



Adams County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

Volunteer Voice

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HAPPY AUTUMNAL EQUINOX!

The word equinox comes from the Latin words for "equal night." It is the astronomical event when the sun is at zenith over the Equator causing day and night to be approximately equal in length. In 2014, the Autumnal Equinox brings the fall season to the Northern Hemisphere on September 22 at 9:29 pm CDT.

The Harvest Moon is the full moon nearest to the autumnal equinox. It can occur in either September or October and is bright enough to allow the finishing of all harvest chores—hence its name. It is a time of balance, and while summer is ending, the winter is approaching. This is a season in which farmers are harvesting their fall crops, gardens are beginning to die, and the earth gets a bit cooler each day.

The month wraps up with Michaelmas, on September 29; this is an ancient Celtic "Quarter Day" which marked the end of the harvesting season and is steeped in folklore. Michaelmas is a holiday with Christian religious origins, and pagan roots of celebrating the Autumn Equinox. It references the actions of the archangel Michael, who is said, around this time to have expelled Lucifer from Heaven. The day may also be called the Feast of St. Michael, the Feast of Michael and all Angels, or the Feast of Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel, and Saint Raphael.

Save the Date

- 9-18-14 Plus 50 Open House at JWCC
- 10-22-14 41st Annual Recognition Banquet

The Winner Is...



Patsy Groce was the winner for June and Letha Althoff the winner for July in our monthly recognition drawing 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. So...**turn your timesheets in on time** and you could be the next big winner!

Marvin Kerber Receives Golden Kiwanis Award

Marvin Kerber received the Luis V. Amador Medallion for Division 29 at a recent Golden Kiwanis meeting. The award recognizes a person from one of the six Kiwanis Clubs in Division 29 who has done outstanding volunteer work over the years. Since 2000, Kerber has logged more than 1000 volunteer hours each year. He has volunteered with Adams County Habitat for Humanity, Illinois Veterans Home, Men's Escort at Blessing Hospital, Sunset Home, Good Samaritan Home, Salvation Army, JWCC, Meals on Wheels, American Cancer Society, and Red Cross blood drives.

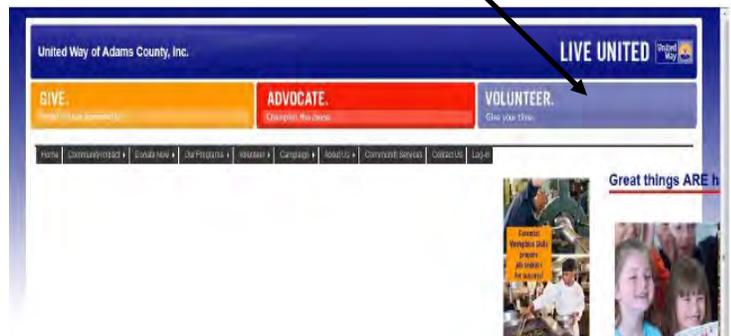


Marvin Kerber on the left

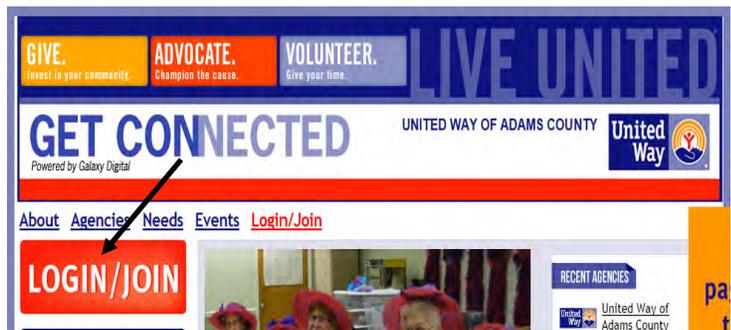
United Way of Adams County Get Connected Portal

The United Way of Adams County has created an on-line volunteer portal accessed through their web page: www.unitedwayadamsco.org. This is an online volunteer system named Get Connected. In an effort to increase collaboration, connections, and relationships among local non-profits and community members, United Way developed this portal. Agencies such as RSVP have created pages that promote volunteer needs and upcoming events. Users sign up to be notified of service opportunities that match their interests. They can then respond to agency needs with the click of a button!

