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A Word from the Director - Robert Harlow

By the time you receive this newsletter spring will have sprung! Although it was a mild winter it's great to see things turn green and new life begin! Not to mention getting the golf clubs out of hibernation! We are entering the last month of this school year and the Intergenerational Programs have been very busy. We are looking for volunteers for the Intergenerational and other programs so if interested or know someone who might be, contact our office so we can get you started.

With the new federal administration, RSVP is in jeopardy since there is action being considered to eliminate the Corporation for National & Community Service. Although these threats have been going on for nearly a decade it could very well become a reality. Feel free to contact your legislatures to let them know of the value of RSVP and the impact our volunteers make in the community every day. Obviously they need to be educated!

We are planning our 44th Annual Volunteer Recognition dinner for Thursday June 15, 2017 at the Janesville Moose Lodge. Details are included in this newsletter. Please be sure to make your reservations by returning the form in this newsletter or by calling the office at 362.9593 by no later than June 1st. A special thanks to Jan Olmstead for donating the plates, cups, napkins, and silverware for the dinner. It's a big help and we certainly appreciate her generosity! We hope to see you all there!

In May Laura and I will be attending the Wisconsin Volunteer Coordinators Association statewide conference in the Wisconsin Dells. This is a good opportunity to gain new knowledge and network with fellow RSVP staff. I'm sure there will be much discussion on the federal budget and any developments that have taken place in that process.

I hope you all have a happy and healthy spring and summer!

Our Office Will Be Closed on the Following Days

Monday, May 29, 2017
Thursday, June 15, 2017
Tuesday, July 4, 2017
Monday, September 4, 2017
Thursday, November 23, 2017
Friday, November 24, 2017
Friday, December 22, 2017
Monday, December 25, 2017
Friday, December 29, 2017
Monday, January 1, 2018

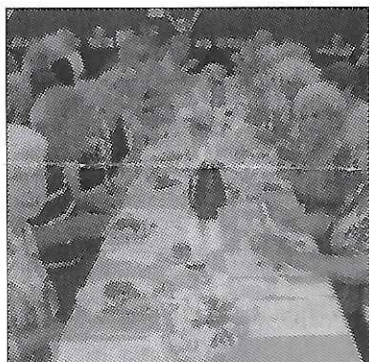
Also, we are closed and drivers will not drive if the Beloit School System is closed due to inclement weather - (snow, ice, etc.).

Please listen to your local news, or radio station if the weather is questionable.

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 & paper towels
9. Kleenex
10. Large plastic totes
11. Bic whiteout correction tape
12. Candy Suckers for afterschool programs

**Please join us for our
44th Annual
RSVP Volunteer Recognition Dinner**



Thursday - June 15, 2017

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 during the dinner. Proceeds will go towards services and programs provided through RSVP.

In keeping with tradition, and in service to the community, we are asking that all those who are able, bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to Food Pantries in North and South Rock County.

RESERVATION FORM

Please fill out and mail your reservation by June 1st, 2017

**To - RSVP 2433 S. Riverside Drive #1
Beloit, WI 53511**

**I/We will attend the RSVP Annual Volunteer Recognition
Dinner on June 15, 2017**

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

Congratulations *To The Following RSVP Award Winners*

35 Years

Kathryn Gove

30 Years

Clair F. Deitz

William Eberhardt

25 Years

Jan Evans
Donna Nelson

Delores Folyer

Yoshiko Glos

Lorna Holmes

20 Years

Larry Clift
Naomi Hackbarth
Caroline Monroe
James Warren

June Diwan
Edith Hanson
Norma Clin

Robert Gomer
Carol Logan
Karen Starling

Shirley Geffers
June Loper
Carol Tinder

15 Years

Bernice Amundson
Evelyn Dagenhart
Doris Lemke
Nancy Nelson
Jane Sholes

Sally Ashley
Carol Garde
Elise Mathewson
Jean Noble
Roger Stenberg

Diane Beilke
John Kalkintz
Hartin Miller
Dave Peltier
Juanita Wingfield

Dean Colby
Jeanette Krupke
Darlene Nelson
Helen Ponycsanyi

10 Years

Dalrene Arnold
Charlene Brandsey
Diane Durkee
Carol J. Garry
Dorothy Hargraves
Marge Hilgart
Janet McGuire
Mary Quaerna
Rosemary Scott
Pamela Strom
Carol Turner
Nancy Wensch

Marietta Armeear
Virginia Brown
Eugene Durkee
Shirley Gray
Marjory Harker
Virginia Hirsch
Kathleen Passer
Mary Roehl
Karen Shorts
Marilyn Swanson
William Uffenbeck

Carol Beilharz
Joanne M. Ciulla
Sylvia Fillhouer
Denise Green
Lester Hartzell
Barbara Hopper
Carol Pollard
Una Rondeau
Linda Smith
Patricia Tilton
Opal Vance

Cecelia Rose Black
Diana Drake
Clarence Furset
Paul Green
Raymond Herzer
Patty Listenbee
Evelyn Propp
Jeanette Schultz
Roger Spente
Diane Toberman
Roberta Woods

The volunteers on this page have recorded hours during 2016. 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.

