

RSVP Action Line

VOL. 9 NO. 1 THE RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM, METRO UNITED WAY SPRING 1987

VOLUNTEERS TO BE RECOGNIZED

Governor Martha Layne Collins has proclaimed the month of April as Kentucky Volunteer Awareness Month this year and invites volunteers from around the Commonwealth to a reception in the Capitol Rotunda on April 15 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. All RSVP volunteers are welcome to attend the affair honoring Kentucky Volunteers.

National Volunteer Week is April 26 through May 2, 1987 while the month of May has been designated Older Americans Month. RSVP will be celebrating these special occasions at its Annual Recognition Luncheon on May 16 in the Ballroom of the Galt House East.

Invitations and reservation cards will be sent to active RSVP members near the end of April. Places will be reserved according to the order in which reservations are received, so volunteers will not have to arrive early to find a seat. Our theme this year recognizes the 16th Anniversary of RSVP nationwide, and we hope the program brings back nostalgic memories of your own "Sweet 16th Birthday".

On April 27, a Balloon Lift-off to honor volunteers in Jefferson County will be held at noon in Jefferson Park at 6th and Jefferson Streets. Mayor Jerry Abramson and County Judge Executive Harvey Sloane will be there to show their appreciation of volunteers in this community. All RSVP members are invited to this special occasion, and we hope many of you will attend.

GOOD NEWS FOR RSVP

In early January, RSVP received a \$500 grant from B. Dalton Bookseller/Dayton Hudson Foundation, Minneapolis, Minnesota to benefit RSVP Literacy Tutors. Ms. Leslie Judd, manager of B. Dalton Bookseller in the Jefferson Mall designated RSVP as the local recipient of this grant, and we very much appreciate her interest in the literacy program here and RSVP tutors. This is the second grant which B. Dalton Bookseller has made to RSVP, so please remember this when planning to buy books for yourself or loved ones.

Metro United Way's new President, Rob Reifsnyder arrived in mid-February to take over the office left vacant by Jack Costello's departure for United Way of Cleveland, Ohio. A gala farewell for Costello was given by the Board of Directors at "Stairways" on February 20.

Reifsnyder, an amiable young man in his mid-thirties and six feet-six inches tall, heads MUW's six vice-presidents of whom four are also over six feet tall! We feel these "pillars of strength" will be a great leadership team for Metro United Way and its agencies and services. RSVP welcomes Rob Reifsnyder to Metro Louisville.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Look, you lovely people, we know from our records how busy you are doing your own thing! But, please, do tell your friends and neighbors about these challenging opportunities where they too can find satisfaction in serving others. Ask them to call RSVP - 583-2821 for more information.

JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS - has need for volunteers at various elementary schools around the county: Tutors to work one-on-one with children who need extra help with basic skills; Library Assistants to serve in a variety of ways (typing helpful but not required); Classroom Aides to work with small groups of children listening to them read - preparing bulletin boards and assisting teachers where needed. Please call RSVP if you can help fulfill any of these needs at a school near your home.

COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY'S Surplus Commodities Program needs volunteers who can type at least 25 wpm to help put clients' records on its computer. Training provided. Also needed are volunteers who can help with distribution of commodities at various sites. Call RSVP at 583-2821 to find out if there is a site near you.

DARE TO CARE - especially needs drivers who can pick-up surplus bread and deliver it to distribution sites between 7:00 a.m. and noon. Volunteers to help sort food donated for the hungry are also needed.

ST. GEORGE'S COMMUNITY CENTER - can use a volunteer to help manage the center's facilities and maintain records, including bookkeeping and preparing grant proposals.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMPREHENSIVE HEALTHCARE CLINIC - can use volunteers to schedule appointments for the children and to answer the phone. The clinic is part of U of L Medical School and cares for high-risk infants and children.

CLIENTS COUNCIL - a non-profit educational information service which addresses the needs of low-income persons wants volunteers to assist in the office and with its program.

MEADOWS SOUTH NURSING HOME - the primary need is for volunteers who will serve as Friendly Visitors for residents of the Home who have no loved ones to visit them on a regular basis.

Department of Human Services - Financial Assistance Division needs a volunteer with office skills to facilitate office operations. Training provided with flexible hours between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

BITS & PIECES

SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW

Mrs. Violet Cook, RSVP volunteer who was chosen "Senior Women Volunteer of the Year" last year by the Jefferson County Office for Aging, has been granted the Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Achievement Award by Governor Martha Layne Collins. We are very proud of the honors Mrs. Cook has received for her faithful service to this community.

