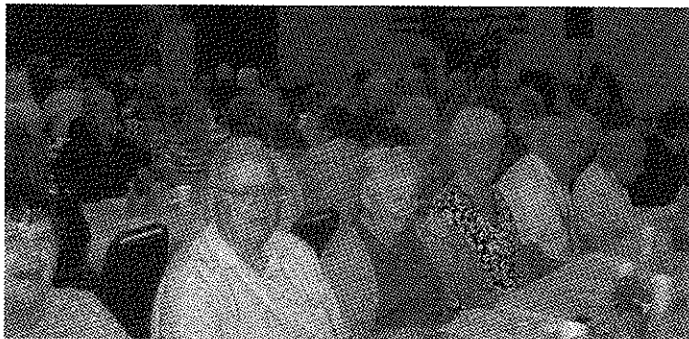
Sheila Alcock
Betty Jo Bussie
Ed Hansen
Harvey Krueger
Mary Seger

Richard Blakemore
William Fitzgerald
Betty Johnston
Elaine Nelson

Norma Bluhm
Debra Hansen
Grant Koenig
Bernard Richardson

The volunteers on this page have recorded hours during 2015. If you think your name should be included in this list, please call RSVP office at 756-4281 or 362-9593 and let us know if you are an active volunteer and where you are volunteering.

**Please join us for our
43rd Annual
RSVP Volunteer Recognition Dinner**



**Thursday - June 16, 2016
4:00 p.m.
The Moose Lodge
2701 Rockport Road
Janesville, WI**

Valet Parking Available

Celebrity Servers will once again be serving all volunteers at their tables. We have received some very nice raffle items as well as silent auction items. Raffle tickets are once again \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00, and may be purchased before and after the dinner. Proceeds will go towards services and programs provided through RSVP.

RESERVATION FORM

Please fill out and mail your reservation by June 1st, 2016

To—RSVP 2433 S. Riverside Dr. #1

Beloit WI 53511

I/We will attend the RSVP Annual Volunteer Recognition
Dinner on June 16, 2016

_____ Signature

Yes, I need a ride _____, I will give someone a ride _____.

RSVP Volunteers—No Charge

Others—\$9.00 please make checks payable to RSVP and return with your reservation

Seniors Volunteering for Seniors

By Patty Hansberry

I would like to start by thanking the many wonderful volunteers on behalf of the SVS clients and myself. The drivers committed to 4128 trips in 2015. We have an extraordinary group of people who generously donate their time to help the clients meet their needs.

SVS Volunteers in conjunction with the Dementia Friendly Initiatives of Rock County completed the criteria to earn the designation of being dementia friendly. Molly Nolte, Mobility Manager for Rock County was the presenter. Through this program we identified clients that may be in the early stages of dementia. With this we can be more helpful and understanding in meeting the needs of our clients.



Front Row L-R Marvellene Winchester, Jan Olmstead, Rose Schenck, Marlo Wilson, and Betty Wright
Back Row L-R Bruce Winchester, Phillip Sholes, Dave Deezic, Sondra DesCamps, Mary Dixon and Peggy Sisson. Others attending but not pictured, Lynn Howard, Jim Haugen, Marlisse Chamberlain, and Kathleen Whitmore

Memorials and Tributes

Please use this form to make a contribution to RSVP in memory or honor of someone special

Enclosed is my gift of _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Personal Tribute _____

Check payable to RSVP of Rock County

If you would like, we will send an acknowledgement of your tribute or memorial to the person(s) listed below

Name _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Intergenerational News

By Laura Anastasi

My first year as Program Manager at RSVP was a success. Mikki and I completed four FOLK FAIRS in Beloit, Janesville, and Edgerton. We have one more program in May to wrap up our first year. The HEROES program was enjoyed by many. We completed our 6 week, afterschool program in schools such as Townview and Clinton Middle.

BABES touched many young people's lives in Beloit and Janesville with a very important lesson attached. Fun was had by all. Mikki and I would like to thank all the volunteers who have stepped up to help make these programs such a success. All of these Intergenerational Programs are always looking for volunteers. So, don't be shy. Call Laura or Mikki to find out how you can get started today: (608)362-9593 or (608)756-4281. You won't regret it!!

Community Referrals

RSVP volunteers have helped in the public and private agencies in Rock County. They have done things such as: answer telephones, data entry, typing, filing, reception desks, information desks, hospital escorts, delivering Meals on Wheels, delivering library books to the homebound, helping out at senior dining centers, food pantry's, visiting those in nursing homes and extended care facilities, knit, crochet, or sew items like mittens, hats, afghans, etc. The list is endless, so if you have the time and are willing, you can become an active member of your community.

