



Adams County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

Volunteer Voice

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Save the Date

- **12-19-13 Ruby Tuesday Give Back Event 11:00am -10:00pm**
- **12-19-13 The 2013 Kettle Campaign day reserved for RSVP with bell ringing at the Quincy Mall by the restaurant, Kreigers, 11:00am-8:00pm**

No matter how you say it, the holidays are upon us. Some greetings are more common than others, depending on culture and location. Traditionally, the more popular greetings of the season have been “Merry Christmas”, “Happy Christmas”, and “Happy New Year”. In the mid-to-late 20th century in the United States, more generic greetings such as “Happy Holidays” and “Season’s Greetings” began to be popular. A 2012 poll by [Rasmussen Reports](#) indicated that 68% of Americans preferred the use of “Merry Christmas”, while 23% preferred “Happy Holidays”.

In the US, “Happy Holidays” along with “Season’s Greetings” have become a common holiday greeting in the public realm of department stores, schools, and in

greeting cards. American use of the term “Happy Holidays” to replace “Merry Christmas” dates back at least to 1970, and was a common phrase relating to Christmas going as far back as the 1890s. The term may have gained popularity with the [Irving Berlin](#) song “Happy Holidays” released in 1942.

“Season’s Greetings” is used more as a slogan on greeting cards and in commercial advertisements than as a spoken phrase.

By the late 19th century, “With the Season’s Greetings” began appearing. By the 1920s it had been shortened to “Season’s Greetings” and has been a greeting card fixture ever since.

9-11 First Responders Event



Once again our volunteers went above and beyond to donate beverage and food items to stock the boxes being prepared to honor our first responders on this “Special Day of Remembrance”. Staff members delivered the boxes to the Quincy Fire Department, Quincy Police Department, the 911 Department, Tri-Township Fire Department, Adams County Sheriffs Department, and the Adams County Ambulance Service.

Safety Preparedness Fair



The Adams County Medical Reserve Corps hosted a Safety Preparedness Fair on September 25, 2013 in the Adams County Health Department parking lot. Joyce Mester and Sharon Wharton manned the RSVP booth and spoke to many prospective volunteers.

Introducing

Please welcome Lana Krigbaum to our staff at the RSVP office. Lana is a graduate of JWCC with a degree in childhood education. Most of her career has been in social services working with children and the elderly. She will be working part-time.



The Winners Are....

Bernice Colgrove and Cindy Craig were the two lucky volunteers who won the drawing and received a prize from the RSVP table located at the Blessing Hospital Volunteer Fair. The Fair was held on September 30, 2013 and was very well attended with many stopping by our information table which was staffed by Barb Richmiller, Sharon Wharton, Fran Adolfs, and Joan Kammerlohr.



40th Annual Recognition Banquet

During the 40th Annual Recognition Banquet held on October 23, six members of the Adams County RSVP were included in the RSVP Hall of Fame. These members were recognized as having given at least twenty years and 2,000 hours of service to the community through RSVP or have made a unique contribution to RSVP. These members can no longer volunteer because of poor health or death. Members of the Hall of Fame still living will remain on RSVP's mailing list to receive all correspondence and will continue to be invited to the Annual Recognition Banquet as our guests.

2013 RSVP Hall of Fame

Bruce Bartelt
Roger Cave
Robert Rouse
Bea Schwartz
Paul Sickman
Lewis Walker

We also want to thank **Thrivent Lutheran** for their generous fundraising match of \$1000 for the Banquet. We're also recognizing our Table Sponsors for this year: **Good Samaritan Home, Hy-Vee Food Store on Harrison, Quincy University, and Curtis Creek.**



Sharon Wharton Receives "Supporting Our Success" Award

Sharon Wharton was awarded the 2013 "Supporting Our Success" award. Sharon is a long time RSVP Advisory Council member and volunteer who has been very supportive of our program. For the past two years Sharon has spent numerous hours promoting our program. She has been a fixture at RSVP booths at fairs and events. She has also taken on a lead role with our annual advertising fundraiser. She spent many afternoons calling on businesses to sell ads for our program book. We are grateful for all of her hard work and everything she has done to promote RSVP and to educate the community about our program.



Sharon Wharton and Julie Bates



- **Quincy Transit Lines** allows all Senior Citizens age 65 and older to ride their regular buses for **FREE**.
- **St. Francis Church Food Pantry** will deliver **FREE** groceries weekly if you are homebound. Please call and leave a message at 217-430-1025 and they will return your call to take your order.

