

THE VOLUNTEER

A NEWSLETTER FOR RCRV MEMBERS

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Rockwell Collins Retiree Volunteers

If you can dream it,
we can do it.

Mission

Rockwell Collins retirees connecting to identify and support volunteer needs in our community and beyond, while enriching the lives of the volunteers.

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Community Projects Team meetings

RCRV conducts informational meetings at the RCRV office in the REACT Center at 927 N. Compton Dr. in Hiawatha. These meetings are held at 10 AM on the third Wednesday of each month. New retirees and others interested in learning more about RCRV and the volunteer opportunities we offer are encouraged to attend.

The Community Projects Team meets every Thursday at 10:00 in our office in the REACT Center where we discuss future and current projects. Service agency representatives submit new project requests on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. You are always welcome at any of the meetings.♦

Jane Boyd Community House

The Jane Boyd Community House is one of many client agencies affiliated with RCRV. It was founded in 1908 by Jane Boyd, a Cedar Rapids social worker and began its existence in a converted residence located on 10th Street Southeast. Her vision was to provide the youth of Cedar Rapids an opportunity to enhance their development and learning skills. As the organization approaches its one hundredth anniversary it continues to

fulfill her vision with a mission to provide Cedar Rapids youth and families with youth development, family support and educational programs in a culturally inclusive environment.

Jane Boyd currently serves over 200 children a day with fifteen full time staff at its facility on 14th Avenue Southeast. Ages range from pre-school through high school with a major emphasis on enhancing academic skills. A very comprehensive recreation program is also available as part of the after school activities.

Cedar Rapids native Karl Cassell is the director of the agency and he was recently elected to the board of RCRV. If you are interested in a very satisfying volunteer opportunity Karl and his staff would welcome any time you can give to assist in mentoring or tutoring. Call them at 366-0431. ♦



Karl Cassell Jane Boyd Community House Director



Middle School children shown at their after school enrichment class at Jane Boyd Community House

Griffin Named National Adapted Physical Education Teacher of the Year

Ann Griffin, Grant Wood Area Education Agency adapted physical education consultant and a board member of RCRV has been named Adapted Physical Education Teacher of the Year by the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD). This is the organization's highest national honor.



Ann Griffin

Ann was named APE teacher of the year for Iowa in November, 2004 and then in December, 2004 she was selected as the nine state Central District teacher of the year for AAHPERD and finally the national award

was announced on February 14, 2005. The national award will be presented during the national AAHPERD convention scheduled for April 12-16 in Chicago.

Congratulations Ann for this recognition of your significant contributions and enthusiasm for adapted physical education. ♦

SHIIP News and Information

The Senior Health Insurance Information Program has provided the following ten things you need to know about Medicare and insurance claims.

1. All Medicare providers are required to file claims with Medicare for you.
2. Some Medicare providers accept "assignment". That means they will accept the amount Medicare "approves" as full payment. You, or your insurance, pay for the deductibles or coinsurance amounts. Ask your provider if they accept assignment. If not you will be required to pay for the excess charges up to 15% greater than the Medicare approved amount. Providers (except for medical equipment suppliers) can't charge more than 15% above the Medicare approved amount.
3. Medicare sends payments directly to providers who accept assignment. You get a statement once a month with a summary of your claims.
4. When a claim is not assigned, then Medicare sends a payment to you and you must pay the provider.
5. Do not pay your provider when you receive your Medicare statement which clearly states that "This is not a bill". Wait until all paperwork has cleared and you receive a bill from your provider before writing the check.
6. Some insurance companies have a "crossover" contract with Medicare. This means that Medicare will send claims information to your carrier. Without crossover you must file the claims using the forms that your carrier uses.
7. You will have to pay deductibles, coinsurance amounts and any excess charges plus any charges not covered by Medicare or your insurance carrier.
8. If your Medicare claim is denied you have the right to appeal. First make sure that your claim was properly filed via your provider. If you need assistance in writing the appeal please contact the RCRV office.
9. Medicare supplement insurance policies will not pay if Medicare does not approve the charges. Some supplemental carriers do offer excess benefits not covered by Medicare.
10. Keep copies of all forms for you records.

SHIIP has developed a claims envelope to help organize your Medicare and insurance statements. To receive one or to request assistance in understanding and organizing your claims contact the RCRV office at 319-393-9637 and leave a message if not answered. All SHIIP inquiries are confidential. ♦

Horizons Magazine

Horizons is published bimonthly by Rockwell Collins Enterprise Communications for employees, retirees, shareowners and customers. The magazine seeks to inform, inspire and entertain



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readers with coverage of major company events, initiatives, successes and challenges. If you are not receiving the publication and wish to do so contact Jill Kleppe at 319-295-4998 to be put on distribution or you can read it on-line at www.rockwellcollins.com and then click on News.

The May/June issue of the publication is expected to contain a very interesting and informative article about the history, activities and accomplishments of RCRV. ♦

Why Affiliate Volunteer Activities Through RCRV?