Seniors Volunteering for Seniors

By Patty Hansberry

This is marking our 7th year of helping folks get to their appointments. Over the seven years we have experienced tremendous growth in both volunteers and clients. I can foresee a very strong 2017 as well. I look forward to helping many existing and new clients.

The teen program has been a struggle this year trying to find new young ladies to join the program. I will continue to make contact with new programs and revisit some of the existing programs.

I was able to attend a CNCS statewide conference with Bob in March. It taught me many new things about the corporation and provided an opportunity to meet people from other RSVP programs as well.

SVS is looking for volunteers. Do you have a few hours or more? SVS might be the place to be. We have opportunities available in the Rock County area going to doctor appointments, grocery stores and other destinations. We also have friendly visitor, phone assurance and respite relief volunteer opportunities. All are reimbursed at .42 cents a mile and you can name the times when you are available.

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 _____

Community Referrals

By Laura Anastasi

RSVP has completed many projects for area organizations as well as provided volunteers for community events during 2016-17. We are always in need of seniors 55 and older who would like to get more involved in their community by sharing their lifetime experiences while gaining satisfaction from knowing they are helping others. We have a senior volunteer opportunity for people who love to fish and would be willing to teach youth in the community. This would be a one day event to be scheduled this summer. If you are interested or know someone who may be, please contact Laura at 362-9593 or email at laura@rsvp-rock.org.

Intergenerational News

The RSVP Intergenerational Program have had a fantastic school year. I would like to extend a huge thank you to the volunteers who participated in these programs. We visited 7 schools in Rock County to perform our BABES (Beginning Alcohol and Addictions Basic Education Studies Program) puppet show; 2 schools for Folk Fairs; and 2 schools for Heroes (Just Say No) after school program. Lots of fun was had by all!

America Reads 2016-17 has had another successful year with the kindergartens, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders reaching their reading goals. We are in need of some more volunteers who can commit 30-60 minutes a week in a classroom to offer assistance to children who are at risk or having difficulty learning to read. Volunteers compliment and support the instruction provided by the teacher and also give children the intangible gift of an adult's attention and concern. Please call Laura at 608-362-9593 if you are interested in volunteering.

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

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

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 Thursday 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, at 608-362-9593 or 608-756-4281.**

Beloit City Hall

The Beloit City Hall is looking for volunteers to fill shifts at the information desk **Please call Laura Anastasi 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.

Phone Assurance

Our phone assurance program helps seniors remember to take their medicine, provide someone just to check on them, or have someone to visit with on the phone. Hours vary starting at 8:00 a.m.

Friendly Visitor

Seniors Volunteering for Seniors is looking for volunteers to fill friendly visits opportunities. A friendly visit can consist of talking, playing cards, playing games, or just being there to spend time with them. There are many opportunities throughout Rock County.

Respite Relief

This consists of providing respite relief for caregivers. **Please contact Patty Hansberry at 362-9593 or 608-756-4281 for any of the above opportunities or email phansberry@esvp-rock.org.**

Beloit Domestic Violence Survivor Center

Beloit Domestic Violence Center is looking for Community Response Team Members to advocate and support victims **If interested, contact Dana Lewellyn at 608-364-1083.**

Cedar Crest Inc.

Cedar Crest is looking for volunteers for a variety of tasks. Among them are Bingo and other games, one-on-one visitors, and other activities. **If interested, contact Linda Lyke at 608-373-6372.**

Rock County Historical Society

The Historical Society is looking for volunteers to help process collection donations, help guests with researching family and other histories, and serve as guides for visitors. **If interested, contact Amanda at 608-756-4509 ext. 313.**

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.**

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 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **Please Contact Cindy Ross at 608-362-4569.**

Angel Museum Beloit, WI

The Angel Museum is looking for admissions help, board members, gift shop help, general cleaning and maintenance. If you are interested **please contact Bob Harlow at 608-362-9593 or 608-756-4281.**

Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin

The Humane Society is looking for Foster families to provide care to animals prior to their adoption. There may also be other duties which could be performed. If interested, **contact Dalton Roadruck at 608-752-5622 for more information.**

Beloit Historical Society

The Beloit Historical Society (845 Hackett Street, Beloit) is looking for volunteer research assistants. Duties include: clipping and cataloging of newspaper articles for our files, assist with display materials, researching, writing, preserving and matting the call-outs for items on display, work with display materials to construct stands, brackets, or pedestals for artifacts. Hours are flexible while the Society is open - Monday through Friday from 12-4 p.m., with other hours possible. Staff will train you on procedures and acquaint you with the facility. **Contact David or Kelly at info@beloithistoricalsociety.com or call 365-7835.**

