

**Minutes of the RCRV Board of Directors Meeting 01/16/2008**  
**These minutes were amended and approved at the board meeting 2/20/2008.**

Board chairman Jim Green determined that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM.

Eighteen members and one guest attended.

Jenny Becker introduced Shantana Johnson, an intern in Collins human relations through February, and a senior at Washington HS.

Minutes from the November 2007 board meeting were approved at the RCRV Annual Meeting in November.

**Program: Linda Dearing**

Heritage Agency on Aging represents seven counties around the Cedar Rapids area. It is a part of Kirkwood Community College, and is the only agency on aging in Iowa affiliated with a community college. The other agencies in the state are stand-alone 501c3 organizations. There are several hundred agencies on aging across the nation. All are funded through Older Americans Act in the 1960s. Heritage is an advocate for 70000 seniors in the area. It is largely known for funding meals for older citizens and for providing adult day care.

Central dining facilities for senior dining are being phased out. Participation has slowed, with seniors increasingly going to restaurants and receiving home-delivered meals.

The proportion of the Iowa population older than 85 is increasing.

Heritage subcontracts many services to other agencies, such as Aging Services, Witwer center, Elder Services in Iowa. Heritage activities are publicized through *Involvement*, a monthly newsletter magazine, and by frequent broadcast on the Kirkwood television channel.

The Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) is sponsor by the Heritage agency, with RCRV a major partner in this program. Legal services for seniors are provided under contract through a local attorney.

In addition to established programs, Heritage is always seeking other service opportunities. The elder abuse initiative begun in October of 2001 supplements state programs in this area. The TRIAD program seeks to protect seniors from physical and financial abuse. A volunteer money management program, in cooperation with the Social Security Administration, helps seniors who cannot manage their own money and pay their own bills.

Heritage also acts as an advocate for additional state and federal funding for senior programs.

The following points were developed during a question and answer period:

Q/a: Funding is derived from both federal and state sources.

Q/a: There is no conflict with county programs

Q/a: "Elderly waivers" are funds provided for home services in lieu of nursing home costs.

Q/a: collection of fees for services varies by program according to funding available.

Q/a: Heritage services are included in resources available at the 211 telephone referral service.

Q/a: Heritage works extensively with nursing home eligible people but also with other seniors.

Q/a: where did leadership training come from? Ashville NC program.

Q/a: who runs heritage? Kirkwood employees, widespread community advisory council input.

Q/a: 501c3? no.

Q/a: The Heritage website, [www.heritageaaa.org](http://www.heritageaaa.org), is a good community service.

RCRV members are invited to participate in Linn County task force

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## **Committee Reports**

### **Community Projects, John McDonough:**

Last year, we, RCRV assisted with the WRAP effort to work on 39 referrals from other agencies and as a result, designed and built 10 ramps in our area. We received three ramps that are in storage at the St Lukes storage area on A Avenue NE.

Pete Jurgens, with my support, spoke to roughly 2,000 retirees this past November about the Rockwell Collins Insurance package being offered. After the meetings, we had one on one contacts with a lot of the attendees answering questions. After all was done, Pete spoke with Rockwell officials about what we thought of the way that they handled this enrollment. Hopefully we will be included in future offerings as far as reviewing the materials prior to being sent to the retirees.

Since the drug coverage was dropped on several of the RC offerings, we now have a Special Enrollment period, which will go through the end of February for folks to enroll without a penalty. Post cards were sent out last weekend to folks that had enrolled in the indemnity and high deductible plans stating that they needed to sign up for a Part D plan if they had not.

RCRV has eight active SHIIP Counselors.

Vern Jackson, Helen Potthoff, and John Leeson continue to provide support to the Eastern Iowa Observatory and Learning Center. We continue to be updated as to the status of the Observatory.

We continue to support SCORE, the Free Clinic, the K-12 program, and the various school Lego mentors. RCRV also lead activities concerning the recent Lego Competition at Taft Middle School. Forty-six teams entered into the competition. Viola Gibson won the morning event.

Ron Waite, 295-5926 is still looking for tour guides to show new employees the building layouts. You need to be on the yellow badge listing as it is now very expensive to get on the listing.

Income tax assistance is now starting up. We have several RCRV folks that are doing this activity. It is free to anyone who needs help.

The kindergarten Science Program is starting up at Pierce.

