



## 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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### Save the Date

- **All of August 2015:** Restaurant Days—dine at your favorite restaurant on its participating day, and a percentage of your check will be donated to the United Way!
- **October 21, 2015:** Recognition Banquet at JWCC



The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated in New York City on Tuesday, September 5th, 1882. The Central Labor Union organized an event including a parade, festivities and speeches. In 1883, the Labor Day holiday was again celebrated on September 5th which was a Wednesday. It was in 1884 that the Labor Day holiday celebration was switched to the first Monday in September and has been celebrated on that day since then.

The official governmental recognition of Labor Day occurred in the state of Oregon. On February 21, 1887, Oregon passed legislation recognizing Labor Day as a holiday. Other states soon followed and by 1894, there were enough states officially recognizing Labor Day as a holiday that the federal government finally gave the official nod. On June 28, 1894, Congress officially stated that a Labor Day holiday be celebrated each year on the first Monday of September.

Throughout time, the concept of Labor Day has changed. In the beginning, Labor Day began as a labor union holiday for workers but in today's society, Labor Day is considered the end of the summer season. Families and friends gather for a last celebration of the summer season by cooking on the barbecue grill, playing volley ball games and enjoying other fun outdoor activities before winter comes.



## The Winner Is..

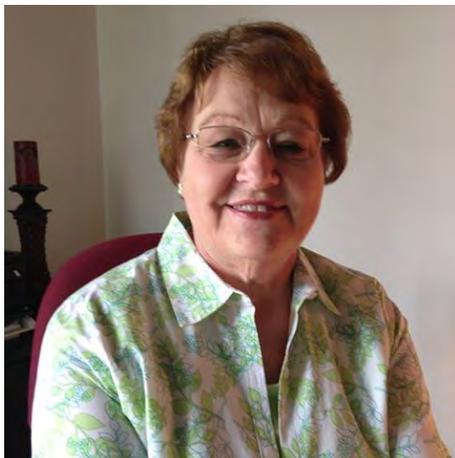
**G**ail Canavan won for **March**, Sharon Beedle won for **April**, Sue Altheide won for **May**, and Michelle Price won for **June** in our monthly contest. RSVP staff draw a name from all the pink Timesheets turned in for each month. **Since the pink Timesheets are due by the 7th of each month**, the drawing will take place the middle of each month for the prior month's timesheets.

**N**an Olson is the winner in our **Refer a Friend Contest** for the second quarter of 2015. We track all the names of those current members who referred a new volunteer who turned in their first Timesheet.

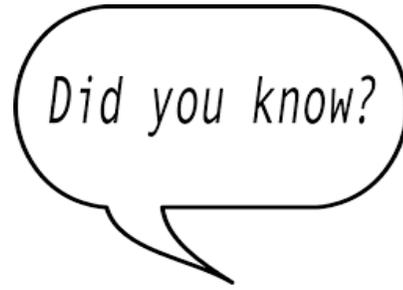
*Prizes are awarded!*

## In The News

**V**icki Arnold was named "Volunteer of the Year" at the 37th Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Castle. This event was held at the Villa Kathrine on May 12th. Members, Donors, Volunteers and Guests were invited. During the meeting, board members were elected and the Volunteer of the Year was announced and honored.



**Vicki Arnold**



**J**ohn Wood Community College has a special tuition rate for residents 60 years and above?  
**The rate is \$55.00 per credit hour.**

**Q**uincy Golden K Kiwanis Club is looking for new members (men & women). Their motto is "WE SERVE THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD". They provide funds to organizations that provide a better life for Quincy kids. They are proud sponsors with JWCC of the "Stars of Tomorrow" where high school and college youth are given the opportunity to showcase their talent and prizes are awarded. Golden K totally funds the admission cost for the "Indoor Playground" provided by the Quincy Park District. The three local Kiwanis Clubs of Quincy are co-sponsors with the Quincy Park District in the establishment of the "Inclusive Playground" for handicapped youth and adults. They meet at the Quincy Senior Center on Mondays from 9:00am to 10:00am. **Their members provide many hours of volunteer service through RSVP.** Please feel free to walk in and meet them at their next meeting!

