

# RCRV BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 17, 2014, 1:30 PM

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**Attendance:** (BOLD indicates presence)

**RCRV Board Members:**

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

**Community Service Agency Members:**

Kathy Horan	Aging Services
<b>Kathy Waychoff</b>	<b>College Community Schools</b>
Meghan Schneekloth	Four Oaks Bridge
Ann Griffin	Grant Wood AEA
<b>Tracey Robertson</b>	<b>Heritage Agency on Aging</b>
Jessica Link	Cedar Rapids Public Library
<b>Wayne Clayton</b>	<b>Options of Linn County</b>
Barb Klawiter	REACT Center
<b>Shana Beal</b>	<b>Red Cross</b>
<b>Laura Nass</b>	<b>Horizons</b>
<b>Kayla Paulson</b>	<b>RSVP (also RCRV Membership Chair)</b>
<b>Kristen Weaverling</b>	<b>Salvation Army</b>
Heidi Soethout	Sixth Judicial District
<b>Carole Dzingle</b>	<b>United Way</b>
Hilery Livengood	United Way
<b>Angie Ehle</b>	<b>WRAP</b>
<b>Karla Terry</b>	<b>Linn Mar Schools</b>

**Rockwell Collins:**

<b>Melanie Richert</b>	<b>Senior Community Relations Specialist</b>
Adrianna D'Onofrio	Community Relations

**Non-affiliated:**

<b>Vic Klopfenstein</b>	<b>Non-affiliated</b>
<b>Pat Klopfenstein</b>	<b>Non-affiliated</b>

**CALL TO ORDER**

Terry Lamb presided, determined a quorum was present, and called the meeting to order at 1:31 PM. There are 22 board and agency members present; 24 attendees total.

**MINUTES:**

Approval of the minutes from the August board meeting was moved and seconded. Motion carried. June meeting minutes that were approved in August contingent on correcting site upload issue were approved with typo corrections.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

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**PRESENTATION:** Vic and Pat Klopfenstein gave a presentation about the Friendship Force organization. Vic is a former mayor of Marion and local veterinarian.

Vic stated: The Klopfenstein's joined the Friendship Force in 1998. The mission of the Friendship Force is to promote global understanding across barriers that separate people...changing the way we see the world. Their tagline is: Explore, Understand, and Serve. They have 377 clubs across the world, 4 clubs in Iowa, and 1 in Cedar Rapids. They are in over 60 countries on 6 continents, with over 18,000 members in 2012. There are approximately 90 to 110 members in the Cedar Rapids club. The club has 4 to 6 meetings per year where speakers typically cover cultural events in other areas.

Pat talked about the current local club activities with a club from Costa Rica visiting Iowa. Pat discussed the many places visited in the local Iowa area showcasing our cultural and native events and sights.

Vic and Pat showed slides and described a trip the club made to Cost Rica recently.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The January meeting will be held at the Cedar Rapids library. Horizons is interested in hosting a meeting in future as is Heritage.

## **PARTNER AGENCY REPORTS:**

**Salvation Army:** Kristin Weaverling reported the SA has a long list of positions open. Kristin agreed to provide John McDonough the information.

- For their Trunk or Treat event they need volunteers at the end of October. It is a community integration event.
- Bell ringing during the holiday season requires many volunteers.
- The Toys for Tots program needs volunteers to help with registration starting in October for 3 weeks.
- Need help with toy distribution
- Need help with food box distribution
- They are doing a food drive at Hy Vee and need volunteers to encourage people to make a purchase for the drive and help selecting items.

**WRAP:** Angela Ehle reported as of September 17<sup>th</sup>, WRAP has 36 completed projects year to date. Here is YTD information:

- 20 wood ramp builds,
- 9 wood ramp removals,
- 3 aluminum ramp installs
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- 1 ramp repair

There are currently 12 jobs in queue.

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A question was raised about how many total jobs WRAP has completed since the beginning. Angie will do some research, and plans to have some initial findings at the next RCRV Board Meeting in October.