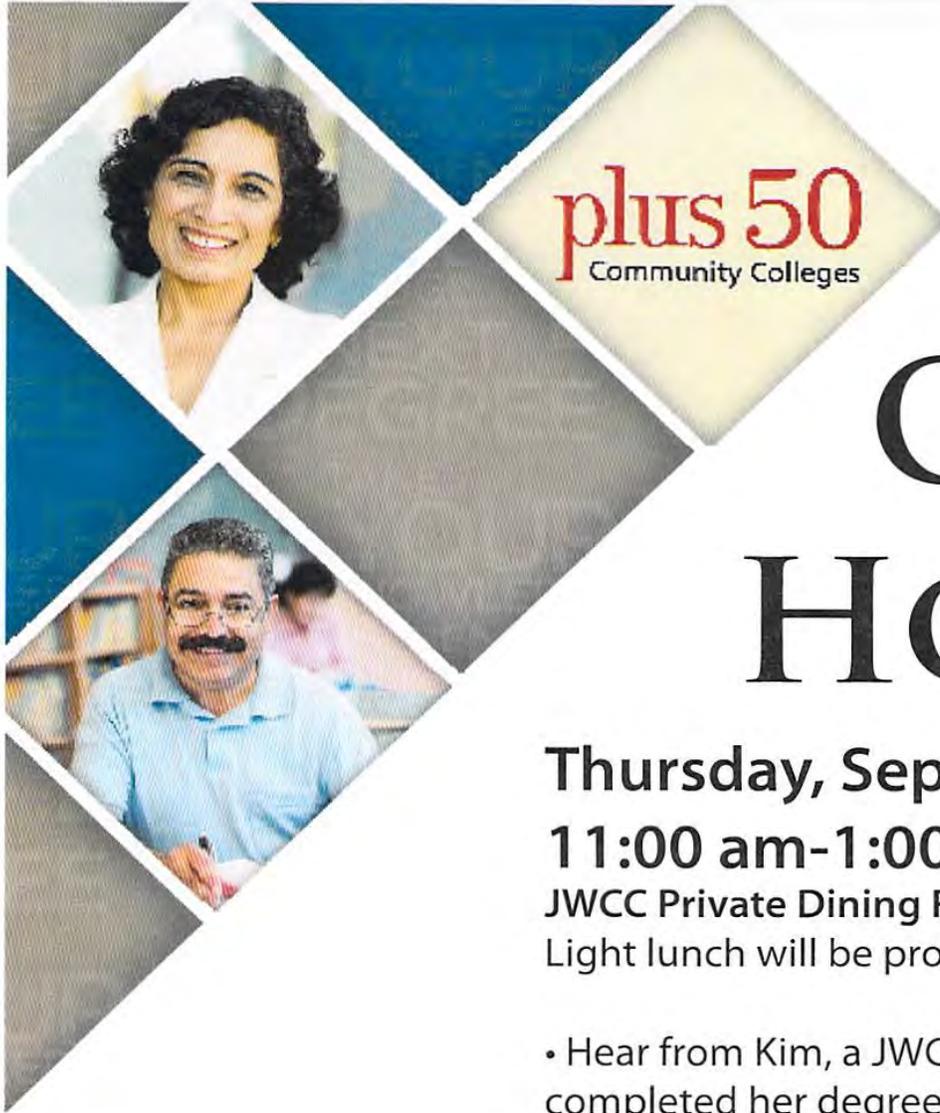
Click on the category VOLUNTEER on their web page:



Click on LOGIN/JOIN on the Get Connected page:



Once you Login you will be prompted to complete the New User Registration form. Here you will select your areas of interest and volunteer activities. At the end you will be asked to set a password. At that point you are all set to start checking out the Agencies and their needs.



OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, September 18

11:00 am-1:00 pm

JWCC Private Dining Room (C024)

Light lunch will be provided.

- Hear from Kim, a JWCC adult student that completed her degree, doubled her income and is living the results of her education.
- Learn about high-demand careers and how you can make your success a reality.
- Connect with other adult students age 50+
- Sign up for a free computer class.

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Volunteer Orientation:

Another volunteer orientation was held at the Adams County RSVP office. There were 10 attending including new and current RSVP members and guests. Staff spoke on various topics including RSVP history and program, volunteer recruitment, volunteer opportunities, time and expense report, reimbursement policies-mileage/meals, insurance benefits, recognition, and much more. An orientation will be held later on this fall so stay tuned for further information!