**T**he Dread Knight Riding Club is collecting used bicycles. Club members will repair, clean and then make them available to youth who need a bicycle. In 2014 they donated 27 bicycles! Please contact RSVP volunteers Bob and Audra Parsons: (217)645-03475.



## Message from Barb Casady, RSVP Manager

The windstorm that hit Quincy the evening of July 13 will live in all of our memories for a long time. We hope that all of you survived the storm with limited damage and problems. Traveling around the Quincy area it quickly becomes apparent the city and many of our neighbors and friends have major clean-up, construction and landscaping projects that will take time to complete. Our community is so very lucky there was no loss of life and limited personal injury.

The Adams County RSVP volunteers were everywhere in the aftermath of the storm filling critical community needs. Volunteers were active as:

- Adams County Emergency Management Volunteers – who worked with John Simon, Adams County Emergency Management, to coordinate all emergency storm response efforts – and operated the Volunteer Registration Center.
- Adams County Storm Hotline Volunteers – responding to requests for assistance from elderly and disabled who needed help clearing debris from their yard;
- Adams County Medical Corps – who provided medical services to the Red Cross Shelter and the Volunteer Registration Center and Volunteer Stations.
- Red Cross Volunteers – who coordinated the emergency shelter at the Quincy Senior and Family Resource Center and provided meals across the city for individuals/families/volunteers in need of food and water.
- Salvation Army Volunteers who provided meals across the city and opened a cooling center while most Quincy residents were without electricity.

We applaud and appreciate all volunteers who helped their neighbors, worked with a not for profit directly with the storm damage disaster response, worked with local food banks to help families refill their refrigerators due to the large food loss because of lack of electricity or were a part of their church or service club efforts to assist where needed. It once again shows how **RSVP** volunteers *lead by experience*.

**Thank you for making such an important difference and long lasting impact on the Quincy community.**



Please support the United Way by dining at your favorite restaurant on its participating day during August. A percentage of your check will be donated to United Way!

## RESTAURANT DAYS - AUGUST 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
When you dine at your favorite restaurant on its participating day, a percentage of your check will be donated to United Way!						 910 Broadway 217.214.9283
<b>2</b>  3520 Broadway 217.222.4444	<b>3</b>  2902 Broadway 217.222.5579	<b>4</b>  4830 Broadway 217.223.4829	<b>5</b>  2635 Broadway 217.224.8030	<b>6</b>  615 Hampshire 217.222.9886	<b>7</b>  LaGrange, MO 573.655.4770	<b>8</b>  234 North 12th 217.214.4102
<b>9</b>  3428 Broadway 217.577.2020	<b>10</b>  4821 Oak St. 217.841.2300	<b>11</b>  901 N 24th 217.209.0390	<b>12</b>  538 South 12th 217.222.0799	<b>13</b>  1627 College 217.222.1831	<b>14</b>  133 South 4th 217.222.1281	<b>15</b>  1638 State Street 217.224.5971
<b>16</b>  1801 State Street 217.228.0550	<b>17</b>  120 South 10th. 217.224.3465	<b>18</b>  415 Hampshire 217.224.2002	<b>19</b>  18th & Spring 1736 Spring 217.228.8868	<b>20</b>  137 North 3rd 217.222.9580	<b>21</b> 	<b>22</b> 
<b>23</b>  4420 Broadway 217.221.9393	<b>24</b>  1830 Broadway 217.222.5252	<b>25</b>  2814 North 12th 217.223.6294	<b>26</b>  626 Maine 217.222.6244	<b>27</b>  1735 State 217.228.2292	<b>28</b>  115 North 4th 217.222.6869	<b>29</b> 
<b>30</b> 	<b>31</b>  201 S. 3rd St. 217.277.8315	Saturday Sept. 19 <b>County Market</b> WE value FRESH • WE value FAMILY • WE value YOU		Join us at County Market (24th & Spring) for the United Way Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. All you can eat from 7:30 a.m to 11 a.m.!		