We're sorry we didn't know that Mrs. Mary Richter, RSVP volunteer at Buechel Center was the winner of a \$50 Christmas gift certificate at K-Mart's special holiday shopping spree for senior citizens. Congratulations, Mrs. Richter.

Mrs. Dorothy Cox, RSVP volunteer at Baptist Home East and the J.B. Tinsley Senior Center, has been honored by the Home for her service to its residents, and by Seniors East, Inc. for her assistance in arts and crafts at Tinsley Center.

Metro Parks Dates for Dancin'

<u>Reservation Dates</u>	<u>Dance Dates</u>
Fri. May 1, 1987	Wed. June 17
Mon. June 1, 1987	Wed. July 1
Wed. July 1, 1987	Wed. August 19
Mon. August 3, 1987	Wed. Sept. 16
Tues. Sept. 1, 1987	Wed. Oct. 21
Thurs. Oct. 1, 1987	Wed. Nov. 18
Mon. Nov. 2, 1987	Tues. Dec. 15
(for both Dec. Dances)	Wed. Dec. 16

You who love dancin' have made these affairs so popular that reservations must be made a month or more in advance. All dances are held at the Highlands American Legion Post at 2919 Bardstown Road. Please call Metro Parks Senior Division 968-6084 to reserve your place.



RSVP Advisory Council member, Greg Reddington is Administrator-Labor Liaison/OSHA Department for the City of Louisville. A graduate of the University of Louisville and St. Xavier High School, he formerly was with the Kroger Company and is an active member of the Political Action Committee for United Food and Commercial Workers Local 227. From 1982 to June 1986, he served as commissioner for Otter Creek Park.

Reddington is married and has a daughter one and a half years old. Two of his great aunts are long time RSVP volunteers at St. Joseph home and his father is Jim Reddington, Metro United Way's Vice-President for Labor Relations. With these ties to RSVP and United Way, we welcome Greg and think he will make a fine council member.

LOOK HOW RSVP HAS GROWN IN TEN YEARS!

	<u>FY 1976</u>		<u>FY 1986</u>
No. Active Volunteers	575	.....	1,020
No. Days of Volunteer Service	31,304	.....	68,602
No. Hours of Volunteer Service	94,751	.....	210,893
No. RSVP Stations/Sites	20/41	.....	60/131
Value of Volunteer Service at Minimum			
Wage Level	\$317,416	.....	\$706,492
Average No. Hours per Year per Volunteer	164.8	.....	206.8

A nationwide survey by ACTION, INC. showed that 712 RSVP projects had 347,000 volunteers who gave 67,087,400 hours of service in 1985. The national average of hours of service per year per volunteer was 192.8. We are very proud that Jefferson County volunteers rank above the national average, and we appreciate all the service you give to your community, whether it's two hours at noontime delivering hot meals to shut-ins or a full day of six or seven hours at Veterans Medical Center or the American Red Cross. You are truly dedicated!

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR RSVP SITE DIRECTORS & COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Our federal fiscal year ended March 31 and we will be grateful if all records that are in arrears for the year, April 1, 1986 through March 31, 1987, and especially for this last quarter (January, February and March 1987) are reported to us at once. We need all volunteer hours of service and any reimbursements due before we close the books for FY 1986-87.

KENTUCKY BAR ASSOCIATION COMPILES BOOKLET FOR SENIORS

The Kentucky Bar Association has published a most comprehensive booklet titled "Laws and Programs for Older Kentuckians". It covers wills, estates, trusts, life insurance, pensions, investments, and other legal matters including how to find a lawyer. It also gives information about government benefits - social security, Medicare, Medicaid, food stamps, veteran and railroad retirement benefits. Other sections describe Health Care, Consumer Protection, Age Discrimination, and Extension of Credit. A section on information and referral lists government agencies, Kentucky area agencies on aging, and names, addresses and phone numbers of Kentucky congressmen.

The book is free to libraries, senior centers, nursing homes, churches, colleges and universities, legal aid offices, county and commonwealth attorneys. If your senior organization would like to have this valuable reference, you can call Bruce Davis, Kentucky Bar Association, 1-564-3795 to order a copy.

RSVP VOLUNTEERS HELP FEED THE HUNGRY AND HOMELESS



Left to Right: Ted Beckman, Virginia Pellman, Sister Mary Cornelius and Emil Stauble serve hot chili at St. Anthony's soup-kitchen in the inner-city.