41st Recognition Banquet

Don't forget about our 41st Recognition Banquet coming up on October 22nd. Once again we will be gathering at the Student Activity Center at JWCC for our Banquet. All volunteers who have turned in a minimum of 24 hours over the course of this current year are invited to attend our Banquet free of charge. Reservations are required and will be checked at the door. Formal invitations will be going out in the mail early in October. We don't want you to miss it this year!

F.Y.I.

John Gebhardt, President of *Friends of the Log Cabins*, is on the hunt for postcards or personal photos depicting the components of Quinsippi Island in the past. The group is in the process of creating a history of the log cabins including where they came from, what they were used for, and what happened to them when the complex was up and running with the Little Q. Please contact him at: logcabinvillage@hotmail.com

John is also requesting help in locating the graves of those who lived in Adams County and served in the War of 1812. He's assisting a group that is marking these graves and making a GPS mapping on how to find them. Records indicate there should be 10-12 graves in Adams County. There are 8 listed in Woodland Cemetery on their records. One of those 8 is missing the gravestone. Please contact him to help at: 217-223-9078.

Message from Interim Manager, Carla Gosney

I am pleased to announce that I have returned to RSVP as Interim Manager while John Wood Community College searches for a replacement. Julie Bates, RSVP Manager since 2011, resigned in August to take the position of Volunteer Director of the Dallas (Texas) Zoo. Her teaching background, as well as her experience with RSVP made the job a perfect fit for her. During her tenure as RSVP Manager, Julie moved the program in a positive direction. She took on two additional counties-Brown and Pike and hired competent staff to develop those counties. She incorporated the requirements of the Corporation for National Service while focusing on filling needs in our community. She is to be commended for her accomplishments while with RSVP and we wish her great success in her new role.

Volunteer Opportunities

John Wood Community College Semi-annual library gate count. Volunteers to sit inside library and keep count of students coming into the library. Shifts are from 8a.m. – 5p.m. Monday, October 6th thru Friday October 10th.

Meals on Wheels Drivers needed. You pick your schedule. Weekly, monthly, or as a substitute. Pick up meals 10:45a.m. Complete route in about an hour. Free meal at senior center provided for volunteer.

Redmond & Lee Community Center Volunteer to work one on one with students K-8th grades. 2:30-6:00p.m. Monday – Friday.

Quincy Community Theatre Help needed for upcoming performances to usher and scan tickets.

Kroc Center Volunteers needed to help the Kroc Center Front Desk Supervisor Tues & Wed with filing. 7-9a.m. or 5-7p.m.

Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services Volunteers to help during local disasters (mostly fires). Would be on call 2-3 weeks every 3-4 months.

Quincy Humane Society Volunteers needed for activities at the shelter and with community outreach and pet fostering. Ask about specific tasks. Training provided.

Salvation Army Thrift Store needs help Monday through Saturday, 9:00am-5:00pm. Main duties would be sorting and stocking of newly donated items.

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Alzheimer's Quincy Office 639 York St. Volunteer needed 1-2 hours a week for front desk, answering phones and helping with mailings.

Advocacy Network for Children Help with fundraiser at Quincy Mall wrapping Christmas presents during week of Dec 8th – Dec 14th. 2 hour shifts from 10a.m. – 8p.m. and Sunday noon – 5p.m.

Blessing Hospital Diagnostic Center, Tea Room, Hospitality House & Nurse Server Replenisher

American Collectibles Museum Someone to create a newsletter. Also needs help with data entry.

Blessing Hospital Wanted: talented musician willing to volunteer at Blessing Behavioral Center Inpatient Psychiatric Units at least two hours a week. Goal to bring music to patients in order to promote: wellness, manage stress, alleviate pain, express feelings, relaxation.

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

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September 11th National Day of Service And Remembrance:



The Adams County RSVP honored all local First Responders as part of the September 11, 2014 National Day of Service and Remembrance with “Bundles of Thanks”. RSVP volunteers donated home baked treats, snack items, bottled water, and thank you notes which were assembled into boxes RSVP staff delivered to local first responders throughout the area. In 2009, Congress designated September 11th as a National Day of Service and Remembrance under bipartisan federal law, and charged the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) with helping to support this effort across the country. **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED MONEY, FOOD AND BEVERAGE ITEMS!**



Volunteer Gina Awerkamp, Sarah Bonness, Cathe Grove, Connie Hornsey



Volunteer Ginny Jorgensen with Chief Joe Henning and staff firefighters

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