



of Rock County

Summer 2024



Doing Good in the Neighborhood

Catch the Spirit of Volunteering

51st Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner and Annual Meeting
Thursday, June 27th 4:00-6:30 p.m.
Glen Erin Golf Club, Janesville WI 53546



Keynote Speaker: Zach Brockman,
President Beloit Sky Carp Baseball



Entertainer: John Solis,
RSVP of Rock County Vice President

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Special Friend

The Rock Bar & Grill

Grinnell Hall, Beloit Senior Center



See last page for Reservation Form

Celebrating Our Volunteers
for their Dedicated Years of Service

30 YEARS

Beth Schmuck

25 YEARS

Fung Scholz

15 YEARS

Susan Altbuch

Erna Beese

Gerald Lesch

Hope Seeger

Jeanne Smith-Corlett

10 YEARS

Kay Ball

Mary Carlson

Kathy Cope

Charlotte Heikkinen

Kathleen Moran

Mary Lou Nimz

Candace Schroeder

**These wonderful volunteers will be recognized at our 51st
Annual Volunteer Recognition Celebration Dinner**

In Loving Memory of Phil Smith

RSVP Board Member and Friend, Phil Smith died on April 30th. He left behind his loving wife, Susan and three daughters, Elizabeth, Emily and Abigail. He had 9 siblings including his sister, Jeanne Corlett-Smith, also a valuable RSVP board member. Phil Smith was an invaluable board member for RSVP. He consistently supported staff and our team while voting to improve benefits and policies that supported sustainable work life balance. Phil went above and beyond to ensure our board fostered a culture of belonging and inclusion. He was an integral part of RSVP's growth and development over the past 2 years. He was actively involved in volunteer opportunities with several partner agencies throughout Rock County, while always advocating and sharing the importance of our organization with others. RSVP is very fortunate to have had Phil's experience, compassion, and kindness as a part of our organization.

**Congratulations Jan Olmstead
2024 Governor's Service Award Recipient:
AmeriCorps Seniors Volunteer of the Year**



The Governor's Service Awards honors outstanding volunteers, national service participants, and programs that address serious social needs in their communities. The honorees have made significant contributions to Wisconsin and their generous service is impacting the lives of countless Wisconsinites.

Starting in January of 2015 Jan has accumulated many miles of service... 116,166 to be exact. She has given 9,097 hours of her time, sometimes making two or three trips a day! Jan drives seniors to necessary appointments such as to the doctor and grocery store through RSVP's Seniors Volunteering for Seniors Program.

WELCOME

New Volunteers

Clifford Axelson

Sue Harvey

Terrance Heller

Brenda McCoy

Kevin McCoy

Patty Raethz

RSVP is recruiting Board Members!

Interested in bringing your knowledge and expertise to a collaborative board of directors? Call (608) 362-9593 to learn more! No previous board experience required, but preferred. Looking for board members who have shared values that align with our mission! Experience in HR, Legal, Accounting, Banking & Finance desired!

VOL NTEER... We're missing U!

Check out these opportunities & if anything sounds like a winner, give Larisa a call at (608) 362-9593.



Be the bright spot in the day of a homebound senior by volunteering to deliver meals on Wednesdays or Fridays! Mileage is reimbursed at \$.67/mile. Weekdays only (no weekends or holidays). Timeframe: approx. 10:30am-12:30pm, one day per week. In the Janesville or Milton area
Or..... help package senior meals for home delivery (10-noon) in Milton (esp. Wednesdays or Fridays).
Or..... assist in facilitating senior meals (10-noon) @ Grinnell Hall in Beloit.



Volunteers needed on Saturdays from 10am-1pm and Monday from 4-6pm for their Giftshop. They have open Cafe volunteer positions available Monday-Friday. Additionally, they are looking for volunteers to Valet at Beloit Clinic or Beloit Memorial Hospital on weekdays.



Need a handy person to put a desk together (comes with instructions) and Free Little Libraries (do it yourself kits)



American Red Cross

Blood Drive
Volunteers Needed:
Greet and Register Donors
One shift per month weekdays; average shift is 4-6 hours



Assist with their senior dining program. Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 10-12



Beloit Art Center, located at 520 E Grand Ave, is made up of two galleries, classroom space, a gift shop, and tenant studios. We offer classes and events related to the visual arts, and there are various ways to get involved.

Committees—We have several committees to work on with other members. The marketing/Fundraising and Programming/Show Committees are the main ones, and they have various tasks that need to be done to help make our exhibits a success.

Gallery Attendants - 3-4 hour shifts at our front desk. Your tasks may include greeting patrons, sharing information about the exhibits, and conducting sales in the gift shop using Square.

