

# 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

Jim Green – Chairman  
Keith Sutherland – Vice  
Chairman  
Don Grimm – Secretary  
Arlo Meyer - Treasurer

## Committee Chairs

John McDonough –  
Community Projects Team  
Pete Jurgens – Recruiting/  
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Rod Thorpe – Communications  
Angela Burns – Agency Liaison  
Jim Klein – Data Base

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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. ♦

## Corridor Volunteers

United Way of East Central Iowa and United Way of Johnson County in partnership with Rockwell Collins announced the launching of an exciting new volunteer service on November 30, 2006. The new service is called Corridor Volunteers and is an on-line matching service for volunteer opportunities in the Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Corridor.

This joint collaboration between the two United Way organizations will provide an opportunity to work with all non-profits including health and human

service, arts and culture, education and faith based groups. This will strengthen the Corridor by connecting people to a vast variety of volunteer opportunities and providing them with an easy, rewarding way to give back and make a difference.

People can simply go to [www.corridorvolunteers.org](http://www.corridorvolunteers.org) to register as a volunteer. The site is user friendly and allows individuals to enter their volunteer preferences and interests to match with opportunities that are appropriate for them, their family or large volunteer group for which they are involved. A link will soon be established between the Corridor Volunteer website and the RCRV website that will allow you to have access to the RCRV opportunities if you are signing up via the Corridors website and allow your volunteer hours to be credited to RCRV.

Renee Litfin has been appointed Community Volunteer Coordinator and will be directing the efforts of this new endeavor. Promoting volunteerism is a cause that is very near and dear to Renee's heart. Since moving here from Texas ten years ago with her husband and three children she has been very active in volunteer efforts in the community. ♦



Renee Litfin at RCRV meeting

# SCORE

The Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) is a nonprofit volunteer organization conducted under the auspices of The Small Business Administration with more than 10,500 business mentors in 400 counseling offices nationwide. As "Counselors to America's Small Business", SCORE utilizes the expertise of retired executives to assist small businesses get started and flourish.

The local Cedar Rapids chapter of SCORE is one of seventeen in Iowa. It covers four counties and has over sixty counselors serving entrepreneurial clients in the area. Twenty of these counselors are Rockwell Collins Retirees. In addition to the individual counseling, SCORE also conducts group seminars in collaboration with Kirkwood Community College at the Kirkwood Training and Outreach Center in Marion on various topics about starting and running a small business. Information on the seminars can be obtained by calling the KTOS center at 319 -377-8256 or SCORE at 319- 362-6405, ext 2005.



RC retiree and SCORE volunteer Jim Finerty

If you have an interest in volunteering as a counselor for this important group or to simply add your expertise to the current staff, SCORE would welcome your participation. The most critical needs are in the area of manufacturing systems and processes, information technology, finance and marketing. For more information on how to get signed up call Carolyn Tonn at 319-362-6405, ext. 2007. ♦

## Collins Retirees Potluck Meetings

The Collins Retirees Potluck Group meets the third Tuesday of the month at the Kenwood Park United Methodist Church, 175 34th St. NE at noon for a potluck lunch and program. Upcoming programs are:

- **January** - Bingo
- **February** - Music by Larry and Friend
- **March** - Bingo
- **April** – TBA ♦

## RCRV Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Rockwell Collins Retiree Volunteers was held at the American Red Cross facility on November 8, 2006. The meeting agenda included a review of 2006 accomplishments, client agency reports, plans for the future and election of officers.

Officers elected for 2007 were Jim Green, Chairperson; Keith Sutherland, Vice-Chairperson; Don Grimm, Secretary; and Arlo Meyer, Treasurer.



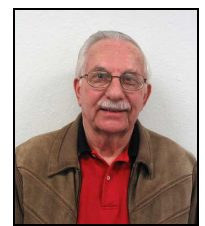
Jim Green  
Chairperson



Keith Sutherland  
Vice Chairperson



Don Grimm  
Secretary



Arlo Meyer  
Treasurer

Several significant accomplishments for 2006 were reported including receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Award by the organization and four of its individual members, 26,000 hours of volunteer time, and significant project support to our many client agencies.

