

# RCRV BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 16, 2013, 1:30 PM

American Red Cross

Attendance: (**BOLD** indicates presence)

RCRV board members: T. Lamb, **D. Knuth**, **C. Wehage**, **J. McDonough**, **J. Green**, **J. Klein**, T. Brennom, B. Clark, B. Ellis, D. Grimm, E. Holstrom, **V. Jackson**, C. Koop, **D. Lenth**, **A. Meyer**, J. Murphy, K. Nelson, **B. Ocken**, F. Spading, J. Spencer, K. Sutherland, R. Thorpe, J. Vacherlon, J. Wauer, J. Wells, **M. Wilson**, J. Wirth

Community Service Agency Members:

<b>Myrt Bowers</b>	Aging Services
Kathy Waychoff	College Community Schools
Meghan Schneekloth	Four Oaks Bridge
Ann Griffin	Grant Wood AEA
<b>Tracey Robertson</b>	Heritage Agency on Aging
<b>Jessica Link</b>	Cedar Rapids Public Library
<b>Wayne Clayton</b>	Options of Linn County
Barb Klawiter	REACT Center
Melissa Hall	Red Cross
<b>Kayla Paulson</b>	RSVP (also RCRV Membership Chair)
TBD	Salvation Army
Heidi Soethout	Sixth Judicial District
Jessie Diesing	SPANDA
Hilery Livengood	United Way
<b>Angie Ehle</b>	WRAP

Rockwell Collins: **Melanie Richert**, Senior Community Relations Specialist

## CALL TO ORDER

Dave Knuth presided, determined a quorum was present, and called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. 16 board members were present.

## MINUTES:

Jim Green moved, and John McDonough seconded the motion, to approve the draft minutes of the September meeting. Motion Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PRESENTATION: Charmaine Wickwire of the Benton County Volunteer Program presented a PowerPoint describing the program. The website is [BentonCountyVolunteers-IA.com](http://BentonCountyVolunteers-IA.com)

The program seeks to provide medical transportation assistance, SHARE Iowa food distribution and human outreach services to seniors and those with special needs in their county. The program operates on a shoestring budget, with five

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part time employees that together work 54 hours per week between Vinton and Belle Plaine. The county supports them as well as the cities in the county, United Way, and other sources (including Rockwell Collins through the last RCRV grant cycle).

OLD BUSINESS: - None

NEW BUSINESS: - None

ROCKWELL COLLINS REPORT: - Melanie Richert

Volunteers are needed to judge a First Tech Challenge event on November 16 from 7 AM til 6 PM.

A meeting is set with Human Resources VP Martha May on November 15, noon to 1. Dave Knuth, Terry Lamb and Jim Green will represent RCRV.

Ms. May's husband is retired and looking to join us.

PARTNER AGENCY REPORTS:

**Options of Linn County- Wayne Clayton:**

On Oct 2 Options shared a display table with RCRV at the annual Abilities in Action conference at KTOS. There, we displayed assistive tech creations by RCRV and shared information with 150 people associated with the disability services field, both locally and throughout the Midwest.

**WRAP: - Angie Ehle**

An aluminum ramp was installed today, bringing the year's total to 36 jobs (39 is the record for a full year); five builds are in queue; Angie's working with Geonetric for more volunteers.

**RSVP Agency Report – Kayla Paulson:**

Finalizing the list of Volunteer Opportunities for the Veterans in Volunteerism Feature. Really making some great contacts and getting to learn about new opportunities.

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## OPPORTUNITIES

Tax Preparers and Greeters needed.

Large need for tutors, readers, and mentors with elementary students throughout Linn County. Please let me know if you would be interested in learning more about these volunteer opportunities.

Office Assistant opportunities available at multiple agencies.

Transportation Drivers needed.

### **Heritage Agency on Aging: - Tracey Robertson**

All I had is that The Heritage Area Agency on Aging is no longer in need of Money Management Program Volunteers. Two RCRV members have kindly offered their time and is greatly appreciated!

On Wednesday, November 6 from 8:30am-2pm at the Kirkwood Training and Outreach Center - Caregiver Wellness Day, featuring a variety of uplifting speakers, continental breakfast and lunch buffet, door prizes, and an opportunity to visit sponsor booths. This is a FREE event. To register, call 398-5559 or email [Lejla.ford@kirkwood.edu](mailto:Lejla.ford@kirkwood.edu)<mailto:Lejla.ford@kirkwood.edu>.

A meeting is planned in Ames about Uniform Power of Attorney and a further subject of exploitation.