**RSVP Agency Report:** Kayla Paulson

## Stats for August 2014

- 179 active volunteers
- 1 new volunteer
- 0 inactivated volunteer restarted
- 39 members have reported hours
- 1168.8 hours

## Stats for Year to Date 2014

- 179 active volunteers
- 3 new volunteers
- 57 inactive volunteers terminated/removed
- 150 members have reported hours
- 18334 hours

There has been a significant decrease in hours turned in. This does not mean there has been a decrease in hours given. The membership rate has also been decreasing over the last couple of years.

**College Community Schools:** Kathy Waychoff expressed a HUGE thank you to RCRV for constructing the Greenhouse at Prairie Point Middle School. The operation of the facility will involve all of the 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> grade students and provide real life learning opportunities to our students.

America Reads will be observed at all five elementary buildings and their intermediate school on Friday, October 17. They welcome everyone to come and share your favorite book. Email Kathy at [kwaychoff@prairiepride.org](mailto:kwaychoff@prairiepride.org) and she will find you a classroom to read in.

They are looking for adult volunteers who enjoy chess to supervise a chess club at two of their elementary schools. They can work with volunteers to find two days per week that fit your schedule. Available days include Monday through Thursday mornings from 8:00 - 8:45 and/or Tuesday through Wednesday after school from 3:45 - 4:45.

They are always looking for people who can read with kids through mentoring programs or lunch buddy programs.

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## **Horizons Report:** Laura Nass:

- Laura provided a volunteer job description for the IT work needed in Support for Horizons.
- They have the Turkey Trot Race coming up on Saturday, November 15 in Marion. Sign-up to volunteer is at <http://www.TROTTT.com>. Proceeds go to Horizon's programs.
- Summer Meals: Horizons served 18,000 meals to children this year through the Summer Meals program.
- Horizons is having their first Lunch and Learn event on November 4. It is free and open to the public. Details may be found here: <http://www.horizonsfamily.org/Events/20141106/267/Taste-of-Horizons-Lunch-and-Learn.aspx>
- They received a grant from the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation to clear trees on lots and start build of houses.

**Options of Linn County:** Wayne Clayton reported their next upcoming event will be the Abilities in Action Conference/Tech expo Oct 1 at KTOS. Options will work with RCRV at their display table showing assistive devices created by RCRV.

**Heritage Agency on Aging:** Tracy Robertson reported Heritage has received a grant from the Iowa Dept. on Aging to expand their elder abuse program throughout all 7 counties served in the Heritage region.

A free forum is coming up: "Aging & Disability Issues Facing Iowa" – Thursday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-4:30pm at KTOS.

Caregiver Wellness Day is planned for Wednesday, Nov. 12 from 9:00am - 3:00pm at KTOS. The event is free for any caregiver, including breakfast and lunch, inspirational speakers, and many door prizes. Registration starts at 8:30am. To register, contact [Lejla.ford@kirkwood.edu](mailto:Lejla.ford@kirkwood.edu).

**Linn Mar Schools:** Karla Terry reported that exciting things are happening in the 7<sup>th</sup> grades. Curriculum Director, Bob Reed, is pushing STEM activities. They are still using the CO<sub>2</sub> car for design, but designing using a new tool. The new tool, Autodesk Inventor, allows changing car designs quickly in real time.

Karla showed a couple of samples of 3D printed plastic items. They are looking at how students can engage in and use the printer in the design activity. They hope to purchase a 3D printer for students to use. Grant money from RCRV will support 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade unit concerning automation and robotics.

First Lego League is also having a program out at Linn Mar much like the one at College Community. They have so much demand and so many teams for Lego League that Linn Mar can't get into College Community's competition. So, both plan to host an event. It is for a First Lego League regional qualification. The date is yet to be determined...possibly late November.

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**Red Cross:** Shana Beal reported the Red Cross has needs for volunteers to assist with local disasters such as house fires and for local disasters recognized as state and/or national disasters such as the recent floods in Cedar Rapids. The Red Cross trains local volunteers to respond to those events.

The Red Cross is sponsoring a Large Disaster Institute October 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> and will be a good opportunity for people to get trained locally.

They are also looking for volunteers to go through CPR and First Aid training.

