



Center For Siouxland

R.S.V.P. NEWSLETTER

*"Making a difference
in the
State of Iowa"*



RSVP
Retired and
Senior
Volunteer
Program

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JOHNA'S JOURNAL

I hope by now the presents are unwrapped, the tree and decorations are down, and everyone is recuperating from spending the holidays with family and friends.

With that in mind, it is time to do some housekeeping at the RSVP office. Volunteer files need to be updated every year. It is important that you notify the RSVP office if any information has changed or if you need timesheets.

Also, RSVP will partner with local agencies around Siouxland to host monthly coffee hours. This is a great chance for RSVP volunteers to show off the good work their volunteer station does on a daily basis in the Siouxland area. These coffee hours will be open to the public and used to encourage mature adults to volunteer.

Please have a wonderful and prosperous New Year!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for the following locations:

- **Seniors in Schools**
Be the difference in a child's life. Work with elementary age students to not only improve their reading skills, but also build their self-confidence.
- **Meals on Wheels**
Spend an hour a week delivering nutritious meals to homebound seniors.
- **Sioux City Gospel Mission**
Provide encouragement, support, and a respect to the less fortunate. Spend an hour or two a week, mentoring residents at the Sioux City Gospel Mission.

RSVP welcomes new Advisory Council

Myron Slobin-PennLife Insurance Company-Chairperson
 Mary Koster-Siouxland Chamber of Commerce-Vice Chairperson
 Denise Temple-Bickford Cottage
 Cindy Thomas-Community Action Agency
 Darrell Grubel-Retired, Volunteer
 Georjean Bailey-Goodwill Industries
 Glenn Barnett-Retired

RSVP
 Mission Statement:

To recruit, orient, and coordinate the interests of volunteers age 55 years and older with rewarding volunteer opportunities which enrich the lives of volunteers and those they serve by providing services which impact the community.

Do what you can to show you care about other people, and you will make our world a better place.

*-Rosalynn Carter
 (Former First Lady)*

Lots of Socks

Thank you to following people, agencies, and businesses for their support of and donation to RSVP's Lots of Sock Drive:

- First Covenant Church
- Vantus Bank
- Great West Casualty
- Moville Evangelical Church
- Rhonda's Speak Easy
- Kevin and Kristie McManamy
- Sioux City Police Department
- Center For Siouxland
- Calvary Lutheran Church
- Third Presbyterian Church
- Moville's United Methodist Church
- Dollar Etc.
- Morningside Presbyterian Church
- Siouxland Chamber of Commerce



1704 pairs of socks were donated.



**Check Out
 Our New Volunteer
 Opportunities!**

**Don't Forget
 To Turn in
 Monthly
 Timesheets!**

A Warm Welcome To New RSVP Volunteers



**Michaela Cruz
Patrick O'Maza**



Will Your Wishes be Honored?

A will or living trust is an inexpensive way to ensure that your final wishes will be carried out and your assets will be distributed accurately. Here are some suggestions on how to create a will:

First, make a list of all the people you would like to remember and provide for in your plans, such as spouse, children, siblings, and other loved ones.

Second, identify those charitable organizations that are especially meaningful to you and that you would like to help by leaving a bequest. Make sure you have their correct names, addresses, and tax identification numbers. This will avoid any confusion over similar sounding organizations.

Third, make a list of all of your assets and property. This includes your checking and savings accounts, CDs, stocks and bonds, retirement plans and life insurance policies. If you own real estate, make a note of what you think is its fair market value. You can leave your loved ones and favorite organizations a specific amount of money, specific percentage of your estate, or even a specific asset.

Fourth, meet with a qualified professional advisor. This should include an attorney, but may also involve an accountant, financial planner, trust officer, and others. Be sure to bring the items you have assembled from steps one, two, and three. This will save time, and consequently money.

And finally, work with your advisors to prepare a plan that reflects your directions about how your estate should be divided. In most cases, the simplest way to accomplish your goals is by having a professionally prepared will. With this in place, you can have confidence that your wishes will be honored.

Leave a Legacy, of which Center For Siouxland is a member, provides education and resource material on estate planning. Their website is www.leavealegacy.org. They can help you weigh personal factors and make detailed calculations of income and tax benefits you will receive through a gift to your favorite charity. Center For Siouxland recommends that you consult your tax legal advisors prior to making a planned gift.

Happy Birthday to

January Birthdays

Ramona Meuret-01/01
Eldon Schroder-01/01
Virginia Connelly-01/06
Marlyne Linkvis-01/06
Clara Martin-01/07
Rhodora Ewing-01/08
Henrietta Scholten-01/08
Wanda Speck-01/11
Mary Torno-01/11
Joan Johnson-01/13
Armada Grasma-01/15
Carmen Hess-01/16
Glad Hill-01/18
Naomi Wansink-01/21
Victor Voloshen-01/22
Neva Gardner-01/24
Jean Smith-01/28
Harriet Copps-01/30
Florence McCormick-
01/31

February Birthdays

Mary Ann Coffey-02/01
Berniece Grangaard-02/01
Lois Bailey-02/15
Richard Jensen-02/22
Marlene Wagner-02/22





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*"Providing assistance, information, and direction by building bridges
between people with needs and people with solutions"*



On Thursday February 14, 2008, from 9:30-10:30 AM a coffee hour will be held at Siouxland Aging Services located at 2301 Pierce Street. Center For Siouxland's RSVP program will be partnering with Siouxland Aging Services to inform, promote, and recruit new volunteers from the Meals on Wheels Program. If you or anyone you know might be interested in this volunteer opportunity, mark your calendar and plan to attend this coffee hour on Thursday, February 14 from 9:30-10:30 AM.