We provided support with the Salvation Army Bell ringing activity.

Cliff Koop will be again traveling to Guatemala to help with wiring one of the buildings in an orphanage facility. He will be carrying wire as well as some lap top computers to the facility. He will be gone for 8 days.

The Science Station requested a meeting with us yesterday to see where we could again help them with their various displays and maybe invent some new ones for them.

Dennis Holdegrafer has an electric scooter that has a bad controller. Maybe we get this donated to someone who could use it after it is operational again.

If you can dream it we can do it.

### **Communications, Chuck Wehage:**

January newsletter status: materials have been received from Mike Wilson and Tom Brennom. Linda Dearing will write an article about signup for part D for those not signed up. John Wauer does the layout editing for the newsletter.

### **Data Base, Jim Klein:**

- Bill Ellis and I updated the database based on address changes resulting from the October newsletter mailing.
- The database was updated for the new retiree list from Rockwell Collins.
- The mailing list for the January 2008 newsletter was generated and emailed to Cindy Dietz.

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### **Recruiting and Retention, Pete Jurgens:**

No report.

### **Partner Agency Reports**

#### **Aging Services, Carol Luth:**

No report.

#### **Four Oaks Bridge, Milissa Yardley:**

No report.

#### **Correctional Services, Heidi Soethout:**

No report.

#### **Grant Wood AEA, Ann Griffin:**

No report.

#### **Heritage Agency on Aging, Linda Dearing:**

Heritage will be working with St. Luke's Hospital SHIP and RCRV to help Rockwell Medicare beneficiaries who failed to sign up for Medicare Part D by December 31. We will issue a press release through the marketing department at Kirkwood, schedule radio interviews, and try to get the word that help is available.

Linda is reserving the KTOS facility for signup seminars again next year.

#### **IBEW, Gerald Vuichard:**

No Report.

#### **Jane Boy Community House, Karl Cassell:**

No report.

#### **New Horizons, Mark Beason:**

No report.

#### **Options of Linn County, Wayne Clayton:**

Our director recently hosted a meeting of the Linn County Community Services advisory board. There, he displayed several contracts our consumers work on. He also showed them our stamping device as an example of the volunteer work RCRV does in creating job accommodations for the consumers. He got very positive feedback for his presentation.

Thanks for all you do.

#### **REACT, Barb Klawiter:**

No report.

#### **Red Cross, Joan Schaffer:**

The Volunteer Iowa convention was held in Des Moines last month.

The new 2008 training sessions are now scheduled. New training calendars are available.

Blood drives are now scheduled Monday and Saturday morning. Blood donations are near normal, but still short during the winter. Thirty-eight percent of population is eligible to donate blood, but only eight percent do so.

Ann Gerds was named a *Nine Who Care* winner from the Red Cross.

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### **RSVP, Barbara Hoffman:**

Hours reported for 2006 totaled 27,517 excluding *Festival of Trees* activities, 29850 hours total. Hours reported for 2007, during which *Festival of Trees* was not held, were 28,819. This represents an increase of 1302 hours for equivalent activities.

### **Sixth Judicial District, Heidi Soethout:**

No report.

### **WRAP, Angela Berns:**

No report.

### **St. Luke's Hospital, Denise Walker:**

(incomplete) ten events with 2000 participants

### **United Way, Mary Klinger:**

No report.

### **Rockwell Collins, Jenny Becker:**

Thank you to everyone who helped with LEGO LEAGUE in December. Hundreds of hours were contributed by RCRV. Forty-six teams participated, with 460 students involved.

Rockwell Collins is sponsoring tourneys in Melbourne FL, Portland OR, and Manhattan Beach CA.

Engineers' week is the third week of February. One event is scheduled on the 23rd at science station. Other activities take place throughout the week.

Cheri Kampman is back from maternity leave, working reduced hours.

Judges are still needed for the Future City competition on January 26th at prairie middle school.

Q/a: is a special 75th anniversary celebration planned? Nothing planned now.

Q/a: also noted that September 9, 2009, will be Arthur Collins' 100th birthday.

### **Old Business**

Protocol for handling the Rockwell charitable gift fund has not yet been formally proposed. Action by the executive committee is required.

### **New Business**

None.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:39 PM.

The next Board meeting is February 20, 2008 at the Red Cross building.

Submitted by Don Grimm, Secretary.