Thanks to all of the great RSVP Intergenerational Volunteers that have made a difference this past year!

Rose Ackley	Susan Altbach	Arnold Arndt	Susan Alexander
Pam Benish	Warren Allston	Kathryn Bakke	Lois Ferrara
Mildred Bakke	Margaret Brandenberg	Barb Kronquist	Frank Cummins
Jerry Cox	Sharon Dressler	Janet Kopp	Diane Durkee
Michael Lattomus	Alberta Fry	Carol Garry	Barbara Cox
Jan Kinnaman	Betty Gilbert	Joyce Gray	Ruth Gray
Carol Beilharz	Ruby Hay	Gerald Lesch	Kathy Ames
Joanne Ciulla	Allene Meade	Tom Kautz	Margaret Klein
Janet Kopp	Jean Larson	Sue Ellen Madere	Karen Jolly
Karen Maren	Mary McQuisten	Ellen Owens	Deborah Moore
Kathleen Moran	Andy Navarro	Darlene Nelson	Kan Paopi
Sue Orr	Judy Owens	Kathy Parker	Virgil Parker
John Parr	Lynn Parr	Bill Pember	Donna Pember
Phil Pickett	Una Rondeau	Greg Nelson	Aleta Thompson
Mary Porter	Jeanne Smith	Dennis Dorst	Roberta Woods
June Loper	Mary Ann Svoem	David Thill	Pat Wagner
Carol Turner	Deb Ulrich		

Volunteer Opportunities

BABES (Beginning Alcohol and Addiction Basic Education Studies)

This is a puppet show to educate first graders about substance abuse, peer pressure, coping skills, good decision making and self- image. This is a five week program that meets once a week for 45 minutes in the fall and spring.

Intergenerational Heroes

This is an after school program that teaches fun, healthy activities and hobbies in small groups to 4th, 5th and 6th graders in Rock County. This is a six week program that meets every Tuesday for one hour.

Folk Fairs

Are you still thinking about joining the Folk Fair family? Well, stop thinking about it and join us in the upcoming school year. Folk Fairs are living history lessons given to area elementary students. RSVP volunteers demonstrate and share how to make butter, wood burning, wood carving and embroidery. They also share antiques, a collection of dolls and wooden toys. The cloggers from the Janesville Senior Center will also perform. You say you don't have a talent or hobby you can share, well no problem. We will be happy to set you up with one of our displays.

America Reads

Do you enjoy reading? Why not share that joy with area students who are struggling. Reading is a key to success in education and in life. Did you know that four out of ten fourth graders can't read at grade level? There is a huge demand for volunteers that are willing to help students with their reading. You can make a huge difference in the life of a child.

For any information on any of these programs please contact Laura Anastasi, Program Manager at 608-362-9593 or 608-756-4281.

Seniors Volunteering for Seniors

Driving Program

Would you enjoy helping fellow seniors with doctor appointments, grocery trips and other essential errands? Seniors Volunteering for Seniors is looking for drivers in the Rock County area. Drivers are reimbursed at .42 cents per mile and offered supplemental auto insurance.

Teen Program

Would you like to be a mentor to a young woman and her child? We are looking for senior ladies to take these young women to school and help them obtain their high school diploma. Hours vary starting at 8:00 am. Drivers are reimbursed at .42 cents per mile and are offered supplemental auto insurance.

Friendly Visitor

Seniors Volunteering for Seniors is looking for volunteers to fill friendly visit opportunities. A friendly visit can consist of talking, playing cards, playing games, or just being there to spend time with them. Current needs include one for a gin player in Janesville, and other opportunities throughout Rock County. **Please contact Patty Hansberry at 362-9593 or 608-756-4281 for any of the above opportunities**

Cedar Crest

Enjoy building relationships with older adults and benefit from their lives rich with history and experiences. Acquire skills and make new friends while helping your community. Some examples are Euchre volunteers, ceramics and One to One visits plus many more. Long-term volunteers are needed for rewarding work with older adults at Cedar Crest Inc., a continuing care senior living community in Janesville. For more information contact Cedar Crest's Volunteer Coordinator **Linda Lyke at 608-373-6327 or email llyke@cedarcrest.com**

More Volunteer Opportunities

Milton Food Pantry

Milton Food Pantry is seeking volunteers to work at their Food Pantry. Jobs include sorting, stacking, packing, and food distribution. If you have a few extra hours that you would be able to help out with this program, please call Carol Hulbert at (608)868-1166 or email at miltonfoodpantry@charter.net.