Recruiting Chairman Pete Jurgens reported that we now have 166 retirees on the "active" list of RCRV. ♦

## Medicare Part D Seminars

RCRV provided seminars on Medicare Part D and other insurance topics in collaboration with The Heritage Agency on Aging and SHIIP. Four seminars were held in October and November and over 400 attendees participated. ♦



Pete Jurgins conducting Insurance Seminar

## Festival of Trees

Mike Wilson once again was the RCRV leader for the second annual construction and tear down effort for the St. Luke's Auxiliary Festival of Trees held in November, 2006.

RCRV members provided the voluntary effort that once again made this a very successful fund raising event by the Auxiliary with proceeds going to fund hospital projects. ♦



RCRV members constructing Festival of Trees

## 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.

In order to become an active RCRV member and thereby partake of the many benefits please fill out and submit a member registration form. The form may be obtained by calling the office at 319-393-9637 or from our website [www.collinsclubs.com/RCRV](http://www.collinsclubs.com/RCRV) then clicking on Become an active RCRV member by registering with RSVP. Sign up can also be achieved by attending one of the Community Projects Team meetings or New Retirees Orientation meeting referenced above. ♦

## REACT Computer Repair

The Rockwell Educational Access to Computer Technology Center (REACT) was established in 1999 as a nonprofit organization to receive used computers from Rockwell Collins and other area businesses, refurbish them and donate them to area schools and nonprofit community agencies. Several RCRV members provide volunteer service to the refurbishment activity.

REACT has announced that beginning this month they will be begin a new service of repairing computers for retired individuals and students. If you have a computer in need of repair you need to call Barb at 393-9632 to make an appointment. Then you will bring it to the REACT Center at 927 N. Compton Drive in Hiawatha and REACT will repair it free except for any parts costs. Hours of operation are 7 am to 5 pm Tuesday through Friday and 8am to noon on Saturday. They soon hope to be offering free classes in basic computer programs and internet and e-mail use. ♦

# Member Profile

## Jim Green

Jim Green joined RCRV immediately after he retired in early 2004. He served as vice-chairman of the organization in 2005, and he has been elected chairman for 2007.



Jim Green

Jim earned a BSE degree from the University of Michigan. He moved to Cedar Rapids after four years in the U.S. Air Force, where he received his MBA degree from Southern Illinois University.

Jim joined Collins Air Transport Division in 1975 in Production, but after five years he moved into program management and marketing, where he spent the majority of his career. He has worked with many of the major airframe companies (some of whom no longer exist!) and he enjoyed the opportunity for both domestic and international travel during his 29 years with Rockwell Collins.

Jim has been a long-time volunteer in the community, starting as a Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader. He is serving his 14<sup>th</sup> year on the Linn-Mar Community School Board, and is in his 12<sup>th</sup> year on the Grant Wood Area Education Agency Board. He also serves as an RCRV representative on the Rockwell Collins K-12 Steering Committee.

Jim and his wife Nancy (a recent addition to the RCRV membership) live in Cedar Rapids. Their two sons live in California, while their daughter Julie is in her 7<sup>th</sup> year with Rockwell Collins. Jim's leisure activities (other than volunteering) include flying, golf, and furniture building. He taught his first course at Kirkwood last semester - perhaps a new career? ♦

# Newsletter Circulation

The circulation manager for this newsletter would appreciate any assistance the readers can give on keeping our circulation list up to date. If you know of any retiree or spouse of a deceased retiree who is not on our circulation list please notify the office a 319-393-9637. ♦



Wheel chair ramp designed by John Wauer and built by RCRV members for Aging Services

# Trivia Quiz

1. What year did the first regular airplane passenger service begin?
2. Who was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean?
3. What was the significant payroll innovation made by Collins Radio in July 1956?



4. Can you identify this picture?

## Answers to October Quiz

1. The Collins Radio Employee Association was the first collective bargaining organization established by Collins employees in 1943. It was deemed illegal by the AFL-CIO and replaced by the IBEW later in 1943.
2. Bernard Rankin was the first president of IBEW local 1362.
3. Sales at Collins Radio in 1943 was \$15,918,669 and profit was \$631,912.
4. The picture is a Cylotron developed by Collins in 1947 for the Atomic Energy Commission. ♦



RCRV members move the RSVP offices on December 12