

# 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.

## Officers

Terry Lamb – Chairman  
Keith Sutherland – Vice  
Chairman  
Barbara Hoffman – Secretary  
Arlo Meyer - Treasurer

## Committee Chairs

John McDonough –  
Community Projects Team  
Barbara Hoffman & Cliff Koop –  
Recruiting / Retention  
Jim Green – Communications  
Chuck Wehage – Agency Liaison  
Jim Klein – Data Base

## Web Site

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## RCRV Meetings

### Community Projects Team

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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month. You are always welcome at any of the meetings.

### New Retirees Orientation

Informational meetings for new retirees or others interested in becoming active members of RCRV are held at 9 AM on the third Thursday of each month at the REACT Center (927 N. Compton Dr. in Hiawatha). Those of you interested in learning more about RCRV and the many volunteer opportunities we offer are encouraged to attend. ♦

## New RCRV Officers Elected

At the Annual Meeting of the RCRV Board of Directors, held on November 17, 2010, a new slate of officers was elected to serve during 2011. Terry Lamb is now the Chairman of RCRV, and Keith Sutherland is the Vice-Chairman. Terry is highlighted in a profile article elsewhere in this issue. Barbara Hoffman, Program Coordinator of RSVP of Linn and Jones Counties, continues to serve as the Secretary of RCRV, and Arlo Meyer continues in his role as Treasurer.

Two new committee chairs have begun their duties in 2011. Chuck Wehage is now the Agency Liaison between RCRV and our partner agencies. Jim Green is serving as the Communications chair and the editor of our newsletter, The Volunteer. Other committee chairs include John McDonough, Community Projects committee, Jim Klein, database committee, and Barbara Hoffman and Cliff Koop, recruiting/retention committee.

In addition to the officers and chairmen listed above, the RCRV Board of Directors includes sixteen representatives from various non-profit organizations, one representative from Rockwell Collins, and twenty retiree members of RCRV. The Board meets monthly to organize and plan the activities and opportunities for the benefit of our members and the agencies that we serve. ♦

## RCRV Impacts Multiple Facets of the Community

The many volunteers that make up RCRV have impacted almost every corner of the community. 2010 was another outstanding year, with more than 44,000 hours of volunteer service recorded. Based on Federal standards, RCRV's impact on the community is \$893,000! This is the second highest annual total since RCRV was organized.

RCRV members spread their talents across many different types of organizations during 2010. Analysis of  
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the data shows that the largest category of service was to general community services, such as wheelchair ramp construction, business mentoring, computer and clerical service, and time spent with cultural activities. The 44,100 hours are broken down as follows:

- General service 29%
- Elderly services 15%
- Education 10%
- Admin. & leadership 8%
- Health related 8%
- Assistive technology 3%
- Disaster recovery 2%
- Miscellaneous 24%

If you are volunteering, but are not reporting your activities through RCRV or RSVP, we encourage you to join the 194 Rockwell Collins retirees who reported their time in 2010. Thanks to all of them for a job well done! ♦

## RCRV Insurance Presentations to our Retirees

**By John McDonough**

During the week of November 8<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>, Jim Wolfe, Joe Wells, Don Grimm and I presented the 2011 Rockwell Collins insurance program to 700 Rockwell Collins retirees. We collected the information from Rockwell Collins executives the month prior to our presentations. They provided accurate information, as they have done in the past. I would like to thank them for all the info that they provided to us and for them answering our questions as we went along.

We put the information into a PowerPoint presentation which was approved by Rockwell Collins prior to

Jim, Joe and Don making the presentation to our retirees at 10 separate meetings at the Kirkwood Training and Outreach Service Center located at 3375 Armar Drive in Marion.

In spite of the late notification of the meetings in our newsletter, The Volunteer, we had very strong participation from our retirees, with a lot of good questions being asked. We fielded lots of questions which would have otherwise gone to Rockwell Collins officials.

RCRV plans to continue the insurance presentations again next year. We already have reservations at KTOS in place. Due to a change by Medicare, we will be doing this a month or so earlier next year. ♦

## RCRV Helps Judge School Contests

Over the past year, RCRV has helped judge many contests sponsored for school age children. Among the contests are FIRST LEGO League, FIRST Tech Challenge, Eastern Iowa Science and Engineering Fair, Iowa Science Olympiad, Invent Iowa, and Future Cities. Here are photos from two of the most recent contests:



Jim Green and Juergen Bruckner (background) judging Invention Convention for elementary school children



Mike Wilson judging Invention Convention for elementary school children



Future Cities Contest for middle school children. RCRV members Jim Green, Mike Wilson, Bob Ocken, John Wauer, Juergen Bruckner participated

## RCRV Charitable Grant Program

The 2011 RCRV Charitable Grant program will provide up to \$10,000 this summer to deserving organizations in the local community. Grants are awarded based on applications from non-profit or educational organizations nominated by active RCRV members. Watch the RCRV website beginning in March ([www.rcrv.org](http://www.rcrv.org)) for the invitation to submit applications. Every RCRV member is eligible to nominate a favorite agency or organization for a grant. No more than ten grants may be awarded in any year, so the program is competitive.

The process begins in February, when the Executive Committee decides on the theme of the 2011 program. The annual theme will determine what types of organizations will be eligible to apply for funding. You will recall that last year's theme was Literacy, while the 2009 theme was Assistance to the Elderly. Once the theme has been decided, then the application process and forms will be posted on the website.

