



Adams County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

Volunteer Voice

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RSVP is a program of John Wood Community College



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Christmas Tree Trivia

Christmas trees have been sold commercially in the United States since about 1850.

In 1923, Pres. Calvin Coolidge started the National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony now held every year on the White House lawn.

Since 1966, the National Christmas Tree Association has given a Christmas tree to the President and first family.

Christmas trees are grown in all 50 states including Hawaii and Alaska.

100,000 people are employed in the Christmas tree industry.

98 percent of all Christmas trees are grown on over 15,000 farms in the U.S.

More than 1,000,000 acres of land have been planted with Christmas trees.

It takes six to ten years of fighting heavy rain, wind, hail and drought to get a mature tree.

In the first week, a tree in your home will consume as much as a quart of water per day.

Save the Date

- 12-10-14 AND 12-11-14
The 2014 Kettle Campaign dates reserved for RSVP with bell ringing at the Quincy Mall 11:00am-5:30pm by East Entrance
- March 7, 2015 - 20th Annual Gardner's Palette at JWCC

The Winner Is...



Fay Mintle won for August, **Melody Billings**-September, and **Audry Holtschlag**-October in our monthly contest. RSVP staff will draw a name from all the Timesheets turned in for each month. **Since the pink Timesheets are due by the 7th of each month**, the drawing will take place the middle of each month for the prior month's timesheets.

Bob Allensworth is the winner in our **Refer a Friend Contest** for the third quarter of 2014. We track all the names of those current members who referred a new volunteer who turned in their first Timesheet. **Prizes will be awarded!**

41st Recognition Banquet

Adams County RSVP, a program of JWCC, provided 71 area agencies with 81,244 hours of service using 530 active volunteers during fiscal year 2014.

During the 41st Recognition Banquet held on October 22, 76 volunteers with milestone service awards were recognized. Four members 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 Recognition Banquet as our guests.

2014 RSVP Hall of Fame

Paul Gabriel
Margery Jane Miller (decd.)
Lois Steele (decd.)
Melba Zimmerman (decd.)

all of Quincy



Barb Richmiller, RSVP Advisory Council, and Barb Holthaus, Director of JWCC Advancement



Ginny Jorgensen, RSVP office volunteer, with Harry and Martha Kline



Carla Gosney, Interim RSVP Manager; Mike Elbe, JWCC, President; Patricia Woodworth, Volunteer

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Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign Volunteers Needed

The *Golden K Kiwanis Club* of Quincy is selling Claxton 2lb fruitcakes for \$10.00 each. Contact any member or the RSVP office.

The *Digital Disciples* group is headquartered at First Christian Church and serves as an outreach to those in the community. Most lab classes are held Monday mornings, although the days may vary and occasional evening classes are included. Six week sessions on the Windows Operating System are offered every two months. They also hold classes covering Smart phones, tablets and eReaders. Beginners and more sophisticated computer users are all welcome. Open labs are available to help individuals resolve specific issues. For a current list of classes, or to be added to the weekly email list to obtain ongoing information, please contact the Lab Instructor, Lorraine Steinberg at steinber@adams.net or the Church Secretary, Barb Nesbitt at fccqcy@adams.net.

All campuses of **JWCC including the RSVP office** will be closed for the holidays December 24 through January 4, 2015. Carry Out Caravan will take orders on Monday, January 5, 2015.

Once again the Adams County RSVP has adopted a Salvation Army Christmas Kettle. This means that we have committed to providing the volunteers over certain days and hours. Since last year we ended up with more volunteers than we had hours to fill, we bravely added another day. The kettle is inside, warm and dry at the Quincy Mall at the east entrance which is next to what used to be Kriegers. These are the hours volunteers are needed:

Wed, Dec 10
11:00am-1:00pm
1:00pm-3:00pm
3:00pm-5:30pm

Thur, Dec 11
11:00am-1:00pm
3:00pm-5:30pm

Give our office a call to schedule a shift. Grab a friend, bring your grandkids, get into the spirit and have some fun while helping a great cause!



