



Winter 2023 NEWSLETTER



Doing Good in the Neighborhood

RSVP Featured Volunteer...



Left, Craig Woerth with Client
Deborah Gielow

Craig Woerth

Craig has been a driver for RSVP for the past year. He has helped so many seniors in that time by taking them to medical appointments and grocery shopping. There is such a need for drivers and Craig has stepped up to the plate. His cheerful disposition puts our clients at ease. Craig also volunteers for the Humane Society, and Meals on Wheels.

Do you enjoy driving?

Seniors volunteering for Seniors and Vets Helping Vets are looking for drivers to take seniors to medical appointments and the grocery store. We reimburse mileage and provide training. You choose the days and times you would like to volunteer.

Life beyond Volunteering

Craig's wife of 47 years is Lori and together they have three grown children, Amber, Brennan and Rachel. In addition, they enjoy their 7 year old grandson, Jameson. Craig is retired after 41 years in Quality Assurance at Price Brothers.



Well Wishes to Pam Carper

Our wonderful fearless leader has stepped down from her position as Executive Director. She is trying out new adventures elsewhere. We wish her well and thank her for her positive presence and great leadership for the past two years. Thank you Pam!

With Pam leaving, we are searching for a new Executive Director. If you know of anyone who might be interested, have them contact our Board President, Al Softley at allensoftley@yahoo.com or (815) 558-5882.

**SEASONS
GREETINGS!**



Wishing everyone Happy Holidays and a Joyous New Year filled with health, happiness and people to spend time with.

RSVP Staff from left to right

Patty Hansberry, Judy Wightman, Laura Anastasi, Larisa Chmielewski

“Making a Difference” Youth Feature

So many youth in our area are making a difference. We will feature a different child each edition.

Calais Chmielewski



Cal volunteers regularly at school events, RSVP and Caritas as well as for special events like Sun Valley's Strawberry Festival.

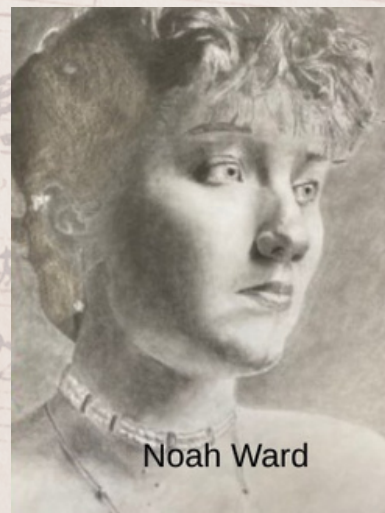
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Cal enjoys travelling, attending theater performances, playing Dungeons & Dragons, piano and violin and singing as much as possible. After high school, Cal plans to attend a four-year University and major in Mechanical Engineering with a focus on robotics and automation. Cal would love to someday work for NASA.

Calais(Cal) is the child of Adam and Larisa Chmielewski and older sibling to brother, Isaac. Cal is 16 years old and a senior at Beloit Turner High School where Cal is currently ranked first in their class.

Cal is involved in many school clubs and serves as President of the National Honor Society and Drama Club. Cal is also involved in Overdrive, Turner's competitive acapella group and in Turner's Theatre department, including the recent musical, Urinetown.

For the past three years, Cal has been honored to be chosen for the State's Honors Choir through the Wisconsin School Music Assoc. and performed at the Overture Center in Madison.



Charcoal Drawing of Cal
by Noah Ward



VOL NTEER **We're missing U!**

Check out these opportunities and if anything sounds like a winner, give Larisa a call at RSVP.



Join their "special delivery team" by delivering more than just a meal to homebound seniors in Beloit. As a volunteer you may be the only person a client will see all day. Time commitment is 1x/month for 1-1.5 hours using your own vehicle and gas.



Teddy Bear Volunteers create bears on the 3rd Tuesdays of the month to be delivered to children within Beloit Health System.
VIP Cafe' Volunteers share their social skills while interacting with a wide variety of customers. Hours are Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.



STATELINE
LITERACY COUNCIL

English Language Learners Tutors Needed
Training is provided via Zoom.
New and current tutors are welcome.
All sessions are recorded.
Attendance options are available.
Thursdays 9:30-11:30 a.m.
January 11, 18, 25 and February 1



**American
Red Cross**

Volunteer Blood Donor
Ambassadors ensure that blood donors have a pleasant and fulfilling experience. One 4-6 hour shift per month, shifts available on weekdays



Packing boxes for drive-thru Tuesdays 10-12 and/or 12-2:15



Be the bright spot in the day of a homebound senior by volunteering to deliver meals. 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., one day per week in the Janesville or Milton area. Training and mileage are provided. Or, help package meals for home delivery in Milton (9:45-noon).



AUTUMN LAKE
HEALTH CARE
at Beloit

Assist in playing Bingo with the residents, a variety of times are available

Special Holiday Volunteer Needs



Sign up to be a Bell Ringer this holiday season as you spread joy and support our community. Schedule a time or two at RegistertoRing.com or call 608-757-8300.