An evaluation committee is appointed each year by the RCRV Chairman to read all of the applications for grants and to make a recommendation to the Board of Directors as to which applicants should receive funding. In 2010, the RCRV Charitable Grant program awarded funding to five organizations. Vision In Motion received \$2,400, the Salvation Army received \$2,000, Wright Elementary School was awarded \$1,600, Prairie Crest Elementary was awarded \$2,000, and Taylor Elementary School received \$2,000. RCRV is very grateful to Rockwell Collins, Inc. for its support of this grant program on behalf of its retirees. ♦

## RCRV Welcomes New Members

RCRV is very happy to welcome the following new members to our organization. We trust that they will find many worthwhile projects and volunteer opportunities through RCRV that will help make their retirement rewarding.

- Michael Barron
- Rod Blocksome
- Jim Burns
- Terry Carleton
- Susan Cunningham
- Jo Dillon
- Pat Frasher
- MaryAnn Frazer
- Dick Fredericks
- Jeanne Gritton
- Darlene Hartkemeyer
- Ellen Krause
- Jerry Logan
- Sharon Logan
- Penny Lowe
- Wanda Mayer
- James McLaughlin
- Donna Meeks
- Lorene Meyer
- Mike Mosely
- Michelle Mosely
- Sue Pearson
- Marvin Shenefelt
- Charles Stookesberry
- Jim Vacherlon
- Susan Verceka
- Sharon Wisted
- Richard Woods
- Francis Wulf



## Museum Seeking Artifacts and Histories

The Rockwell Collins Museum, located in building 120 (formerly known as the Engineering building) is interested in receiving any artifacts related to the company's history. The museum relies on donations from former employees and friends of our company. Examples of artifacts that may be of interest include prototypes, logo items, awards, documents, photographs and products. Please consider whether you have any items of this nature in need of a good long term home. It would be of great help if all donations could have a short description of the item including your name, your relationship to the company, how/where you came into possession of the item, your occupation at Collins along with year of retirement (if retired) and any other information you think would be useful for us to know. A handwritten note is fine, a printout or typewritten note is even better. We're also interested in your memories of your experience at The Collins Radio Company or Rockwell Collins. This could include written personal memoirs (handwritten is OK), video histories or aural histories.

Contact me, Lawrence Robinson, at 319-295-1698, if you'd like additional information, have something do donate, or if you need help in determining whether your artifact is of interested. The museum is open to the public during the work week, and it is staffed by RCRV members. ♦

# Member Profile

## Terry Lamb

An active volunteer in our community, Terry Lamb is the new Chairman of RCRV. Terry has been an RCRV member since 2003. Terry has been enjoying retirement from Rockwell



Terry Lamb

Collins since 1996, following a distinguished 35-year career in product design, system certification, and industry and company leadership. Terry also served as the Rockwell Collins representative to various industry regulatory committees and groups, including those sponsored by AIA, GAMA, SAE, and the FAA. An engineering graduate of Iowa State University, Terry worked as a project engineer in both Flight Control Systems and Doppler Navigation Systems. At retirement, he was a Department Head in the Certification Liaison office, working with the FAA and its equivalent organizations around the world. After retiring from Rockwell Collins, Terry continued to consult with various aviation-related groups, including the FAA, GAMA, NASA and Rockwell Collins.

Terry's interest in aviation began with him joining the U.S. Air Force in 1953. He was an Air Force pilot from 1955 until 1958, logging approximately 2500 flight hours.

In addition to volunteering with RCRV, Terry has been an active business counselor with SCORE of East Central Iowa. SCORE mentors provide guidance to small business owners and entrepreneurs who want to start a small business. Terry is currently the Secretary of the local SCORE chapter. He also volunteers with the Community Health Free Clinic in Cedar Rapids, where he was chair of their IT committee from 2002 until 2010. Terry and his wife Shirley recently moved to a new home in Cedar Rapids, and he quickly became Secretary for the Willowbend Association. He obviously enjoys being involved with the community, and RCRV is happy to have him as its new Chairman! Congratulations, Terry! ♦

## Important News on Medicare As the Year Begins

by John McDonough

A variety of changes await Iowans on Medicare in 2011. Kris Gross from the state of Iowa's Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) says, "The following is a list of important information to read and share with anyone you know on Medicare."

There's good news for anyone who will hit the Part D coverage gap in 2011. Health reform included a provision which starts closing the gap this year. Brand name drugs will have a 50 percent discount in the gap and generic drugs will get a 7 percent discount.

Starting in 2011, the Medicare Advantage (MA) "open" enrollment period is being replaced with a "disenrollment" period. From January 1-February 14 you can disenroll from a Medicare

Advantage plan and return to Original Medicare. If you make this change you can also enroll in a Medicare Part D plan. You will not be able to change to a different Medicare Advantage plan, as was the case in past years. If you want a different Medicare Advantage plan for 2012, it is important that you enroll in the best plan for your situation by November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Medicare also recently announced the Medicare premiums, deductibles and co-payments for 2011. The Part B annual deductible will be \$162. The inpatient hospital deductible will be \$1,132. Co-payments for hospital days 61-90 will be \$283/day and \$566/day for the lifetime reserve days. Skilled nursing care co-payments will be \$141.50 per day for days 21-100. If you have a Rockwell Collins MA plan, your co-payments will be slightly different!

The Part B premium for 2011 is \$115.40 for anyone new to Medicare in 2011 and anyone who does not currently have the Part B premium withheld from their Social Security check. Because there has not been a Social Security cost of living increase the past two years, anyone who has had their Medicare premium withheld from their Social Security check in 2010, will pay the same premium in 2011 as they paid in 2010.

If you have questions about Medicare or your Rockwell Collins Insurance Program, contact a RCRV SHIIP Counselor @ 319-393-9637 by leaving a message. Your call will be returned shortly from a SHIIP Counselor, for a free, confidential service of the state of Iowa. ♦