

RCRV Board of Directors Meeting

October 19, 2011

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1:30 Options of Linn County

Note:

PRESENT

RCRV board members: Terry Lamb, Keith Sutherland, Bill Ellis, Jim Green, Don Grimm, Jim Klein, Cliff Koop, Dick Lenth, John McDonough, Arlo Meyer, Jack Murphy, Jim Spencer, Rod Thorpe, Chuck Wehage, Mike Wilson

Community Service Agency members:

- Wayne Clayton- Options of Linn County
- Angie Ehle- WRAP
- Kathy Waychoff- College Community School District
- Heidi Soethout- Sixth Judicial District
- Barbara Hoffman- RSVP

Guest:

- Julie Forsythe- speaker- Midwest Intellectual Property Institute

CALL TO ORDER

President Terry Lamb determined a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm. 20 board members were present.

MINUTES

Don Grimm moved to accept the August 17, 2011 RCRV board minutes as posted on the RCRV website. John McDonough seconded. Motion: carried Minutes: adopted

PROGRAM

Julie Forsythe, Talent Pool Director for Midwest Intellectual Property Management Institute was our speaker. IP Institute is a new and innovative economic development initiative that focuses on patents and people. The initiative is unique in two ways- using market proven patents from major regional corporations along with world-class retired talent to grow existing businesses and start new ones. The IP Institute's service region encompasses 50 counties in northwest Illinois and northeast Iowa with the Quad Cities at the center. The IP Institute provides retirees the opportunity to help create new businesses, propel existing businesses to new heights and even work on special projects with some of the region's largest employers.

For more information, view their website www.MidwestPI.com or contact Julie directly JForsythe@midwestpl.com

Wayne Clayton, director of Options of Linn County and host for the meeting, gave a short description of the new building. After the meeting Wayne gave a most informative tour of the new facilities. Options occupies the entire first floor of the new Linn County Community Service building. There will be other non-profits, that were also affected by the flood, on the second floor. The new building cost \$14,000,000 and was funded primarily by FEMA and IJOBS.

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OLD BUSINESS

- Abilities in Action Conference and EXPO, October 5, 2011. 140 visited the shared booth of Options and RCRV with devices from Options and Grant Wood AEA on display.
- Volunteerpalooza at Rockwell Collins Sports Complex, September 15, 2011 RCRV and RSVP shared a booth focusing on those who might retire within the next five years.
- RCI Retirees Medical Insurance presentations- Joe Wells, James Wolfe, Don Grimm and Harlan Hanson were the presenters at eight sessions with attendance averaging 250 per session.

NEW BUSINESS

- An ad hoc Nominating committee will be appointed by the President, Terry Lamb. According to the by-laws, the membership director will be the chairman. Location of the annual meeting, to be held on Wednesday, November 16, at the Red Cross building.
- It was moved by Keith Sutherland that the *RCRV board formally endorse participation in IP Institute and actively support IPI's efforts to communicate with Rockwell Collins Retirees but not provide the RCRV mailing list.* Jim Spencer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PARTNER AGENCY REPORTS-

1 . Wayne Clayton- Options of Linn County

On Oct 5 Options shared a display table with RCRV at the annual Abilities in Action Conference/Assistive Tech Expo. We demonstrated RCRV assistive devices and shared information with over 140 attendees. We appreciate the contributions of Terry Lamb (RCRV) and Ann Griffin (Grant Wood AEA) as well as all the members of RCRV who created the assistive tech items.

2. Angie Ehle- WRAP

- There are 10 ramps in queue with five having designers.
- There is a ramp build on Thursday, October 20.
- Since the beginning of WRAP, there have been 100 operations which includes both builds and take downs.

3. Kathy Waychoff- College Community School District

- There are 1400 registered volunteers at College Community schools for this school year.
- Volunteers will be participating in America Reads on Friday, October 21.
- Kiwanis Key Club has started with 56 new members.
- Junior interviews are taking place. All juniors are required to experience a professional interview.
- Lunch buddies for grades 1-4 at Crest Elementary is starting. Receive a free lunch and be a "buddy."

4. Heidi Soethout- Sixth Judicial District

Heidi is involved in special projects and reported that Americorp and VISTA are both growing and are strong programs in this area.

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5. Barbara Hoffman- RSVP

- RSVP welcomed 4 new volunteers plus 2 more expressed interest in becoming RSVP volunteers
- Stats
 - 401/498 or 81% volunteers reporting
 - 50,801 hours
 - Total new volunteers- 54- 33 RSVP & 21 RCRV
- RSVP (including RCRV members) 120 received Presidential Service Awards –
 - Bronze level-53 members
 - Silver level- 51 members
 - Gold level-10 members
 - Life time achievement-6 members
- RSVP Annual Volunteer Celebration
 - 160 attended the RSVP annual volunteer celebration (the largest number for the last 5 years) A delicious breakfast was prepared by Dostal's Catering; service project was a food drive for the Veterans Affairs Food Pantry, in addition to bags of food \$240 was raised for the food pantry. Mike Chapman, publisher of Iowa History Journal, presented a most entertaining and passionate talk on lowans of Impact.