Alden Meadow Park

Alden Meadow Parks is seeking volunteers in their Clinton WI location. Volunteers can participate in one on one visits, men's groups, women's groups, book club, crafting or what interests them. There is a volunteer orientation which takes about 20 minutes. For further information please contact **Jaelyn Kolodziej, Activity Director, at 608-676-2202.**

Family Services of Beloit

Family Services of Beloit is looking for hotline volunteers. The hours would be anytime Monday thru Friday 8 AM -5pm. Duties include answering phones and talking to troubled people. If interested please contact **Kelsie Hood at 608-365-1244.**

Angel Museum Beloit, WI

The Angel Museum is looking for Board members, gift shop help, and museum helpers. If you are interested please contact **Bob Harlow at 608-362-9593 or 608-756-4281.**

Beloit Meals on Wheels

Due to growth, Beloit Meals on Wheels is in need of volunteers to help deliver meals. A route may take one hour to complete. They are in vital need for Saturdays and Sundays. Please contact **Patty Gilmour volunteer coordinator at 608-362-3683.**

Grinnell Hall

Grinnell Hall is looking for volunteers to help with food prep, serving and clean up. The shift is approximately 10:30AM to 1:00PM. Please contact **Cindy Ross at 608-362-4569.**

Beloit Public Library

The Beloit Public Library has a program for volunteers to help keep the library items in correct order by "shelf-reading" at the library. This program is called "Adopt-A-Shelf". Volunteers attend a mandatory 2 hours of training to learn how the library is organized alphabetically and by the Dewey Decimal system. Volunteers then agree to adopt an area of the library's collection and help make sure that it stays neat, in order, and dusted. If you are available please contact **Vicki Hahn, Volunteer Coordinator, at 608-364-5756.**

The Literacy Connection

"People with limited literacy come from all social and economic backgrounds and so do our tutors." Work one on one or support small group settings, support fellow tutors, substitute for other tutors, depending on YOUR time and comfort level. You may volunteer one hour a month or one hour a week, depending on your schedule. **YOU ARE ALWAYS SUPPORTED BY TLC!** We are also in need of an office assistant three hours a week. For more information on becoming a tutor, **call our office at 608-756-3125** or shoot us an email at erin@theliteracyconnection.com."

R.S.V.P.

R.S.V.P. has several stations that are always looking for help. We cover lots of opportunities like working with children, community agencies. **Please call us at 608-362-9593 or 608-756-4281.**

Seniors Volunteering for Seniors

Would you be interested in calling other Seniors? The phone assurance program is in need of volunteers to call for medication reminders or just to visit on the phone. Medication reminders are usually daily and visits are done at a predetermined time by volunteer and client. **Please call Patty Hansberry at 608-362-9593 or 608-756-4281**

Community Happenings...

Janesville Moose Lodge: Friday Night Fish Fry 5pm – 8pm every Friday. They also have live entertainment, May 15 is Local favorite Rainbow Bridge 7pm-10pm. Sundays BINGO at 1pm

Friends at Beloit Library (FABL): FABL is hosting a Super Second Saturday book sale from 10pm-2pm at the Beloit Library.

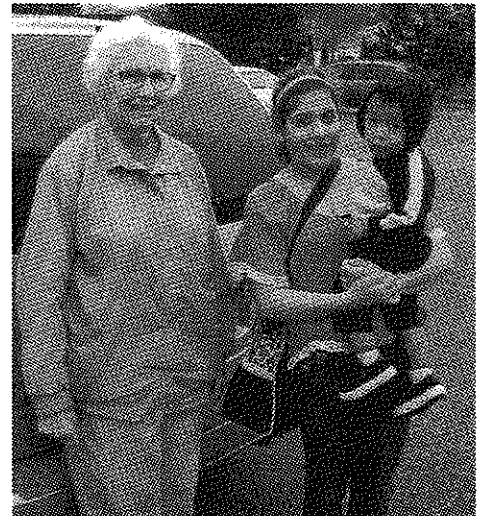
Janesville Salvation Army: Hosting a plant sale May 4th 1-6pm and May 5 & 6, 9-6pm and May 7th, 9-12pm location will be the parking lot at Schnuck's Grocery Store.

Craig High School FFA Plant Sale: at Craig High School Wed May 4th, 10-6 pm, May 5 & 6 3-5pm and May 7th, 9-3pm

Beloit Famers Market: Starts in May-October Saturdays from 8 pm-1pm.