Pictured above are four of the thirteen RSVP volunteers who assist in the Soup-Kitchen at St. Boniface Church. Over 36,000 hot noon meals are served yearly to the growing number of homeless and hungry street people by RSVP members who are there six days a week.

Food is often donated from the volunteers' own gardens and pantries, and they've furnished the turkeys for festive Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners as well. Volunteers help with the preparation, cooking, serving and clean up of the meals for 125-150 persons who come each day.

Overseeing the soup-kitchen is a remarkable young man, Ronnie Clark, who arranges volunteer schedules, assembles the food for each meal and helps in all facets of the program. RSVP appreciates Ronnie and the corps of RSVP volunteers at St. Boniface, and we're proud of the contribution they are making to persons less fortunate than themselves.

Besides those pictured above, the following are RSVP members who help keep the soup-kitchen going: Marie Coll, Robert Edger, Anthony Lucchese, Joseph Mitchell, Mary Mitchell, Ellen Schmitz, Alice TenBarge, Ivan TenBarge, and Betty Walsh.

Happy Birthday Volunteers!

January

Irene Antill
Frances Arehart
Blanche Ayres
Mildred Barker
Helen Batts
Bro. John Beary
Sara Bond
Cornelia Boone
Josephine Brentzell
Alice Brock
Alene Bryant
Julia Burren
Ellen Campbell
Ernestine Cassidy
Sr. Frances B. Clark
Lillian Clements
Mary C. Cook
Celeste Cope
Martha Crain
Ruth Dodd
Louise Earle
Marge Eisner
Donald Elliot
Georgia Farris
Flossie Ferguson
Willie Fitzpatrick
William Frye
Bessie Geary
Rosa Lee Givens
Georgette Goffner
Sallie Gosline
Nina Gottbrath
Minnie Graham
Louise Grizzard
Elizabeth Hartman
Minnie Henry
Alvin Hickerson
Martha Hickerson
Delberta Hilton
Helen Jenne
Charles Johnson
William Johnston
Susanna Kellar
Lucile Leggett
Thera Love
Mary Lukes

Mary McCauley
Hattie McElroy
Louise Malone
Christine Merimee
Lucille Million
Jesse Moakler
Catherine Moorman
Nan Morris
Edward Mount
William Murdock
Mary O'Brien
Florence Ochsner
Jeanetta Paulin
Edward Powell
Charles Price
Fern Rachford
Susie Rickett
Bertha Ritman
Thurman Royalty
Abbie Schubert
Frances Silliman
Florence Simmons
Christine Southers
Leslie Stokes
Bertha Talton
Katherine Theobald
Julian Thomas
Sr. Mary Thomas
Louise Troxell
Viola Watson
Theresa Wentzell
Millie Yound
Imelda Yuhr

February

Lavina Allgaier
Marcella Amshoff
Willa M. Bailey
Ted Beckman
Catherine Beierlein
Mary A. Bettag
Frances Bishop
I.L. Brisendine, Jr.
Ann Carney

Delsie Chesser
Carl Christian
Mary J. Clayton
Claudia Dickerson
Willadean Dwire
Virginia Elzy
Velma Embry
Ruth Ezell
Arthur Fleischaker
Viola French
Erika Fruchtenicht
Mayme Genert
Opal Gray
Martha Harper
Sr. Ella R. Henretta
Mary Herriford
Sr. Anna M. Hession
Geneva Hicks
Florence Hockersmith
Margaret Huffman
Annie Hughes
Alice Hull
Roy Hutchison
Novella Jones
Richard Kays
Antionette Krebs
Walter Kupchik
Caroline Lane
Richard Lane
Martha Lenihan
Bernard Lewis
Emma Lichtefeld
Sr. Rosalia Link
Robert Litman
Ruth Lowe
Louise McGilvary
James McKenzie
Ethel KcKnight
Ruth Malone
Annie M. Medley
Margaret Merriweather
Louise Miller
Raymond Mirka
Harold Mitchell
Thelma Motley
Madison Neblett

More Happy Birthdays ...

