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A Word from the Director—Robert Harlow

Hopefully by the time you receive this newsletter spring will have sprung. It certainly has been slow coming this year. RSVP is celebrating our 45th year this year. Since inception, RSVP volunteers have performed nearly 5 million hours of service in the Rock County community. Many thanks to all of our volunteers for their extraordinary accomplishments.

While we are happy and proud to be celebrating our 45th anniversary, this year began on a rather disappointing and damaging note. We experienced a drastic funding cut from a local funder. This put all of our programs in jeopardy but especially our senior transportation program. Fortunately we have received additional assistance from Rock County. In March the Rock County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved an increase in funding for 2018 which will allow us to continue our senior transportation program. This is a much needed program and highly utilized. We thank Rock County for acknowledging the accomplishments of RSVP and supporting our efforts. As always, we remain excellent stewards of public money.

In this newsletter you will find the reservation form for our 45th Annual Recognition dinner to be held June 21st at the Janesville Moose lodge. Be sure to make your reservations by June 15th. We will not be able to accept any reservations after that date. Along with a sit down meal, musical entertainment will be provided by John Solis.

All of us at RSVP wish you a healthy and happy spring and we look forward to seeing all of you in June.

OUR OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS.

Monday, May 28, 2018
Thursday, June 21, 2018
Wednesday, July 4, 2018
Monday, September 3, 2018
Thursday, November 22, 2018
Friday, November 23, 2018
Monday, December 24, 2018
Tuesday, December 25, 2018
Monday, December 31, 2018
Tuesday, 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, HP 35A and Canon 26, 26c, 26m, 26y
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
9. Kleenex
10. Large plastic totes
11. Bic whiteout correction tape
12. Candy Suckers for afterschool programs



25 Years

Betty Ainger
Kathryn Bakke
Jane Clift
Janet Hudson

Donna Nerge
Sylvia Rindahl
Beth Schmuck

Eugene Singletary
Edythe Woodon
Helen Welton

20 Years

Sterle Dexter
Joyce Gray

Joan Mahrland
Joann Petersans

Fung Shales
Pat Woodon

15 Years

Darlene Bredon
Hazel Caukins

Sylvia Dietz
Alberta Fry

Lais Robinson
Robert Sager

10 Years

Arnold Arndt
Mildred Bakke
Beverly Bertelsen
Harold Bertelsen
Charlie Brown
Ruth Carlson
Barbara Cox
Charlene Garner
Barbara Gudgeon

Mary Lea Hamilton
Nancy Mills
Gary King
Janet Kapp
Cheryl Licary
John Lincoln
Sue Ellen Madore
Dianna Molby

Donnie Murphy
Karon Nouendorf
Sherrie Pryce
Steven Puncel
Michael Ryder
Dan Schreiber
Laurie Schreiber
Beverly Shekey

The volunteers on this page have recorded hours during 2017. 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
45th Annual
RSVP Volunteer Recognition Dinner**



**Thursday - June 21, 2018
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, 2018

**To—RSVP 2433 S. Riverside Dr. #1
Beloit WI 53511**

I/We will attend the RSVP Annual Volunteer Recognition
Dinner on June 21, 2018

_____ 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

Intergenerational News

By Laura Anastasi

Community Referrals

RSVP has completed many projects for area organizations as well as provided volunteers for community events during 2017-18. 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 current volunteer opportunity for the front desk at Beloit City Hall. The shifts are 4 hours and we ask that you commit to at least one shift, one day a week. 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 Programs 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 6 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 2017-18 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 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 next school year.

Thanks to all of the Great RSVP Intergenerational Volunteers that Have Made a Difference This Past Year!

Rose Ackley	Paopei Kan	Judy Owens
Kathleen Ames	Tom Kautz	Kathy Parker
Arnold Arndt	Linda Klebsdel	Virgil Parker
Kathryn Bakke	Ruth Kolpack	John Parr
Mildred Bakke	Janet Kopp	Lynn Parr
Rita Barder	Barb Kronquist	Bill Pember
Margaret Brandenburg	Jeanne Larson	Donna Pember
Darlene Breden	Gerry Lesch	Phil Pickett
Jerry Cox	Cindy MacNees	Una Rondeau
Dick Cutsforth	Sue Ellen Madere	Pam Simplot
Sharon Dressler	Deborah Moore	Dan Summers
Lois Ferrera	Kathleen Moran	Mary Ann Sveom
Alberta Fry	Darlene Nelson	Mara Thompson
Mike Gonzales	Greg Nelson	David Thill
Ruby Hay	Sue Orr	Roberta Woods
Diane Hoops	Ellen Owens	

Seniors Volunteering for Seniors

By Patty Hansberry

The first quarter of 2018 has proven to be a challenging quarter for the SVS program. We had limited rides in January, February, March and a moratorium in April. With the challenges of the first quarter we are looking forward to a regular schedule of rides for the rest of 2018. In the meantime, I have been able to work on surveys, using them to get my client list more current. I also have been working on some things for the dinner including writing a grant for a take home gift, applying for the beloved packer football and some of the other sporting venues. I look forward to getting back to coordinating rides in May.

A big thank you to all of the program volunteers, they have been so patient and kind through everything. I would also like to thank the clients who have had to make other arrangements.

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 _____

Volunteer Opportunities

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.

BABES (Beginning Alcohol and Addiction Basic Education Studies)

This is a puppet show to educate kindergarten, first, and second 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.

