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Fall 2022 Newsletter

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Welcome to RSVP of Dane County!

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RSVP Board Notes

Greetings everyone! Welcome to another great issue of our newsletter. As I pondered what to write about for this newsletter I thought of my own reasons of "Why do I volunteer and what does it mean to me," and what can others gain from volunteering.



I began volunteering many years ago but never really understood what it was that was so important about it, why did I do it and what kept me volunteering? Now, here's the rest of the story:

As time went by, I knew I felt a certain amount of satisfaction when I volunteered. I met new people and it helped me connect with others. It helped the community I lived in. I was making a positive difference in people's lives. Volunteering is like a two-way street, It was benefiting me as well as those I served.

Volunteering helped counter-balance the effects of stress, loneliness, and anxiety. It made me happy and gave me a sense of doing good for others, and the more I volunteered, the happier I was. It also provided me with an insight into the lives, and needs of others. It provided me with a sense of purpose and at the same time I became aware of what my volunteering was doing for me as well as those I met when volunteering. It became a win-win situation for all.

One of the reasons I have stayed connected to RSVP for all these years is because I began to love the opportunities it gave me to help the less fortunate and deserving individuals. I also got to know and appreciate the management and staff of RSVP. So, if you know someone who would gain some of the benefits I did from volunteering, please tell them about RSVP. We can always find a spot for their talents and willingness.

On another note, I want to thank the Board for their confidence in me by electing me to another term. Many thanks to all our volunteers! Keep up the good work. - Richard Hoffman, Board President









A Note From the Executive Director

From the desk of... Margie Zutter, Executive Director

RSVP has a two-fold mission: Volunteers are recruited to serve in meaningful assignments throughout Dane County to help those in need AND, through volunteer service, older adults stav active, healthier, and connected to others! "I believe most people have talents that they can use to contribute to the community. Volunteers address real needs and volunteer service also leads to other RSVP friendships. RSVP allows us to be active and visible." - RSVP Volunteer serving 20+years

Due to COVID-19, we have seen an increase in social isolation and feelings of loneliness. "People around the world experienced an

increase in loneliness during the COVID-19 pandemic, which, although small, could have implications for people's long-term mental and physical health, longevity and well-being, according to research published by the American Psychological Association." (May 2022). Even without the pandemic's impact, older adults can become more isolated and feel lonely as a result of life changes such as death of loved ones, retirement, moving, and health problems that limit activities.

A new organization has been formed to help address social isolation and loneliness in



Krishna Sijapati

Wisconsin. "The Wisconsin Coalition to End Social Isolation and Loneliness (WCESIL) is an alliance of individuals and organizations in Wisconsin working together to identify and deploy meaningful responses to the negative health impacts of social isolation and loneliness on older

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(608) 849-5016 801 Klein Dr. Waunakee www.waunakeemanor.com adults and people with disabilities in Wisconsin." RSVP of Dane County signed up as an organizational member. If you are interested in knowing more and how you can help, please contact me at (608) 663-7536 or mzutter@rsvpdane.org. In addition, you can join WCESIL as an individual. Please visit their website: www.wihealthyaging.org/join-the-coalition. Mark your calendar for Social Isolation Awareness Week, November 13-19 and participate in activities. And, recruit your friends and neighbors as RSVP volunteers so that they can stay more connected!

RSVP's 2022 Fifty for Fifty Sweepstakes Raises \$13,000+

RSVP's 2022 Sweepstakes concluded on August 31 with the winners' names being drawn from hundreds of entries. The Sweepstakes raised a total of \$13,100. The list of prize winners is below. We also wish to thank our prize donors, both businesses and individuals, whose contributions helped make our Sweepstakes a success!

Sweepstakes Prize Winners

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Lucky Winner Martin Renz claims his Sweepstakes prize.

Susan Ridley, Madison

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Pictured on the left: RSVP Intergenerational Coordinator Jen Roth, whose daughter donated the piece of art shown to the RSVP Sweepstakes, stands with winner Pauline Gardner. On the right, winner Kathy Esser holds the handmade quilt donated by RSVP volunteer Shirley Coulter.

Active Veteran Volunteer Humbly Promotes Service to Others by Lorrie Hylkema, Vets Helping Vets Coordinator

Vietnam Veteran volunteer driver Tom Glassel is no stranger to being active and helping others. As an Adjutant General Corps officer in the army for 10 years, Glassel served in various roles, including testing officer at the joint Army/Air Force processing center for Indiana; commander of the postal unit at S.H.A.P. E. (NATO) Headquarters in Paris; administrator at an Army unit attached to the U. S Embassy; personnel officer at the 4th Infantry Headquarters in Vietnam; and personnel officer at the Army Transportation School. Glassel's military career centered around handling the personnel issues of over 25,000 troops.