Message from our New Manager, Barb Casady

Two of my favorite things are chocolate and volunteers. Why? It is heartwarming and life changing to visit with a volunteer and hear stories about the work they are doing to improve the lives of people throughout the community and chocolate tastes really good! I look forward to meeting you, sharing some chocolate and hearing your stories.

As I begin my work as Manager of Volunteer Services – RSVP for John Wood Community College, it is very important to thank you for giving your time and talents to the people who live in West Central Illinois. The work you do makes a difference today and will continue making an impact in the future. As a volunteer you also know you benefit personally from the good work you do – studies show volunteers live happier and healthier lives.

I want to offer great thanks to Carla Gosney for stepping back into the role of RSVP Interim Manager for the past few months. Her willingness to fill the void after Julie Bates left the position is greatly appreciated – two wonderful women to follow, learn from and hopefully live up to their leadership legacy.

My career includes work with families, volunteers, nonprofit organizations and communities through University of Missouri Extension Programs, the Missouri 4-H Foundation, the Volunteer Center of the Big River United Way and the Community Foundation Serving West Central Illinois and Northeast Missouri. My husband Bill and I live just south of Warsaw, IL where he is the fifth generation of his family to farm and volunteer in the local community.

Please stop by the RSVP Office located in the JWCC Kinscherff Center, 122 N. 5th Street, across from Washington Park, in the District to enjoy some chocolate and visit. Also check out the RSVP website (www.jwcc.edu/community/rsvp) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/pages/Adams-Brown-and-Pike-County-RSVP) to see what great things are going on with RSVP, John Wood Community College, and learn what other volunteers are doing throughout the community.

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Volunteer Opportunities

Meals Plus for Seniors: Needing volunteers to help on a regular basis or as a substitute to deliver meals on wheels. The program has recently lost several volunteers who have been delivering for many years and are no longer able to help. The winter months especially are a challenge. Meals are ready for pick up at 10:45a.m. and it takes about 1 hour to deliver. A free meal at the Senior Center meal site is provided for all volunteers.

Salvation Army: Needs clerical/secretarial help at the Family Services Shelter.

Salvation Army: Needs help December 17th and 18th at the Christmas Basket and Toy Distribution at 4330 Postal Drive off 42nd and Wisman Lane in Quincy.

Illinois Veterans Home: They are in desperate need for a volunteer healthy enough to push wheelchair residents to and from appointments in the multi-therapy building. It is a pretty physical job. There may be 5-10 residents on any given morning or afternoon. Nurses are having to take the patients which takes them away from what they should be doing. Would appreciate having a volunteer even one day a week.

Advocacy Network for Children: Help with fundraiser at Quincy Mall wrapping Christmas presents during week of Dec 8th – Dec 14th two hour shifts from 10a.m.– 8p.m. and Sunday noon – 5p.m.

Blessing Hospital : Needs help in ICU Waiting room, Patient flower/mail delivery, Tea room waitress and cashier, Quincy Hospitality House.

Volunteer Opportunities

Are you interested in helping your community in a disaster? Volunteers are needed to be trained to help in the event of a disaster. You would be working with the Adams County Emergency Management Team and the Adams County Health Department.

Medical Reserve Corps (MRC): Is a community-based volunteer program that strengthens and expands the local public health system's response during a health emergency or disaster. Members include medical and non-medical professionals who contribute their unique skills and expertise to prepare for and respond to health emergencies. The Adams County MRC is one of over 900 nationally recognized Medical Reserve Corps units.

Disaster Activation Team (DAT): Volunteers are trained and then called to assist with the Emergency Operations Center when opened to answer the phones and field questions and information to the public in the event of a large scale emergency.

If interested in any of these volunteer opportunities, please call our office.

WE  **VOLUNTEERS**

CHRISTMAS TREE



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