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 and collections 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 four hour 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, provides someone just to check on them, or have someone to visit with on the phone. Hours vary starting at 8:00 am.

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. 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@rsvp-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

St. Mary's Hospital

St. Mary's is in need of volunteers for their gift shop, assistance for nursing staff, escorts, clerical support, and delivering goods to patients. Please contact Deborah Thielan at 608-373-8015 or deborah.thielan@ssmhealth.com

Rock County Historical Society

The Historical Society is looking for volunteers to help process collection donations, help guests with researching family and other histories, serve as guides for visitors, as well as many other volunteer opportunities. 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.

Beloit Senior Center

The Beloit Senior Center's Golden Diner is in need of additional volunteers for their daily meals.

If interested contact Cindy Ross at 608-362-4569.

Also, the Goldenaires are in need of male singers.

Rehearsals are every Monday morning at 9:30.

If interested call 608-364-2875.

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 Patty Hansberry at 608-362-9593 or 608-756-4281.

Beloit Historical Society

The Beloit Historical Society, 845 Hackett St., is looking for a volunteer to set up a gift shop. They are also looking for volunteers who have an interest in starting a genealogy program researching family histories. For more information call Kelly at 608-314-6289, 608-365-7835 or e-mail at kwashburn@beloithistoricalsociety.com.

Cedar Crest

Help an older adult shop. Cedar Crest, Inc., a 5 star top-rated senior living community on Janesville's south side, is looking for volunteers to meet us at Janesville stores, such as Wal-Mart or Kohl's, pushing the resident's wheelchair to help them shop. We ask for a 3 to 6 month commitment for once a week outings on a weekday - mornings or afternoons. Many other volunteer opportunities exist. For details or other options for volunteering, contact Volunteer Coordinator, Linda Lyke at 608-373-6327 or llyke@cedarcrestnet.com

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.

Beloit Public Library

The Beloit Public 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.

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 Regina Dunkin, Volunteer Coordinator at 608-364-5162.

Caritas

Caritas is in need of at least three volunteers to work Wednesdays from 10:45 - 2:00 pm. Other shifts are also available. They are also looking for a volunteer to help with public relations, marketing and community outreach. If interested contact Max Dodson at 608-362-4403.

Seniors Volunteering For Seniors

Seniors Volunteering For Seniors is looking for a volunteer to provide respite relief for a Beloit gentleman. I also have another for a lady in Beloit. You would visit while spouse runs errands, goes for groceries or has doctor visits. SVS provides mileage reimbursement. If interested contact Patty Hansberry at 608-362-9593.

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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Breakfast Optimists Club	Intermediate Women's Club of Beloit	Staff of Blackhawk Bank
Beloit Senior Center	Finley Dencker	Siepert & Company
Mercy Health System	Taylor Company	Alliant Energy Foundation

We Remember

Sheila Alcock
Karen Clemo
Betty Ensor

Ed Grutzner
Dianne Pekié

Walter Mattelig
Margaret Kildow

Thank you.....

Katheryn Bakke - plates
Arlene Beckman's Estate - yarn
Erna Beese - baby booties
Dawn Byrnes - yarn
Jenny Carr - mittens
Cheryl Gilbertson - blankets,
lap robes
Ann Gackstatter - hats, scarves
Grinnell Hall - Alzheimers
fidgets, placemats
Barbara Gudgeon - lap robes
Janesville Senior Center - yarn

Mary Lou Johnson - scarves
Alice Kniskern - mittens
Diana Mason - lap robes
Karen Neuendorf - baby quilts
Norma Olin - plates, napkins,
utensils, office supplies
Jan Olmstead - plates, napkins,
and utensils
Judy Sarow - Olde Rectory Sales
and Service - yarn
Linda A. Schmacher - hats,
scarves, sweaters, baby onesies

Beth Schmuck - hats
Mary Segar - mittens
Mary Lou Shaw - candy, utensils
Funa Sholes - hats
Sunny and Share - Pat Jacobson-
wheelchair bags, quilt
Diane Toberman - baby blankets
Jack and Mary Weinberg -
material
Dorothy Wensel - hats and
sweaters
Irene Wensel - yarn

Welcome to RSVP

Donna Ackerman
Theresa Babcock
Dawn Byrnes
Howard Dewes
Sherril Gilbertson
LeaAnn Mattox

Evelyn Nightengale
Joyce Ronan
Patricia Sahagian
Nancy Schmidt
Pat Shea
Marianne Thompson
Janet Webster

Edwina Wikel
Cynthia Wilson
Gerald Wubbena
Judy Wubbena
Terry Zimmerman

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

It's that time of year again. Did you change your address or phone? RSVP is asking that you help us update your information. Please call 608-362-9593 or 608-756-4281 between 8-4, or email jwrightman@rsvp-rock.org.

We have two new ways to contact us:

www.rsvp-rock.org

or



Look for: Retired Senior Volunteer Program of Rock County, Inc.

Some of the popular shows on TV when RSVP first came into existence.

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HAPPY DAYS
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LAND OF THE LOST
NIGHT GALLERY
POLICE WOMAN

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THE ODD COUPLE
THE WALTONS
TRILL'S COMPANY

www.WordSearchAddict.com

June 8, 2018 Join us for an evening of racing while helping RSVP raise funds with a 50/50 raffle.



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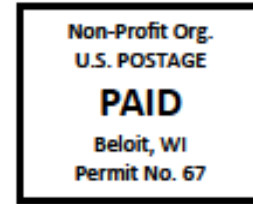


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The RSVP Mission