Returning to civilian life, Tom put his experience together with his education in psychology from St. Norbert's College in De Pere, WI, to enter the personnel recruiting business. He worked in that field for 30 years, eventually starting his



Pictured from left to right: Larry Orr, Veteran passenger and Tom Glassel at the William S.

Middleton VA Medical Center

own firm. After completing over 350 assignments, Tom retired in 2002. Since then, Glassel has completely rehabbed his 1857 home, completed a 200-page French-Canadian cookbook, started a nationally franchised auto-care business, and assisted his son in establishing the Glass Nickel Pizza Company.

A move to Madison was prompted by the arrival of grandchildren in 2002, which called for some friendly grandparent assistance. Family prompted Tom to continue with another passion -- finding his roots, which has led to the discovery of French, German, English, Scottish, and American Indian ties going back to the 1600s. When RSVP Vets Helping Vets (VHV) began in 2012, Tom was looking for even more things to do and discovered our need for drivers. Glassel signed up as a volunteer driver for VHV and Driver Escort (DE) in May 2013. When asked what it takes to be a successful volunteer driver for RSVP VHV and DE, Tom says, "Desire to be active! Desire to serve others! Especially if there is a chance to help military veterans. Be in good health, like to drive, and have a good car or SUV."

RSVP Vets Helping Vets is looking for more volunteer drivers. Please contact RSVP VHV coordinator Lorrie Hylkema 608-238-7901 or lhylkema@rsvpdane.org. or the RSVP Driver Services Manager Steve Jaeschke 608-441-7892 or sjaeschke@rsvpdane.org.



CALENDAR

Tuesday, September 27th, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM Social Justice Food/Essentials Pantry Drive-through Donation, RSVP Parking Lot.

Thursday, October 6th, 11:00AM to 1:00 PM, RSVP's 50th Anniversary Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon Monday, October 17th, RSVP Board Meeting, 1:30-3:00 PM

Thursday October 20th, RSVP Bus Buddy Trip to Point Cinema, Time TBD

November 10th, Zoom Event, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Badger Talks Speaker, UW Professor Doug Bradley, presenting book topic: "We Gotta Get Out of This Place- The Soundtrack of the Vietnam War, Part of the Culture and Politics in the Cold War and Beyond Series" by Doug Bradley and Craig Warner.

November 24th and 25th Office will be closed.

VOLUNTEERS IN THE NEWS

Angela Haskin, The Capital Times, August 24, 2022



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Meet the RSVP Group Projects "Monona Group" Volunteers by Kate Seal, RSVP Group Projects Coordinator

RSVP's "Monona Group" in the Group Projects program meets at the Monona United Methodist Church on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10:00 AM. This group's volunteers not only have exceptional talents, but they are continually industrious, not even letting the pandemic slow them down. Last year, when gathering inside was ill-advised, this group continued to meet monthly, outside in the parking lot of the church, rain or snow, to turn in completed items for donation and to collect supplies for further production. They called it a tail-gate-meet-n-greet. They would exchange friendly and masked hellos with friends, swap donations for supplies, and be on their way. It felt both safe and effective in continuing to serve the mission of the program.

There are anywhere from a half-dozen to a baker's dozen of volunteers who regularly attend this group. Marjorie Kaukl likes to make hats, mittens, and dishcloths. "I'm a happier person when my hands are busy," she says. She finds that it warms her to help people who might be cold. Nancy Riedwig also likes to keep busy. She cuts and pins her creations in the evening and sews them in the morning. Her system is organized and provides a flow and routine to her days. Nancy feels that making handcrafted donations says "I care" even more than monetary donations do.

When I went to visit the group, Jeanne Edmonds had made a full-size afghan from leftover yarn balls and made it as artistic and beautiful as you can imagine (and oh, how we LOVE resourcefulness in this program!). Betty Ingwell had crocheted and knitted cotton dishcloths, each one with a unique pattern and color variation. She is proof that you can do SO much with even the smallest things. Marla Johnson had crocheted healing prayer shawls in a triangular pattern and the design was most impressive, offering soothing color therapy and inspiring creativity. Chris Dusk, the Group Leader and Liaison, was working on new projects that take several attempts to truly understand and master (and Chris is no novice at the sewing machine). It takes time and patience to master a pattern, often requiring many attempts and efficient tweaks to make it "better" the next time!