Many Rockwell Collins retirees participate and make significant contributions in volunteer activities throughout the community but do not affiliate these endeavors through RCRV. If you are an active volunteer but not affiliated with RCRV, please consider volunteering through RCRV for the following reason:

- RCRV affiliation will give you an opportunity to diversify your volunteer activities through the broad variety of efforts that RCRV supports
- RCRV affiliation will make available a broad range of group capabilities and synergism that may enhance your volunteer activities and project success.
- RCRV affiliation will make available an existing infrastructure that can compliment your existing activities or help contribute to their success.
- RCRV affiliation will provide for significant camaraderie with former fellow employees and/or people with similar interests and goals.
- RCRV volunteers are automatically enrolled in the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) which provides supplemental insurance while performing volunteer duties. This insurance includes excess accident medical coverage, excess volunteer liability insurance and excess automobile liability insurance.
- RCRV affiliation provides greater opportunities for recognition and validation of your volunteer endeavors.

Please consider becoming an active member of RCRV and channeling your volunteer activities through this growing and vibrant organization. Sign up today by calling RCRV at 393-9637 or by attending one of the orientation meetings held at our office at the REACT Center, 927 N. Compton Dr., Hiawatha on the third Wednesday of each month at 10 AM . ♦

Iowa Compass

Iowa COMPASS is a project of the Center for Disabilities and Development, University of Iowa's Center for Excellence on Disabilities. The mission of COMPASS is to assist Iowans with disabilities in finding resources, services and information on a vast array of subjects ranging from home design, assistive technology, legal and financial assistance, health care and many others. More information may be obtained by calling the organization at 1-800-779-2001 or visit their web site at www.medicine.uiowa.edu/iowacompass . ♦

Collins Retirees Potluck Meetings

The Collins Retirees Potluck group meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month at the United Methodist Church located at 302 33rd St. N.E. at noon for a potluck lunch and program. Upcoming programs are:
April - Cedar Rapids Gazette staff member
May - Health Insurance Presentation
June- open ♦

Identity Theft

Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes nationwide. Individual victims spend considerable time and money cleaning up the mess left by these unscrupulous thieves and businesses are losing millions of dollars to these crimes yearly.

The Identity Theft Resource Center is a nonprofit program dedicated exclusively to identity theft. It provides consumer

and victim support and advises governmental agencies, legislators and companies about this evolving and growing crime. Their website - www.idtheftcenter.org - provides an excellent source of information on prevention, victim resources, scam and consumer alerts and much more. ♦



RCRV member Faye Spading is shown assisting in the fine art of crystal radio set construction at the History Center on February 19.

Reach Out Report

Rockwell Collins recently created a new contract position that is focused on raising awareness of United Way within the company throughout the year. Kay Fisk a Rockwell Collins retiree has been hired to fill this new role.

Kay has been an on-site United Way Loaned Executive for Rockwell Collins for the past two years. In her new year-around role Kay will be providing education and awareness of United Way, promoting employee involvement, organizing the planning for the fund raising campaign and coordinating agency tours for employees.

As part of the awareness campaign Kay will be publishing a newsletter for employees the first Wednesday of each month. The newsletter is entitled **The Reachout Report** and a copy of the first edition is included herewith for your review. ♦



RCRV members are shown demonstrating some of their adapted physical education assistive devices at the Science Station on February 26 as part of Engineers Week.

Member Profile

John Wauer

John Wauer has been volunteering in many ways since he retired from Rockwell Collins. The largest of his efforts has been the K-12 Program. He is now the Rockwell K-12 liaison to Pierce Elementary School, and he mentors the Lego League at other schools. He also teaches class sessions on rocketry, center-of-gravity, and kindergarten science.



John Wauer

John was one of the primary designers of trail counters built by RCRV for the Linn County Trails Association, and he installs and maintains those counters, and collects and collates the data they provide. He has also participated on many RCRV construction projects, including several wheelchair ramps, a science demonstration table for Pierce School, a Red Cross display module for the Safety Trailer, and 40 elastic bandage winders for sufferers of lymphodema. In addition, he has developed several small gadgets, such as paper folders and special button switches for agencies that support the disabled. John also manages the RCRV web site and publishes the RCRV newsletter.

When asked why he volunteers through RCRV, John says he likes the ability to get involved in a wide variety of short-term projects, instead of a single long-term commitment, and the camaraderie of the organization.

John was born and raised in Sioux City, Iowa. After high school, he spent several years as a professional student at Iowa State University, earning his BS, MS, and PhD degrees in Electrical Engineering. He then worked on Inertial Navigation Systems for Rockwell Autonetics in Anaheim, California for 14 years. In 1977, he and his family moved to Cedar Rapids, where John worked on Air Transport Flight Management Systems, Train Control and Energy Management Systems, and General Aviation Flight Management Systems, until his retirement in 1999.

John lives in Cedar Rapids with his wife, Mary. They have one son, one daughter, and five grandchildren. ♦

Trivia Quiz

1. What Collins Radio offshore subsidiary was founded fifty years ago?
2. What year was the new Rockwell Collins facility in Melbourne, Florida dedicated?
3. Collins Radio expanded to Richardson, Texas in 1951. Who was the first General Manager of the facility?
4. What electronics component company was acquired by Collins Radio in 1956?

Answers to January Quiz

1. 69% of Collins sales were to the U.S. Government in FY-1965
2. The total compensation paid to CEO Arthur Collins in 1971 was \$134K.
3. The mean radius of the Earth is 3963 miles.
4. TWA was the first airline to adopt the Collins V-Bar Flight Director. ♦