Volunteer at their Christmas lunch at St. William's Catholic Church in Janesville. Assist in setting tables, serving food and cleanup anytime December 25th from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Or, deliver meals to people who cannot come to the church.

RSVP Programs Need YOU

Want to make a difference in a child's life?

A Foster Grandparent offers a child the one stable and constant adult in their life. When matched with a child, in elementary through high school, teen moms, and unaccompanied youth, this volunteer is able to mentor the child with social, behavioral, academic and life skills. The desire to reach out to the child and help them grow and succeed is the desired skill of the volunteer in this program. This provides the constant comfort and companionship that sets the child on a path to a successful future!

Are you a fix-it person?

RSVP's new Handyman Project was launched in early 2023.

There are many of our neighbors requesting a Handyperson.

Are you good with simple repairs, painting, lawn care, snow services? We are looking for any one willing to help our seniors with small tasks around the house and yard. You pick and choose what you want to do. All tools and supplies are provided by the client.

Thank you to our 2023 Donors

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HOLIDAY FUN PAGE

Holiday Scramble Words Game

(find the holiday word out of the letters provided)

1. IEOKCOS
2. LORICGAN
3. NERSTPE
4. EBGRIDNARGE
5. HETWAR
6. LOHYL
7. WASMONN
8. EDACLN
9. PLUDRHO
10. YIVNITTA
11. HOMANER
12. KTUNARCRCE

Christmas Carol Opposites Brain Teaser

Each answer is a well known carol but the opposite of the description

1. Planetary Grief
2. Hither Removed from Bed
3. Grouchy Young Demon Scrooge
4. Peanuts Chilling in an Airtight Cooler
5. Your Four Paupers from Harlem
6. Go Away All Ye Unbelieving
7. You Saw the Gongs
8. Grand Silent Damsel
9. You'll Be Gone for Halloween
10. Eliminate the Depressing Ordinary Days



Scottish Holiday Recipes

In Scotland, New Years is a very important family holiday. These recipes are from Larisa's Scottish Grandmother, Agnes Stirrat and her Great Aunts who made these for family festivities at the New Year.

Currant Cakes

(For Fun these are referred to as Fly Cemeteries but don't let that name scare you. They are yummy.)

- 2 crust pie dough
- 1 large apple, peeled & grated
- 1 jar of jam
- 2 boxes/bags of currants
- 2 Tbs butter
- 1/4 c. sugar

Roll out one crust to fit small cookie sheet.

Spread jam, then apple, then currants

Crumble butter over filling, sprinkle sugar

Top with top of pastry. Crimp edges, slat top.

Bake at 375 for 20 minutes or until golden brown.

Sprinkle sugar over baked currant cake.

Scottish Shortbread

1/2 cup sugar

1/2 pound butter

2 1/2 cups flour

Cream butter and sugar.

Add flour slowly, leaving 1/2 cup out.

Make dough as soft as a baby's bottom.

(Grandma's words)

Roll out dough to 1/4 in. thick

Cut lines diagonally about 3/4 inch wide. Cut lines opposite direction to desired cookie size.

Poke dough all around with a fork

Bake at 300 for 10 minutes.

Then reduce temp to 275 and bake 30-35 minutes.

Sprinkle with granulated sugar and then let cool.



Do You Know?

Are you 55 and over?

Join us for a Fun, Educational Monthly Program

10:00 a.m. Grinnell Hall, Beloit

December 14 - Holiday Traditions Party

Bring 2 dozen cookies, 2 dozen copies of the recipe and enjoy a Hot Cocoa Bar

January 11 - Winter Driving Techniques & the AARP

Driver Safety Programs

February 8- Fall Prevention with Wendy Bianchetti of SSM Health

March 14 - What's New with Social Security

Welcome to our New Volunteers

Angela Clark, Edward Grob, Deborah Klein,
Candy Leonhard, Mary Santopoalo



Congratulations to this year's Raffle

Winners

Queen quilt - Margie Allbaugh

Lap Quilt - Phil Smith

\$100- Dennis Murphy

Special thanks to Jeanne Corlett-Smith for making and donating the beautiful quilts



Keep your Old Christmas Lights out of the Landfill. Recycle them for FREE at:

Universal Recycling Technologies in Janesville, 2535 Beloit Ave.
7 a.m.-4 p.m. Dock Door #5

Batteries Plus, 2212 Prairie Ave, Beloit
Stateline Recycling, 322 S. Crosby, Janesville

OR

Bring them to our office, Larisa will take them for you.
Your lights may contain mercury or lead and should be kept out of our landfills.



Save the Date:

**RSVP's 2024 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
Thursday, June 20th**



Thank you to everyone who supported our Panera Bread fundraiser in November. We raised over \$220!! We hope to offer this again in 2024.



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Order them at covidtests.gov



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