No matter what you make or how many you make, it is special and meaningful to someone in our community. Volunteers who offer their time and talents are what makes the world go round. The Monona Group is warm, welcoming and always open to new volunteers with whom they can share their passions of service and needlework. Contact Kate Seal kseal@rsvpdane.org if you'd like to hear more about the Group Projects program.



Pictured from left to right: Marjorie Kaukl, Chris Dusk, Betty Ingwell, Marla Johnson, Carol Lancaster, Nancy Riedwig, Jeanne Edmunds, Cindy Cary

Join the Fun, Learn to Ride the Madison Metro Bus! by Diana Jost, RSVP Assistant Director

The 2022 Bus Buddy Season is in full swing! Participants have been on three wonderful excursions. They toured Olbrich Gardens, the State Capital and visited the UW Memorial Union for a pontoon boat ride. There is one more trip planned for this season:

THURSDAY OCTOBER 20TH, TRIP TO POINT CINEMA, TIME TBA.

Come join the fun, make new friends and learn to ride the bus!

All participants will be asked to follow any current COVID-19 safety guidelines.

The Bus Buddy Program also offers individual training for those that prefer not to be in a large group.

If you would like to join us for one of the Bus Buddy Tours or for more information, please contact Jan Karst by email Jkarst@rsvpdane.org or by phone 608.441.7891.



Recent Bus Buddy Trip to Olbrich Gardens



Bus Buddies Prepare for a UW Pontoon Ride

WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS

We enrolled 29 new volunteers from June, 2022, through July, 2022, serving in a wide variety of assignments throughout Dane County. Do you know someone who might like to volunteer? RSVP volunteers are our best recruiters as they spread the word about why they like volunteering and the need for more volunteers. Please pass this newsletter on to a friend or neighbor and tell them what RSVP means to you!

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Drive Thru Donation Event, Tuesday September 27th

by Jan Karst, RSVP Community Connections Coordinator

As a remembrance of September 11, 2001, RSVP would like to reach out to help the neighbors in our community who may be struggling. Please join us in collecting food and essentials for the SOCIAL JUSTICE CENTER with a drive thru donation event on Tuesday, September 27th, from 10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. You can bring your donations to the parking lot behind the RSVP office at 6501 Watts Rd. Volunteers and staff will be there to help you unload, and items will all be delivered to the SOCIAL JUSTICE CENTER on Williamson St. that afternoon.

The SOCIAL JUSTICE CENTER houses 14 small non-profit community organizations including the Tenant Resource Center, Madison Mutual Aid, Wisconsin Books to Prisoners, LBGT Books to Prisoners, 608 Arts, Progressive Dane, Interpreters Cooperative of Madison, Madison Info Shop, Common Good Bookkeepers Cooperative, and Madison Worker Cooperatives. The donations will go to stock the Food Pantry and Essentials Pantry that is available to anyone in need. Below is the list of current needs.



Kristin Mathews, volunteer with the Social Justice Center

Social Justice Center Wish List

- Unused/unopened toiletries especially deodorant, dental products, baby powder
- Travel size toiletries
- Nonperishable food canned goods, boxed foods (must be unopened)
- Nonperishable dog/cat foods canned wet food, or bagged/unopened dry food
- Personal hygiene toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, baby wipes, menstrual products
- Outdoor gear rain ponchos, umbrellas, bug spray
- First aid supplies and OTC meds (Ibuprofen, Claritin, Imodium, Pepto Bismol etc.),
- Home essentials soap, dish soap, multi-purpose spray, laundry detergent
- New adult socks
- Reusable grocery bags
- Gas gift cards from places like Kwik Trip or BP/Amoco
- 2-ride Madison bus passes
- Cab coupons or Uber gift cards
- Men/women's underwear/boxers BRAND NEW only!!
- Working bike locks

We are also collecting men's and womens's shoes, new or gently used, sizes 10 to 12.5 or larger needed for the Madison Street Medicine program for those who are homeless. A separate donation box will be provided.

Foster Grandparents Are Ready for the New School Year by Dick Russell

RSVP's Foster Grandparents and program guests kick off the school year with a picnic gathering at Tenney Park on September 14th. Great food, fun, and fellowship were on the agenda!

After a couple of difficult years due to the pandemic, RSVP's Foster Grandparent Program is ready to start the 2022-23 school year! Volunteers will continue to foster relationships, tutor, and mentor students in Madison Elementary and Middle schools, Waunakee Elementary Schools, Lighthouse Christian School, and Reach Dane Head Start sites. It is exciting to watch the program grow as new Foster Grandparent volunteers come on board, more volunteers are able to return to the classroom, as well as the possible expansion of the program into new school districts. Whether they are returning to a familiar classroom or embarking on a new opportunity, RSVP's Foster Grandparents are ready to kick off the school year!