Facts About Veterans Day

Veterans Day is a federal holiday that honors the anniversary of the signing of Armistice that ended World War I. The Armistice was signed during the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month—November 11, 1918. On June 4th, 1926 Congress passed a resolution for an annual national observance. On May 13, 1938, Armistice Day became a national holiday. President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed legislation on November 8, 1954 to change the name from Armistice Day to Veterans Day in order to honor veterans of all American wars.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SERVICE VETERANS!



Volunteer Opportunities

Madonna House: volunteer needed 9am to noon to greet people dropping off donations and to help process them.

Salvation Army: Various opportunities available during the holiday season. Call RSVP for details.

JWCC-Disability Services: volunteer needed to assist with filing and data entry 4 hours a week-hours flexible.

JWCC-Public Relations Office: volunteer needed who likes working on the computer and has ability to scan documents. Task is very repetitive with flexible hours.

RSVP: Needs a mentor for a 7th grade student meeting at the GED Center from 3pm-4pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Early Childhood & Family Center: Volunteers needed to meet school buses, help in classrooms, and serve lunches for 3-5 year olds Monday-Friday, times flexible.

Illinois Veterans Home: volunteers are needed to help with dementia patients to assist with activities.

Blessing Hospital : has shifts available for the following service areas: Tea Room waitresses and cashiers, Hospitality House host, Surgery Center, Health Center, Nurse Server/Replenisher, and Patient Flower Delivery.

RSVP: Drivers needed for local and long distance medical transportation.

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Ruby Tuesday Give Back Event

Please mark your calendars to attend the Ruby Tuesday Give Back Event on December 19, 2013. As a participating charitable organization, RSVP will receive 20% of the net sales from guests who bring in the flyer for this event. Flyers have been mailed to all volunteers, are available through our Facebook page, and will be available at the RSVP office.

Please note that coupons or discounts are not permitted with this special event.

NIXLE Emergency Alert System

Adams County is offering the NIXLE Emergency Alert System to all residents of Adams County. This system allows local emergency response agencies to push emergency alert text messages to mobile phones and email addresses. The types of alert messages are as follows: missing persons, dangerous suspect information, outdoor warning siren activations, information following disasters, hazardous material evacuations, emergency road closures, information to take shelter, and other life threatening situations. The NIXLE system does not charge a signup fee or monthly fee to users who opt in. To sign up online with your email and cell phone go to www.co.adams.il.us/nixle and type ADAMSCOUNTY. Once you are registered the next screen will say: Thank you for registering to receive urgent public safety alerts and community information from the Adams County, IL—Public Safety’s Adams County group. You will receive a confirmation SMS message shortly. Reply YES to finish the process. Text STOP to 888777 to stop messages.

If you have further questions or seek more information, please contact: Adams County Emergency Management Agency 217-277-2005 or email to ema@co.adams.il.us.

Volunteer Opportunities

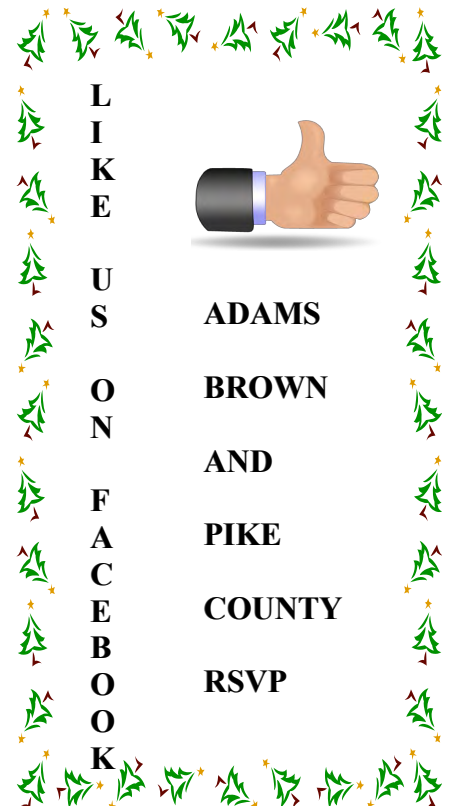
John Wood Mansion: volunteers needed to give tours of the Mansion and work in the gift shop. Hours vary.

Unity Point Hospice: volunteers needed to read to and visit with patients or provide respite care to family caregivers. Support work would include helping with mailings or other special projects.

American Collectibles Museum: Needs help scanning buttons into the computer—hours flexible.

Lutheran Church of St. John: Volunteers needed to play Santa or Mrs. Claus from 9:30am-2:00pm on Mondays and/or Thursday in 2 hour shifts December 2-23.

If interested in any of these opportunities, call the RSVP office.



HAPPY NEW YEAR



You can now email the RSVP office directly by using the following email address: **rsvp@jwcc.edu** (all lower case). Please note we will be using this email address when sending out mass emails to our volunteers so please add this to your address book.

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