

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

Mike Wilson – Chairman
Jim Spencer – Vice Chairman
Phyllis Brooks – Secretary
Colleen Bickford - Treasurer

Committee Chairs

John McDonough –
Community Projects Team
Ted Fuhrer – Recruiting/
Retention/Recognition
Rod Thorpe – Communications
Pat Marshall – Agency Liaison
Jim Klein – Data Base

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Community Projects Team meetings

The Community Projects Team meets every Thursday at 10:00. The meeting site alternates between our office in the REACT Center and the IBEW hall on Blairs Ferry Road. See the Calendar on the RCRV web site for the schedule. (May 8 is in the RCRV office.) Aside from a social gathering, we discuss current projects. Service agency representatives submit new project requests at the IBEW meetings. You are always welcome at any of the meetings.

Volunteers Needed

RCRV and the agencies we serve are greatly in need of additional volunteers for various important community projects. Please review the following list of requests for help and consider volunteering your time. Additional information on each of these projects is available on the web at

www.collinsclubs.com/rcrv and click on "Projects Needing a Volunteer". You may volunteer for one of these projects by contacting RCRV by voice mail at **393-9637**, email at rcrv@collinsclubs.com or by directly contacting the service agency involved. Remember our mission statement which is to support volunteer needs of the community, *while enriching the lives of the volunteers.*



Joe Nolte, Science Station Director at a recent meeting to discuss ways RCRV may assist in upgrading some of their exhibits



Members of the Community Projects Team discuss program status at a recent weekly team meeting

(Volunteers Needed continued)

- Financial
 - Auditor for HD Youth Center
 - Accounting help for Catherine McAuley Center
 - Accounting help for ARC of East Central Iowa
- Advisory
 - Photography exhibit (June 15 to August 15) for Indian Creek Nature Center
 - HR/management help for the Witwer Center
 - Marketing help for RSVP
 - Marketing help for the Boy Scouts
 - Marketing help for Catherine McAuley Center
 - Marketing help for Alzheimer's Association
 - TRIAD board member
 - Money Management Program volunteer for Heritage Agency on Aging
 - Resident Advocate Committee volunteer for Heritage Agency on Aging
- Low voltage switches for persons with disabilities
 - Modified wobble switch for Options of Linn County
- Assistive devices
 - Rocker riser for Heritage Area Agency on Aging
 - Assistive device for lunch for Linn-Mar CSD / Indian Creek Elementary

- Car neck-pad stabilizer & computer elbow pad for Witwer Center
- Beach basket or a no stoop senior aid for Witwer Center
- Shopping cart device for Linn County MHDD Services
- Practice phone system for Linn County MHDD Services
- Tambourine pulley device for Options of Linn County
- Ergo arm rest support for Options of Linn County
- Remote control cart for Grant Wood Area Education Agency
- Projects for schools
 - Global Positioning System Educational Project for middle school students for Indian Creek Nature Center
- Construction projects
 - LeFebure Tube exhibit repair for Science Station
 - Bubble exhibit redesign for Science Station
 - Exhibit maintenance & new construction for Science Station
 - Sign for the new Red Cross building
 - Miscellaneous needs for Mid American Housing Partners

- Computer
 - Help with payroll software system for Witwer Center
- Clerical
 - Telephone answerer for the Alzheimer's Association Board of Directors

Governor's Conference on Volunteer Service

The volunteer programs sponsored by Rockwell Collins including RCRV were presented at the Governor's Conference on Volunteer Service held at Des Moines on April 15.

Both providers and recipients of volunteer services from across the state participated. Mike Wilson, Jack Hotchkiss, John McDonough, Linda Dearing and Pete Jurgins represented RCRV. Presentations were given at the forum and in our exhibition booth by RCRV on our structure, mission statement, vision, awards received and details of some of our many projects and customers.



John McDonough with the display board used at the Governor's Conference

United Way

Several RCRV members participated in this year's United Way campaign. Jim Spencer, Mike Wilson and Pat Marshall participated on the campaign

committee. Additionally Ted Fuhrer and Kay Fisk served with Pat Marshal as United Way Loaned Executives.