Submit a Nomination for Operation Fan Mail

Operation Fan Mail, sponsored by WPS Health Solutions and the Green Bay Packers, will host a military service member or veteran and their guests at each 2022 season home game. Honorees are selected from nominations submitted by friends and family.



Each honoree receives four tickets to the game and are recognized on the field during pregame activities. In addition, those selected for Operation Fan Mail will receive social media recognition, media exposure, and a \$150 Packers Pro Shop gift card.

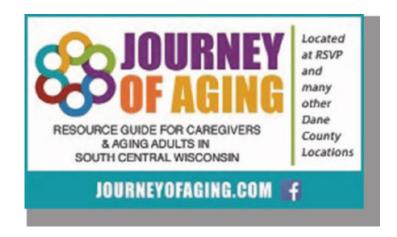
The program, which debuted in 2007, is designed to honor families with a member who is on active duty or who is a veteran. A total of 147 individuals, families, or groups have been recognized through Operation Fan Mail since it began.

"WPS Health Solutions is proud to be the long-term partner with the Packers on the Operation Fan Mail program," said Megan Willauer, WPS Director of Events & Strategic Partnerships. "Through our WPS Military and Veterans Health division, WPS provides benefits administration for millions of active-duty military, veterans, and their families. We also support a variety of veterans' groups in the communities where we do business. Operation Fan Mail is a chance for WPS to join the Packers in expressing appreciation to the men and women of our U.S. military for their commitment to defending freedom and their sacrifices for our nation."

Nominations can be submitted at any time

Go to operationfanmail.com to complete the short nomination essay. Nomination essays can also be mailed to Operation Fan Mail, P.O. Box 10628, Green Bay, WI, 54307-0628.

Thank You WPS Health Solutions for your Gold Sponsorship of RSVP's 50th Anniversary!





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2022 Triad Conference - October 7, 14, 21, and 28

by Mike Thomsen, RSVP Triad Program Coordinator

The 2022 Triad Conference will be virtual again this year via Zoom. Two hour-long presentations will be held on each of the four Fridays in October (7th, 14th, 21st and 28th) beginning at 10:00 AM.

The keynote speaker for this year's conference is Dane County Sheriff Kalvin Barrett. Sheriff Barrett's presentation is titled "2022 Peace Keeping." Following Sheriff Barrett will be Wendy Reichel, Kim Richman and Bonnie Roe from the Madison Area Crime Stoppers to talk about "Community Policing in Action: How you can get involved." Each Friday will focus on a particular personal or public safety issue.

The cost again this year is just \$15 for the entire conference. To register for the 2022 Triad Conference, visit the registration page at https://bit.ly/2022triadconference. For a complete schedule including more detailed information about the presentations and speakers, download the printable program at https://bit.ly/triad-flyer22.

Presentation	Presenter	Day & Time
2022 Peace Keeping	Sheriff Kalvin D. Barrett, Dane County Sheriff, Madison	Oct 7, 10 AM
Community Policing in Action: How You Can Get Involved!	Wendy Reichel, Kim Richman, and Bonnie Roe, Madison Area Crime Stoppers, Madison	Oct 7, 11 AM
Identity Theft	Christine Carson and Matthew Schlitz, Federal Trade Commission, Midwest Regional Office, Chicago	Oct 14, 10 AM
Prepare to Protect Yourself from Trusted Abusers	April DeValkanaere, Fortress Financial Education LLC, Eagle, WI	Oct 14, 11 AM
Downsizing	Connie Kees, Consult an Organizer LLC, Chippewa Falls, WI	Oct 21, 10 AM
Hoarding Disorder	Connie Kees, Consult an Organizer LLC, Chippewa Falls, WI	Oct 21, 11 AM
Abuse in Later Life: Detection, Reporting and Victim Advocacy	Dinah LaCaze, Milwaukee County Aging and Disabilities Services, Milwaukee	Oct 28, 10 AM
Collaborative Stabilization Coalition: Working together for a better dementia-informed, community crisis response	Beth Freeman and Monica Bear, Dane County Dept of Human Services, Madison; Theresa Fishler, TMF Consulting, Oconomowoc, WI	Oct 28, 11 AM

COMPUTER BUDDIES NEEDED FOR 2022/23 SCHOOL YEAR by Jen Roth, RSVP Intergenerational Program Coordinator

Q: What do you call an RSVP volunteer who corresponds with a young student throughout the school year without using a single postage stamp?