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Join us throughout the month of August to create opportunities for a better life for all.

## St Jude Run

For the past 17 years, runners have gone from Memphis, Tennessee, location of the first St. Jude's Hospital, to Peoria, Illinois, to raise money for the children's research hospital. In those years, 17 other cities have become a part of the race. Runners ran from Hannibal to Quincy July 31 and from Quincy runners headed to Peoria to finish the race. The run is done relay-style, so runners just go for a bit and then switch off. For many of those years RSVP has been asked to supply drivers of the RV's used to transport runners. We've had a great group of dedicated volunteers and we would like to shine the spotlight on those who volunteered this year.



Leonard Biallis, Herb Eidson, Jim DeHart  
 Not Pictured: Theresa Eidson, Bill Casady, Jim Fisher



## Volunteer Opportunities

**Meals Plus for Seniors:** Volunteers needed to help on a regular basis or as a substitute to deliver meals on wheels. The summer months are a challenge because of vacations. Meals are ready for pick up at 10:45am, and it takes about 1 hour to deliver. A free meal at the Senior Center meal site is provided for all volunteers.

**Salvation Army:** Help needed sorting and pricing items for the new Family Store; bus drivers/bus escorts for Wednesday afternoon/evening activities during the school year; clerical/secretarial help at the Family Services Shelter; receptionist for Family Services.

**Volunteer Voices:** Looking for **men** and women who enjoy singing and want to bring enjoyment to residents in nursing and retirement homes. They sing old favorites, a hymn or two, and patriotic songs on Fridays at area homes. Come join the fun! For further information, contact Peg Seeley, 217-224-3852 or Denise Percy, 217-223-0908.

**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.

**Blessing Hospital:** Tea Room Waitresses; Hospitality House; Shuttle Driver (needs excellent driving record) every Monday AM starting mid-August; ICU Waiting Room, Blessed Beginnings, Emergency Department Advocate, Flowers/Mail Courier, Surgery Waiting Room

**North Adams Home in Mendon:** Needs volunteers for the following: music and crafts; Bingo and other Game Buddies; cooking demonstrations or cooking projects involving residents; one on one visits such as reading/visiting/wheel chair rides; computer work-typing and printing of copies of daily activity sheets; or a special passion you would like to share with the residents.

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

**Villa Kathrine:** Immediate openings for Volunteer Hosts at the Villa. Duties include greeting visitors, answering questions, sharing information about the area, collecting admissions for tours, and souvenir sales.

**RSVP Local Medical Transportation:** Needs additional drivers to help with our large volume of requests. We work around your schedule and do not ask for more than one trip per week.



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**American Collectibles Museum:** Needs volunteer help with the following: assemble their baseball card collection; data entry; Director of Resale Operations; putting displays out; librarian; webmaster; Staff Coordinator; Director of Resale Operations; Director of Community Outreach Programs; Director of Planning; Director of Public Awareness; Director of Donor Services; Director of Volunteer Services; and volunteers to help host events as they are planned.

**Big Brothers/Big Sisters:** Needs senior citizens for their guided literacy program for young readers. Volunteers will be matched with 1 or 2 children in 1st through 6th grade to work on literacy skills by providing hands on activities promoting reading. These activities could include: special puzzle skills; iPad reading games; long-range activities; and reading learning games. Their goal is to expand children's awareness of themselves and their community while improving oral language, reading, writing, and letter and print knowledge.

**JWCC Community Education:** Seeking volunteers to assist with office duties to include: answering the phone; greeting guests; filing; and help staff with projects. Volunteers can work as it fits their schedule.

**VA Outreach Clinic:** Needs volunteers to greet Veterans and to help with their kiosk check-in system. They also need help with bulk mailings.

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

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