Tracey will be in Des Moines on November 15 for a conference.

### **Cedar Rapids Public Library – Jessica Link**

The Cedar Rapids Public Library had its downtown grand opening on August 24. The opening weekend, we had over 10,700 people visit the new library and check out over 11,000 materials. Volunteer tour guides hosted tours of the new facility to over 750 community members.

Since our opening, the library has been a busy place! The new library houses over 225,000 materials; in the first two weeks, customers checked out over 116,000 materials. In the month of September, over 4,500 customers attended meetings in the library's civic space. The new meeting room spaces are a tremendous resource for the community and are being booked with great regularity for events, including weddings on the library's green roof.

In the six months since the start of the library's volunteer program, we have

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grown to over 65 volunteers. We recently added two volunteers to assist with the clerical aspects of the volunteer program, including RCRV's own Dick Lenth. We continue to look for volunteers to help expand the library's operational capacity.

This month we are also putting out the call for volunteers for the Friends of the Library's annual book sale. For more information, see below:

The Friends of the Cedar Rapids Public Library are recruiting volunteers to help with their annual fall book sale. The sale is November 1-3 at the new downtown library. They are looking for volunteer assistance starting with set up on Thursday, October 31, through the sale's close on Sunday, November 3. Volunteer opportunities include setting up books, breaking down boxes, ticket taker, carry out assistance, book straightener, book tallying, etc. For a complete list of volunteer opportunities and/or to register to volunteer, go here:<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4DADAA22A57-2013>. Questions? Call Nancy Kodros at 396-1592.

## **Aging Services – Myrt Bowers**

Dave Knuth continues teaching classes about iPad at ASI. The classes are always full, and have served 176 seniors so far.

More Witwer volunteers need to be tied into RSVP as a more efficient means to collect volunteer hours

Classes are ongoing at Keystone Place, with subjects such as nutrition, vitamin D awareness.

There will be a free box lunch at PCI with a presentation on foods versus the inflammatory process.

## **RCRV COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:**

Community Projects: - John McDonough

- Insurance Seminars were held this past week at the Kirkwood Training and Outreach Service Center in Marion on Oct 7,8,and 9<sup>th</sup> at 9, 12:30 and 3 each day. We had just under 2100 attendees at the seminars, most attendees todate. We had Rockwell Collins Support, Adele Lerma and from Extend Health, Dwight Turner at many of our seminars. Their help was greatly appreciated. I have already made reservations for next year if we decide to do this again next year.
- We built several ramps this past period.

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- Medicare open enrollment started yesterday and is open until December 7, 2013.
- Jim Vacherlon has taken shirt orders for RCRV. He will be going south shortly so he will not take any more orders at this time.
- Rod Blocksome was involved in a 10 minute documentary of Art Collins and associates. 15 people were interviewed over a 4 day span for the 10 minute film.
- Honor Flight to DC went as scheduled this morning even with the government shutdown.
- Disaster Preparedness training by UWECI occurred this past period. A couple of RCRV members attended the classes.
- We continue to support lots of nonprofit agencies this past period even though I did not report on them.

If you can dream it, we can do it.

Data Base: – Jim Klein and Bill Ellis

- Database was updated for the obituaries from Wilma Shadle, phone messages, emails and for those who have requested the eNewsletter.
- Database was updated for the returned June "Insurance Post Cards.
- Prepared the mailing list for the October newsletter. There are 3983 labels for the general mailing and 170 for those to be sent by email by RSVP.

Communications: - Jim Green

Newsletter for October is three-fourths done, and will go to the print shop tomorrow. This issue will announce the Annual Meeting in November.

MEMBERSHIP and RETENTION - Kayla Paulson (via email):

6 new members joined following the recent mailing.

September 2013 Stats

- 228 current volunteers
- 2 new this month
- 0 inactivated volunteer restarted
- 0 inactive volunteers terminated/removed

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- 44 members have reported hours for last month
- 1430.30 hours

Year-to-date Stats for 2013 (pulled as of today)

- 232 volunteers as of today
- 16 new in 2013
- 1 inactivated volunteer restarted
- 7 inactive volunteers terminated/removed
- 145 members have reported hours in 2013
- 22,091.81 hours reported in 2013

## ADJOURNMENT:

John McDonough moved, and Jim Green seconded a motion to adjourn. President McDonough adjourned the meeting at 2:42. The next board meeting will be November 20 at 1:30 at American Red Cross.

Submitted by: C. Wehage