RCRV COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Community Projects- John McDonough

- RCRV /REACT Appreciation Event was held in August at the Lowes Center in Marion. We had good attendance.
- The RSVP Appreciation Event was held recently at the Electrical Workers Local 405 facility on Wylie Blvd NW. We had over 160 volunteers and guests at this event. Many of the volunteers at this event were RCRV members.
- We just completed a series of seminars with RCRV membership where we had standing room only at each of the briefings. We estimated the attendance at about 1800 retirees and their care givers. Joe Wells, James Wolfe, Don Grimm and Harlan Hanson were the presenters. Each did an excellent job in presenting the information to the retirees. After the formal presentation, we had several RCRV SHIP Counselors in the room to answer detailed questions. Terry invited all attendees to join RCRV. We did get a few to sign up. I have reserved 4 days next year on Oct 8, 9, 11 & 12th for RCRV continuing with the presentations. Feedback that I received from many of the attendees was that they wanted us to continue these into the future.
- Attendance at the company museum has picked up. Mike Wilson, Arlo Meyer and Rod Blocksome have been manning the museum one day a week for the past months.
- Yesterday, October 18, another Honor Flight to Washington DC for WWII veterans was completed. Comments again were very favourable.
- Joe Wells built a model ramp that the WRAP program uses at exhibitions, and various other places to inform the public that this program does exist in the locale

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and we do need volunteers to proceed with this activity. We continue to need designers and builders for ramps for the WRAP program. We will train!

- We continue to support many non-profit agencies in the area.
- If you can dream it, we can do it. [Http://www.rcrv.org](http://www.rcrv.org).

Data Base Committee Report- Jim Klein

- Updated the database for the new retiree list for Rockwell Collins for the months of June, July and August 2011.
- The mailing label list for the RCRV Insurance Postcard was made and sent to Rockwell Collins. This list only contained the names from the local area and surrounding counties.
- The new retiree list was sent to RSVP so a welcome letter can be sent to these people.
- Database was updated for:
 - Obituaries from Wilma Shadle
 - Miscellaneous updates from phone and email messages
 - New retirees list

Recruiting/Retention - Barbara Hoffman

- RCRV welcomed 4 new members
 - Don Eiben- Jones County
 - Pat Hall- St. Luke's
 - Keith Romstad- WRAP
 - Terry Schmitt- WRAP
- Interest in RCRV- information sent
 - Mary Ryan (Terry Lamb contact)
 - Philip Vater (newsletter, out of town)
- Total stats
 - 186/225 or 83% volunteers reporting
 - 28,386 hours value (\$21.26) \$603,486
 - Total new members for 2011 21 members
- RCRV members receiving Presidential Service Awards- recognition for hours donated from July 1,2006- June 30, 2011 68/120 awards 57% of the awards went to RCRV members
 - **Bronze level**- 900 –1,499 hours; 27 RCRV members
Gerry Bair, Steve Baker, Duane Brammer, Leonard Dahms, Lowell Dibble, Dale Eichenberger, Harlan Hanson, Mel Holubar, Bill Huebener, Harriet Johnson, Darrell Killham, Jim Klein, Pat Kress, Terry Lamb, Rick Martin, Marge McChristy, Joe McGrane, Linda Mellody, Arlo Meyer, Dixie Minnaert, Jack Murphy, Helen Potthoff, Dick Ramsey, James Whittaker, Esther Wilson, Norman Wright, Claudia Young
 - **Silver level** -1,500-2,999 hours; 28 RCRV members
Sharon Carpenter, Bob Clark, Bill Ellis, Don Grimm, Marge Grimm, Clarice Hinds, Frank Hinds, Ed Holstrom, Carolyn Holubar, Vern Jackson, Pete Jurgens, Sharley Laetare, John Leeson, Dick Lenth, Richard

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- **Gold level**-3,000- 3,999 hours; 9 RCRV members
George Cobby, Nancy Koop, Charlie Kress, Bunnies Tomes, Joe Wells, Ron Weuve, Don Wickenkamp, Mike Wilson, Marian Zupke
- **Lifetime Achievement**-4,000 + hours
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Communications- Jim Green

Jim is working on the next issue of "The Volunteer"

ADJOURNMENT

Terry Lamb adjourned the meeting at 2:55

Please note: The November 16th meeting is the **annual RCRV board meeting** to be held at 1:30 at the Red Cross building.

The next regular board meeting will be January 18, 2012 at 1:30 Red Cross Building.

Submitted by Barbara Hoffman, secretary