A: A Computer Buddy!

We're expanding our roster of Computer Buddies, as several more schools are bringing the program on board. If you are interested in becoming a "virtual penpal" with a third or fourth grader, communicating back and forth once a week from your home computer, please sign up for Computer Buddies. You'll be helping a child develop communication, literacy and computer skills, and a meaningful relationship with an older adult – you! Your correspondence might start off like this: "Hi, I am Karma, and I live on a farm with my seven out of nine family members, I have a hedgehog and three ducks. My mom owns a coffee shop. My favorite sport is volleyball, I want to try ice skating and hockey. What are some things you like to play? What is your favorite movie? What holidays do you celebrate?" And you take it from there!

It's a fun activity—for you and your buddy. It's easy and convenient, and only takes about fifteen minutes a week. And...at the end of the semester, you can look forward to a party where you'll have a chance to meet your buddy in person! And they get to meet you! As one student wrote, in her final message to her buddy last May: "Today we had to write about the best and worst parts of the year. For the best part I said 'Meeting Ashley' and for the worst 'Leaving Ashley.' And I was being honest!" Call Jen at RSVP for more information. 608.661.4271.



RSVP Volunteer Opportunities



"Life is never so busy that there is no time to serve." - author unknown

... where volunteers make a difference

FALL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

BRAILLE TRANSCRIPTON CLASSES starting this Fall! You can be trained as a volunteer Braille Transcriber to prepare and provide books in Braille! All transcribers take a one-year Braille transcription course that consists of weekly classes and culminates in certification by the Library of Congress.

CATHOLIC MULTICULTURAL CENTER is in need of more meal servers and cooks throughout the month, Free community meal serving is 3:30-5:30 weeknights, and 9:30-12:30 weekends. Cooking is any time but the meal must be done by 3:30.

HABITAT RESTORE needs volunteers to help sort and shelve used and new building materials and supplies, assist shoppers, and work at the cash register with purchases. Morning and afternoon shifts are available Tuesday – Saturday. Most current need is at the Eastside store on Monona Dr.

SSM ST. MARYS HOSPITAL needs help with their At Your Service program (escorting patients and families, delivering belongings, etc), Patient Registration (welcoming patients and escorting them to their destination), and the Surgical Waiting Area supporting families while their loved one is in surgery, offering caring presence and support through touch and conversation.

AMERICAN RED CROSS welcomes donors, helps them register, provides friendly support, and assists them with refreshments as a Blood Donor Ambassador. As a Red Cross Blood Transport driver, you can make sure blood is available for patients in need in Wisconsin.

AGRACE HOSPICE CARE has Kitchen Volunteer opportunities including: Small Batch Baker, Café Cashier, Nutrition Center Stocking, Soup Brigade, and Kitchen Prep to assist the Kitchen Team with small prep and recipe work! Great place to use your kitchen and cooking skills!

NATIONWIDE TROPHY RECYCLING PROGRAM (NTRP) receives donations of old trophies and awards from around the world and makes new trophies out of the used parts to give to non-profits across the country. You can help in their recycling workshop on Odana Road! Tasks include unpacking boxes of trophies, taking them apart with simple tools, sorting the pieces and building new trophies. This is also a Maker Space which allows creative folks to make new items out of the trophy parts! Two-hour shifts available!

The **SOCIAL JUSTICE CENTER** is a vibrant hub of social justice activity housing 14 local organizations critical to our community. They are in need of front desk greeters to welcome visitors, answer questions, and maintain the front desk and reception area. Basic computer literacy, including typing, e-mail, and searching the internet are helpful.

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Governor's Proclamation Honoring RSVP of Dane County's 50th Anniversary



RSVP Donor Honor Roll

We Gratefully acknowledge donations received from the following individuals and organizations since our last newsletter, and extend our thanks to each for their generous support.

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ST. VINCENTS FOOD PANTRY is ready for volunteers to help with several jobs including: Food Box Packers to pack dry and canned food items, Online Order Fillers, to do personal shopping from lists, Stockers to move cases of canned goods to the shelves (requires lifting up to 20 lbs), Food Sorting and Packaging to sort donated foods and package them for distribution, and Outside Food Loaders to assist with the drive thru food pantry loading boxes in cars.

Please contact Jan Karst, RSVP Volunteer Programs Community Connections Coordinator, for more information about these Volunteer Opportunities at jkarst@rsvpdane.org or (608) 441-7891.

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