On April 13, 2016 the City Manager of Beloit, Lori Curtis-Luther, recognized our group of ladies with a luncheon, flowers and letter of recognition for all of their hard work. The ladies donate their time working at the information desk for city hall. If you are ever there stop by and say hello!



Teen volunteer driver Betty Ainger picking up Andrea Velez and son. Thank you Betty for all that you do.

GONE WITH THE WIND WORD SEARCH PUZZLE



ASHLEY WILKES
ATLANTA
BONNIE BLUE
CIVIL WAR
CONFEDERATE

GEORGIA
MARGARET MITCHELL
OLD SOUTH
PLANTATION
PRISSY

RECONSTRUCTION
RHETT BUTLER
ROMANCE
SCALAWAG
SCARLETT O'HARA

SLAVERY
SOLDIERS
SOUTHERN BELLE
TARA
TWELVE OAKES

We Remember

Donald Bratzke	Walt Divan	David Green	OC Payton
Sandra Nagler	Marlene Slowey	Jacqueline Wincapaw	Larry Wiedenfeld

Thank you.....

Erna Beese-Baby Booties	Alice Kniskern-Mittens	Mary Seger-Scarves, Mittens
Jenny Carr-Mittens	Anita Marita-Cutting Boards	Dorothy Spaeth-Scarves
Eugene Durkee-Ink Cartridges	Allene Meade-Lap Robes	Lois Swanson-Mittens
Ann Gackstatter-Hats, Scarves	Marie Menz-Gift Cards	Joan Vanden Noven-Lap Robes
Kathy Gove-Scarf, Yarn	Rosemarie Dimiceli-Muthig-Lap Robes	Voluntary Action Center-Yarn, Office Supplies
Joyce Gray-Hats, Mittens, Scarves	Sandra Nagler-Baby Blankets, Lap Robes	Dorothy Wensel-Hats and Sweaters
Barbara Gudgeon-Lap Robes	Kathy Rush- Yarn	
Debbie Hansen-Yarn, Afghan		

Welcome to RSVP

Wendy Anderson-Markow	Frank "Douglas" Conkle	Jeanne Sheppard
Ruth Atwood	Dave Deezic	Dorothy Spaeth
Pamela Benish	Mary Dixon	Sally Traver
Barb Bolter	Lyle Dressler	Patricia Trotter
George Bolter	Donald W. Kelley Jr.	Delores Ward
Gene Bostian	Donna Lee Kelley	John Weinberg
Gary Chilson	Walter Mattelig	Sandy Williams

Volunteers don't receive a salary because they're worthless...It's because THEY ARE PRICELESS!

Become a Friend of RSVP of Rock County

While the Board of Directors of RSVP appreciate the contributions of the many volunteers and community partners, it also acknowledges the need to raise additional dollars to ensure that RSVP of Rock County can continue to operate effectively with its partner agencies and volunteers. If you would like to become a friend of RSVP of Rock County, please send your tax deductible donation to Retired & Senior Volunteer Program of Rock County, 2433 S. Riverside Dr. # 1, Beloit WI 53511. Your friend status will provide you with name recognition on the RSVP website as well as in the newsletters. Thank you again for assisting us in our mission of enhancing the lives of volunteers, age 55 and older, through meaningful service opportunities that match life skills and interests to community needs.

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Marlene & Tony Bachim
Lois Barnes
Erna Beese
Joyce Berg
Cecilia Rose Blackwell
Bob Bruner
Sharon Burns
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Cathy Casey
Joyce Cawkins
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Walt & June Divan
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Becky Esselman
Cheryl Ezdon
Delores Folyer
Beverly Frahm

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Betty Hegg
Sharon & David Henning
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Janet Hudson
Herbert E. Huebschen
Ralph Irvin
Dorothy Jeffers
Jean M Jensen
Betty Johnson
Jane Jones
June Kay
Bernice Kinane
Georgette Kinsey
Donna Kinney
Pat Kenucane
Mary Kleinsmith
Alice Kniskern
Alex and Clara Kremer
Bonnie Kretsos

Marita Leeder
June Loper
Jane Luety
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Carla Miller
Elizabeth Moncrief
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Dale Nord
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Bill and Donna Pember
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Tim & Jayme Roth
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Lou & Arlene Wald
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Breakfast Optimists Club
Beloit Senior Center
Mercy Health System

Culvers of Beloit
Intermediate Women's Club of Beloit
Finley Dencker
Taylor Company

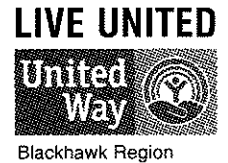
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