	<u>March</u>	
Philip O'Daniel		Lillian Lee
Lavina Osborne		Anna Lewis
Emily Patton	Dorothy Badgett	John Lindemeyer
Mable Pellman	Annie B. Bibbs	Sherman Lucas
Myrtle Phillips	Norman Blieden	Clara McDonald
Mary Pontrick	Mary C. Breckinridge	Ruby McHugh
Willa Puckett	Mae Belle Bullitt	Gladys McMickle
Mary Raible	William Burge	Gladys Maier
Elizabeth Rehm	Georgette Cahill	Ann M. Miller
Natalian Richie	Carl Clutinger	Llewellyn Mills
Mary Richter	Nell Coakley	Marion Minogue
Mary Richwalsky	Anna Codey	Nellie Morsey
Ronald Roberts	Ollie Cole	Mary Morton
Kennett Robinson	Hildegard Costello	Inda M. Moss
Matilda Roederer	Eula Duff	Anne-Marie O'Connell
Helen Roehrig	Elizabeth Ewing	Florence Powers
June Saizan	Isabel Fain	Robert Prante
Selma Schwartz	Mary Forcht	Mattie Price
Edith Sheeley	Rose Gerstle	Ellen Schmitz
Winnie Sherrill	Laura Goodman	Edna Scott
Clara Shrader	Antonio Guthrie	Ethel Spalding
Anna Stephenson	Mattie Hall	Helen Spencer
Matilda Sullivan	Irene Hardesty	Mary Stoecker
Elizabeth Taylor	Merle Hardin	Elsie Tudder
Bonnie Thompson	Katherine Harper	Mary Wacyky
William Viscusi	Mary Harris	Pauline Weis
Jessie Walker	Marie Horrell	Mary White
Joseph Wathen	Anna Jackson	Pauline Wiedmar
Fred Weber	Anna Johnson	Kate Wilkinson
Alice Wicks	Lois Joseph	Ruth Willis
Sr. James A. Wiggins	Robert Keller	Margaret Wilson
Denis Wiseman	Sara Kemper	Robert Wolf
Loretta Zax	Vatrics Keown	Frances Woods
Lois Zimbrick	Christina Kern	Herman Zuberer
Juanita Zuberer	Alice King	

R.S.V.P. WELCOMES NEW AND REINSTATED VOLUNTEERS

Eloise Bader	Erika Fruchtenicht	Shirlee Poore
Doris Baker	Loretta Hanka	Anna Price
Edith Brisendine	Edwin Hawkins	Willa Puckett
I. L. Brisendine	Edith Haynes	Helen Roehrig
Lillian Clements	Eva Holloway	Ruth Roppel
Mary Daub	Sara Kemper	Estelle Scott R
Barry Easley	George Link	Ruby Searcy
Marge Eisner	Elizabeth McClain R	Ruby Weppler
Jack Feigenbaum	Julia Nannie R	Bernice Wiggins R



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LATE NEWS BREAKS

- 1987 is the 200th Anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution. Metro Parks Department will celebrate the occasion at a planting of a Senior Citizens grove of trees in Cherokee Park on May 15. You're all invited to come. For more information call 968-6084.
- 1987 is also the 100th Anniversary of United Way. On April 30 Metro United Way will celebrate with a float in the Derby Parade accompanied by an all-county high school band. If you can't come watch in person, be sure to look for us on TV.
- Representative Claude Pepper plans to include longterm health care legislation in the new Health Care bill and needs the support of all older Americans. You can let your congressmen and Representative Pepper know you approve of this measure by writing to them as follows:

Honorable
Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Honorable
Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

- Metro Parks Senior Services has scheduled a Golf Clinic at Seneca Park Course beginning May 8th. It also is co-sponsor with Parkmoor Bowling Lanes of a Big Mac Bowling Tourney Blind Doubles. You must call 968-6084 to register for either of these fun events.

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RSVP HONORS VOLUNTEERS

RSVP celebrated its nationwide sixteenth birthday with a "Senior Prom" for volunteers at the annual recognition luncheon May 16 in the Grand Ballroom of the Galt House East.

Preceding the lively dance music of the Bob Holt Band was a demonstration of the "Fine Art of Ballroom Dancing" provided by the Blankenship Dance Company - Jeffersontown, Kentucky.

The climax of the affair was the crowning of the King and Queen of the prom who were selected for the extraordinary hours of volunteer service they have given in 1986. RSVP member Douglas Fowler from American Red Cross merited the King's crown with 2,142 hours of service, while Lorraine Harrod, RSVP volunteer at American Red Cross Southwest and Humana Hospital Southwest earned the title of Queen of the Prom with 1,822 hours.