As the economy continues to stagnate, the need for voluntary health and human services continues to grow in Eastern Iowa. The united Way of East Central Iowa is positioned to best evaluate and deliver resources to the agencies providing these services.

Rockwell Collins retirees recognize the increasing community needs and the positive effect the United Way has provided toward those needs. In 2002, 249 out of 3500 regional retirees participated with total donations of \$49,310. Planning is now underway for this year's campaign and the next newsletter will have information on how you can contribute and help make Cedar Rapids the best place to live, work and retire.



Jeannie Sampica from Options of Linn County demonstrates some of the devices made by RCRV

Four Oaks Bridge

Four Oaks is a local, private, not-for-profit provider of children and family services. The Bridge is a branch of Four Oaks and was established three years ago at 2100 First Avenue N.E, to bring together people of all ages, races, and economic backgrounds in an environment of learning, whereby youth, seniors, and working adults can connect together through the arts, technology, and other learning opportunities.

Four Oaks Bridge is one of many local agencies affiliated with RCRV and several of our retirees volunteer at the facility to offer their skills and experience to help build bridges across the generations. Additional volunteers are needed, and if you have a desire to help, please do so by contacting RCRV.

The scenes depicted below are from The Intergenerational Fair held at the Bridge on April 26 to commemorate the third year anniversary of the facility.

Project News

Responsive Target

Jack Murphy designed and built an



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oversized basketball hoop with lights that flash and give sound effects when ever a basket is made. The device is used by the Grant Wood Area Education Agency to encourage physical activity by children with disabilities. The lights in the backboard flash and it plays a prerecorded sound such as a cheer from the physical education instructor when a basket is made. Lights embedded in the hoop are on all the time.



Art Roderick explains the FIRST LEGO League competition

Member Profile

Cindy Dietz

As Manager of Community Relations for Rockwell Collins, Cindy Dietz has responsibility for coordinating all of the company's volunteer programs, including RCRV. She has been an enthusiastic supporter of RCRV and was instrumental in garnering the company backing for our initial startup. Other company sponsored volunteer programs she coordinates include the K-12 program and REACT.



Cindy Dietz

The other major responsibility of her job is as the single point of contact in the company for all community organizations with respect to the company's charitable giving programs. She is the Assistant Secretary of the Rockwell Collins Charitable Corporation and as such has responsibility for the budget planning and allocation of all charitable giving.

Besides her official duties in community relations she has also found the time for several community volunteer activities including President of the Freedom Festival, board member of the Science Station and United Way and is active in the Big Sister program.

Cindy is a native of Emmetsburg, Iowa and graduated from Iowa State University with a major in journalism. After graduating from Iowa State she spent several years in television broadcast journalism in Eau Claire, Wisconsin and Cedar Rapids. She joined Rockwell Collins in 1988. Cindy and her husband K.C. have two daughters and reside in Cedar Rapids. Her leisure interests include jogging around the hills of southeast Cedar Rapids and bicycling on the trails of Linn County.

Freedom Festival

Several members of RCRV and our affiliated Community Service Agencies will be participating in or sponsoring events at the 2003 Cedar Rapids Freedom Festival.

Some highlights are as follows:

- **FLY IOWA 2003** Fly Iowa is an annual statewide fly-in and aviation fair being held at the Eastern Iowa Airport on July 5 and 6 in conjunction with the Freedom Festival. Volunteers are needed to assist the Cedar Rapids Downtown Kiwanis Club at their pancake breakfast in the McLeod hangar both mornings. Proceeds will go to charitable children's agencies in the Cedar Rapids area. Call Doug Dix at 368-1164 to sign up.

- **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** The Grant Wood Area Chapter of the American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive at Lindale Plaza on June 30 from 11:30 to 5:30.

- **FOUR OAKS BRIDGE GOSPEL CONCERT** The Four Oaks Bridge will sponsor a gospel concert entitled "Let Freedom Ring" at their facility at 2100 First Avenue Northeast on June 28 from 6:30 to 9 pm.



RCRV members at the IBEW hall stuffing the January newsletter