First Friday Gallery Reception staff and board members help at gallery openings. Greet patrons, help at the bar, count guests, mingle and promote the Art Center. Held from 5-7 pm on the First Friday of the month.

Maintenance/Handyman - work to help keep the facility in good condition.

Housekeeping/Cleaning - help make the building look pleasing to guests, such as light cleaning, vacuuming, and organizing.



Visit Homebound seniors in their home, providing a friendly visitor.



July 13th, Saturday
7 a.m.-3 p.m.

Help needed one day only-
Breakfast, Lunch, Kids Carnival,
Bake Sale, Raffle



Rock Haven in Janesville
Help with various resident activities at 1:30 weekdays

RSVP Needs Volunteers

Foster Grandparent Program



RSVP needs volunteers ages 55+, residing in the Rock County area, to help local students in need.



- Join our **Foster Grandparent Program** to mentor and tutor students in reading and math.
- Eligible **volunteers** may be **reimbursed for mileage** and receive a **stipend** for their time.

Seniors Volunteering for Seniors



RSVP needs many volunteers ages 55+, residing in the Rock County area, with a valid driver's license and good driving record.



- Join **Seniors Volunteering for Seniors** or **Veterans Helping Veterans** to transport other seniors to essential locations, like the doctor's office or grocery store.
- Volunteers are **reimbursed for mileage**, and receive **free supplemental auto insurance** from RSVP.



Do you enjoy working outdoors?

There is a great need this summer for volunteers to do lawn care and yard work for our local seniors. Please contact Larisa at RSVP if you are interested in learning more.
Call (608) 362-9593



Are you handy?

RSVP needs volunteers ages 55+ to help others with its **Handyperson Program**.



- Volunteers **complete small household projects** and general household maintenance.
- **Clients provide the tools and supplies** needed for the job.
- If a job is 'too large,' RSVP can help to connect the client with local experts.

Upcoming “Do You Know?” Presentations



Health and Wellness Programs in Rock County

Thursday, June 13 at 10:00 a.m.

Janesville Senior Center
Led by Lisa Messer, Rock County Health
Promotion Coordinator
and Registered Dietician



Ian Stirrat at our April 11th
Do You Know Presentation



Why is everyone talking about Diversity and Equity?

Thursday, July 11 at 10:00 a.m.

Grinnell Hall, Beloit
Led by Vanessa Beckham



Thank you to Julie Uram & Kaelyb Lokrantz
for their presentation on April 11th



Medications: Safe Disposal and Storage

Thursday, August 8 at 10:00 a.m.

Grinnell Hall, Beloit
Led by Becky Huber,
Rock County Human Services

Mark your Calendars:

Beloit Senior Fair is October 1, 2024 at
3 Eclipse Blvd, Beloit WI

Rock County Senior Fair is September 13, 2024 at
1717 Center Ave, Janesville WI

RSVP will be at the Beloit Farmers Market on
June 22 and August 10

ADRC Wednesday Walks:

FREE, no reservations required.

10:00am at various parks/trails. Please arrive 15 min
early to get checked in for 60-90 min walks.

5/29 - Hilliard Park Disc Golf, 1443 Athletic Ave., Beloit
6/5 - Rock Co Humane Society, 4700 S. Cty Tk G,
Janesville

6/19 - Happy Hollow Park, 1731 Happy Hollow,
Janesville

6/26 - Magnolia Bluff Park, 4002 N Croak Rd,
Evansville

7/10 Schilberg Park, 301 W. High Street, Milton

Inclement weather? - call (608)757-5408 for
cancellation information; available at 8:00 a.m. on
the day of the walk



Office Wish List

RSVP created a wish list
on Amazon.com for items
needed at our office!

Go to your Amazon
account and request to
see our wish list or go to
the link below:

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2XHI6C48KIUUG?](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2XHI6C48KIUUG?ref=wl_share)
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Reservation Form

Annual Volunteer Dinner & Celebration Event

Please fill out and mail your reservation by Thursday June 13, 2024 to
RSVP 2433 S. Riverside Dr. #1, Beloit WI 53511

Email your reservation to lchmielewski@rsvp-rock.org Or call 608-362-9593

I / We will attend the RSVP Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner on Thursday, June 27, 2024

I. _____ 2. _____

Please let us know if you need a ride or if you can give someone in need a ride.

RSVP Active 2023 Volunteers - No Charge; Others—\$24.00 please make checks payable to RSVP
and return with your reservation

_____ I am not able to attend but would like to make a donation of \$ _____
to RSVP in support of their programs and services to our community.

Guests can look
forward to a delicious
meal, entertainment,
raffle, auction,
volunteer recognition
& more!





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RSVP of Rock County Mission Statement

The mission of RSVP of Rock County is to enrich the lives of volunteers, age 55 and older, through meaningful service opportunities that match their life skills and interests to community needs.

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