Creekside Place

We currently have a need for a volunteer to drive our "grocery run" on Wednesday afternoons. We currently only have the first week of the month covered. Drivers can commit to one or more Wednesdays per month. Pick up van at Creekside Place, drive to clients' homes to pick them up (typically between 2 and 5 people) drive to the local Piggly Wiggly grocery store. Wait for them (about 1 hour); load their groceries into the van, drive them home and help carry groceries to their door. **Please contact Kelly Czerwonka at 608-882-0407.**

House of Mercy

The welcome center is in need of volunteers for the overnight shift. **Please call Joe Locher at 754-0045 for more information on volunteering.**

VOAD

RSVP is looking for volunteers to be a part of VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters). This independent group is vitally important. You will assist Rock County Emergency Management to effectively provide assistance to the community in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from disasters. If you are interested or would like more information, **please contact Laura at 608-362-9593 or email at laura@rsvp-rock.org.**

Beloit Public Library

The Beloit Library has a program for volunteers. If you love books this is just for you. Please contact **Vicki Hahn, Volunteer Coordinator, at 608-364-5756** for any information regarding this opportunity.

Rock County Courthouse

Rock County Courthouse is in need of volunteers for the information Desk. Duties would be greeting customers, giving them information and direction. Shifts vary. If interested please call **Laura at 362-9593 or email at laura@rsvp-rock.org.**

Beloit Health System

Beloit Health System is in need of volunteers for numerous duties (ie: escorts, grill etc). Shifts are flexible. If interested please contact **Roberta Henning, Volunteer Coordinator at 608-364-5162.**

We Remember

Phillip Brown

Al Honor

Margaret Mead

Judith Colby

Carol Hunter

Ruth Thornberry

Enrique "Henry" Gonzales

Kathryn Jones

Larry Wiedenfeld

David Green

Dorothy Demus Larsen

Thank you.....

*Mildred Bakke-totes**Mary Johnson-scarves**Beth Schmuck-hats**Erna Beese-baby booties**Alice Kniskern-mittens**Fung Scholz-lap robes, hats**Jenny Carr-mittens**Rosemarie Dimiceli-Muthig-lap robes**Janet Sumpter-yarn**Joyce Gray-hats, mittens, scarves**Jan Olmstead-hats, scarfs, mittens, plates, napkins, silverware, suckers**Sunny and Share Stitches-baby blankets**Barbara Gudgeon-lap robes**Katie Pierson-yarn**Lois Swanson-mittens**Vicki Hahn-mittens and hats**Avis Rosser-knitted hats, mittens**Dorothy Wensel-hats, sweaters**Janesville Senior Center-scarves, hats, mittens, yarn*

Welcome to RSVP

Randy Abraham

Harley Janish

Karey Roehl

Laura Anastasi

Patricia Kane

Elwin Sather

Janice Burdick

Judith Krass

Nancy Schroer

Steven Burdick

Linda Kuhnle

Judith Stottsmeister

Doris Davis-Gaustad

Karen McConnell

Bonnie Varney

Mike Fogle

Curtis Pizza

Peggy Wellnitz

Michael Gonzales

Mary Podolski

Karen Whisenand

Kathryn Henry

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 Drive #1, Beloit, WI 53511. Your friend status will provide you with name recognition on the RSVP website as well 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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VEGETABLES

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WEEDS

WHEELBARROW

"The Defining Moment"

By John Casey Kalkirtz
RSVP Volunteer and the original Recycled Teenager

Each day is a whisper of opportunity.
That is present to us.
A moment of truth.
A moment of decision.
A moment of defining as to who we really are.

Most ignore this opportunity.
To see, to feel, to experience our true self.
They are lost in the day's happenings.
Lost in self again.
Lost in trying for self recognition.
Lost in feeding the ego.

Stop Think, Listen.
The heart is beating.
Life is passing away.
The spirit is in flux.

All actions in life are focused on one tiny moment.
A moment of truth.
A moment of inspiration.
A moment of the spirit.

Do what is right.
Do what is not easy.
Do what your soul dictates.
For it is then the realization of what life is occurs.
Not with fan fair.
Not with awards.
Not with applause.

It is the quiet realization that our lives were lived to the best we can.
Give it all you have.
And be ready.

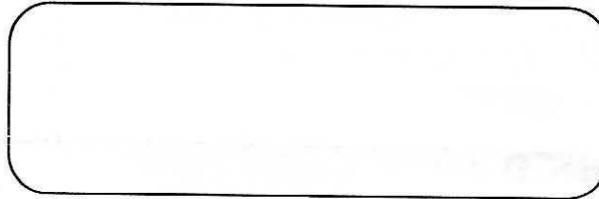
Take each moment.
Let it teach as who we really are.




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The RSVP Mission