Doug Fowler who assists in the Red Cross Blood Program and delivers blood to fifteen area hospitals, volunteers six days a week and averages seven hours a day! He has been named "Outstanding Volunteer" by the American Red Cross, and has been nominated for the Bell of Louisville Awards. RSVP honored him with a deluxe accommodations for one night and dinner for two at the Seelbach.

Lorraine Harrod was also nominated for the Bell Awards for her service at Humana Hospital Southwest where she is coordinator of the information desk. The hospital says she is one of their most dependable volunteers



Above: Douglas Fowler, King of the Prom; Lorraine Harrod, Prom Queen; Mary Beth Doheny, RSVP Advisory Council Chairperson and Joe Spalding, DHS Nutrition Program Director and Chair of the Recognition Committee, share a moment of hilarity.

who goes out of her way to help others. With others, Mrs. Harrod also manages the Red Cross Southwest office. RSVP presented her with dinner for two at the Brown Hotel and a weekend at Executive West Hotel.

Fifty volunteers who joined RSVP in 1977 were honored with pins for ten years of continuing volunteer service. Seventy volunteers were awarded special five-year pins for their consecutive service. We congratulate all of these faithful members and look forward to 1988 when RSVP will celebrate its fifteenth birthday in Louisville, Jefferson County.

Drawings for door prizes contributed by local merchants and worth more than \$4,000 were held during the luncheon (please see back page).

HAPPENINGS

Metro United Way is planning a "Scooper Bowl", an all-you-can-eat ice cream fair at its Campaign '87 Kickoff on Saturday, September 12 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The fair will follow Metro United Way/Churchill Downs 5K - 10K and Target Fun Runs at the Downs. Admission for the general public is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children eleven and under. You are cordially invited to bring your families, especially your grandchildren and enjoy!

The Kentucky State Fair will be August 20 to 29, and Heritage Hall for Seniors will be on the first floor of East Hall in rooms 5 through 10. It is the place to go for good food and pleasant relaxation with your friends.

Heritage Hall opens at 9:00 a.m. and will serve breakfasts as well as lunches at discount prices this year. Many exciting activities are planned including arts and crafts, games, dancing and entertainment.

Senior admission will be \$1.00 per person, or \$3.00 per car/van/bus load from 7:00 a.m. till noon weekdays. To park is \$2 per vehicle. The Fair Board will give you a map of the grounds and a list of daily events at the gate.

RSVP volunteers who would like to serve as hosts/hostesses should let us know at once what days and which shifts (four hours) you can serve.

The Stephen Foster story in Bardstown offers groups of 10 or more senior citizens tickets for \$4.00 each. These are good for Sunday, Wednesday or Thursday evenings and the Saturday Matinee. Call toll free 1/800/348-5000 for more information and to make your reservations.

Metro Parks and Recreation has recently compiled a new directory of senior service organizations, senior clubs and centers which was published through the courtesy of Colonel Harland Sanders Geriatric Center at Jewish Hospital.

It's a very complete guide to senior activities around the county, and your group may obtain one from Metro Parks offices, 1297 Trevilian Way (across from the Zoo).

Jefferson County Division of Aging plans two more boat rides for seniors on July 20 and September 16. Tickets will be \$2, so get yours early. It will also sponsor an Exposition on July 31 and August 30 at Oxmoor Center where produce from the Senior Gardens will be displayed. Watch for the announcement of a "Celebration of Your Autumn Years" in September.

The RSVP advisory council recently elected four new members to serve a term of three years.

Two of those elected are former RSVP council members who have already served two three-year terms which expired a year ago. We are very happy to have the enthusiasm of Mrs. Dorothy Miles and Mrs. Judy Wilson.

Our two new members come highly qualified and have already made names for themselves in other organizations. We welcome Mrs. Irene Kilgore and Mrs. Connie Quintavalle.

We would also like to thank Joe Spalding, DHS Nutrition Program Director, for all of his support in the six years he has served as a council member.

LITERACY UPDATE

The Ad Club of Louisville is spearheading a "Louisville Literacy" Campaign which will kick-off in mid August. Each year the Ad Club contributes its talents and time towards helping solve a community problem. Recognizing the value of a literate community, it will work in tandem with Jefferson County Public Schools Adult Education Department and other literacy organizations to spread the word about literacy classes and to recruit both students and teachers.