**United Way:** Carole Dzingle reported United Way is celebrating their 100th anniversary. The UW goal this year is \$11 Million dollars.

They have 6 Leadership societies:

- Alexis De Tocqueville Society - \$10,000-\$25,000
- T. M Sinclair society - \$1,250-\$9,999
- William Quarton Society - \$500-\$1,249
- Women's Leadership Initiative - \$500.00+
- Labor Leadership Giving society - \$350.00+
- Young Leaders society \$250.00+

Their campaign is focusing on the Leaderships and asking people to step up to the next level if possible to help meet the goal.

They have a Challenge grant of \$550,000 to match dollar for dollar each new dollar raised from corporate event raising dollars and individual donors. They want to use each and every dollar of the grant.

This year's summer meals program at the 20 sites showed a 35% increase in the number of children that received food during this summer. They are excited and thankful for all the volunteers and the companies that adopted one site to be at every day. It was a huge success and they hope to increase it again next year.

## **RCRV COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:**

**Data Base:** Jim Klein reported he missed the August Board Meeting because he was on a bike tour biking from Burlington, VT to Quebec City, Quebec.

- The database was updated for:
  - Obituaries – Jim Green's wife is now providing them
  - New retiree list
  - Returned newsletters
  - Requests via RCRV email and voice mail
- Mailing lists were made for the Insurance meeting notice postcard

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- Mailing lists were made for the September 2014 RCRV newsletter
  - 4027 to be mailed
  - 230 to be sent by email
  - 18 internal Rockwell Collins addresses
- Sent new retiree list to Kayla
- The returned insurance meeting postcards have not been processed yet

## **Community Projects:** John McDonough reported:

To The Rescue leaders, Mary Miller and Wendy Beatie, visited with them concerning one of their clients needing mentoring on suggested computer activities. They suggested they speak with Barb Klawiter of the REACT Center to get their client connected with her.

22 ramps are in queue as of last Thursday with 35 completions so far this year.

Basic Emergency Volunteer Center training by Sue Driscoll and the Linn Area Partners Active in Disaster for basic Emergency Volunteer Center training is scheduled for 9/22/14 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor conference room of the Volunteer Center at 317 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE. Call Sue at the UWECI to sign up or read my recent minutes which provided an online site to sign up on.

Received a Kids on Course request from Beth Malicki for Lego League. They need Lego League leaders for two elementary schools.

Abilities in Motion will be held on 10/1/14 with us assisting again this year. Dave Knuth will be assisting.

The St. Luke's SHIP office needs two people to assist during the open enrollment from 10/15/14 thru 12/7/14 with answering the phone, and making appointments for the 14 counselors on duty during that time frame. Please contact Kayla or Angela if you would like to do this.

The insurance seminars will be held on October 6, 7, and 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00, 12:30 and 3:00 each day at the Kirkwood Training and Outreach Service Center in Marion (across from Carlos O'Kelly's restaurant). Jim Green, Claudia Young and Barb Klawiter will handle the seminars on October 6 as the rest of the SHIP counselors will be in Coralville for the Fall Update. James Wolfe, Harlan Hanson and Don Grimm will handle the seminars on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. As of Sat, we had 800 folks signed up with a 33 - 67 split between online and phone reservations. See you at the seminars.

If you can dream it, we can do it.

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**RCI:** Melanie Richert reported next Tuesday is the Eastern Iowa Honor Flight. Rockwell Collins is a sponsor and has several Rockwell Collins employees going as guardians.

According to last month's minutes there are more than 80 veterans going on the flight.

**Communications/Newsletter:** Jim Green reported he worked with John McDonough and the Rockwell Collins print shop to publish and mail out 4500 postcards announcing the SHIIP/RCRV briefings on 2015 health insurance. He also worked with Kayla Paulson to send out emails on the same subject to those who receive our newsletter via email.

The September issue of the Volunteer newsletter has been edited and published. Waiting for envelopes to be addressed and stuffed. Jim hopes to have the newsletter in the mail before the end of the month.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

President Lamb adjourned the meeting at 2:42. The next board meeting will be 1:30 PM October 15<sup>th</sup>, location Red Cross offices.

Submitted by: R. Pierce