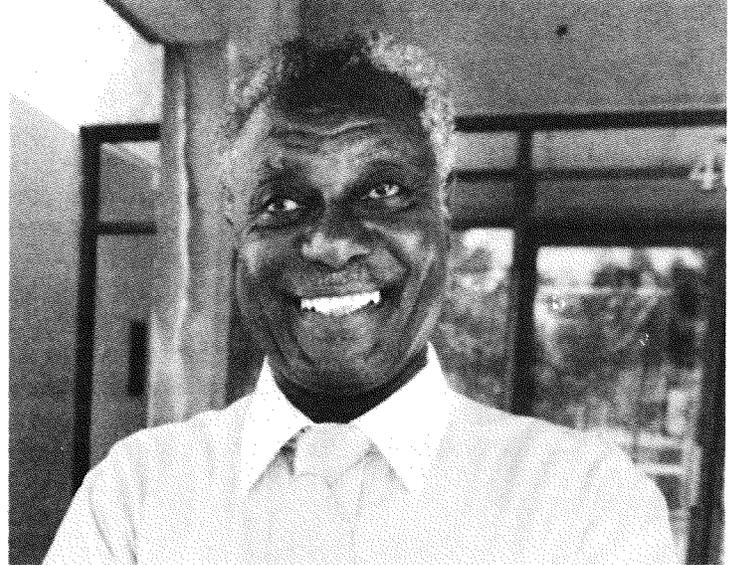
Watch for billboards, TV spots, radio announcements and news articles which the Ad Club is preparing for this literacy blitz - See Volunteer Opportunities, page 2 for tutor/training dates. It is anticipated that many more tutors of all ages will be needed to meet the challenge of the campaign.

We appreciate the response from RSVP Laubach tutors who agreed to help children in the Public School's Summer Remediation Program. With Adult Centers closed this summer, they have generously offered to assist children who need special tutoring to pass the Kentucky Essential Skills Tests for second, fourth and seventh graders.

THANKS to Eloise Bader, Sarah Bond, Emmy and Simon David, Florence Fields, Ruth Malone, Anna-Blye Price, Madison Neblett, Betty and Fred Weber. Your concern is appreciated very much.

Mary Forcht, RSVP volunteer at Senior House West, whose jokes appear in the Sunday Magazine has had several published in Reader's Digest. She says the best part is that they send her \$50 for each one they use. Way to go, Mary!

RSVP MEMBER JOINS PEACE CORPS



Thad Howard who has been an invaluable RSVP volunteer administering the Job Bank Program for the Louisville Urban League, has joined the Peace Corps!

Howard who will be 70 this year, will be assigned to the West African nation of Benin, formerly a Kingdom of Nigeria. For several weeks he will undergo training in St. Louis, Missouri learning to supervise and repair sanitary-water systems which the Peace Corps will install in Benin.

Howard says his inspiration to serve as a Peace Corps volunteer came from President Jimmy Carter's mother who went to India to serve for two years when she was 68 years old. He joins 27 other retirees ages 71 to 80 who are Peace Corps volunteers in various countries. Howard especially asked to be assigned to Africa after seeing the plight of Third World Nations there and the deaths of so many people from famine.

We applaud Thad Howard and his hope of making a meaningful contribution to less fortunate persons by improving their living conditions. If his service is as dedicated as it has been to Urban League, he surely will make a difference. RSVP wishes him well!

Photo courtesy Courier-Journal

R.S.V.P. WELCOMES NEW AND REINSTATED VOLUNTEERS

EARL BOYET, Sun Valley Center (R)
MARY C. COOK, Sacred Heart Home (R)
MARY DREES, Senior House
ELIZABETH EGGLETON, Four Courts, Nazareth Home
VELMA ENDSLEY, Shawnee Nutrition Center
JOHN FELDMAN, Veterans Administration Medical Center
MARJORIE FERRIS, Buechel Center
ODIS GARVIN, Avenue Plaza Mobile Meals
GERTRUDE GAY, Pavilion Health Care, Senior House
ARTHUR GOHMANN, Buechel Center
JENNIE GRACE, Senior House
HAZEL HUNDLEY, Senior House
MARY ROSE KAMER, St. Joseph Home for Children
CATHERINE MARTIN, Hillebrand Center (R)
ROBERT McCORMICK, Hillcreek Manor
EMILY ROSE MICKEY, Telecare
OVIE MILLER, Buechel Center
FERN OATSON, St. Peters United Church of Christ (R)
LILLIE PEARSON, Senior House
RUTH POPE, American Red Cross
FRANCES POWELL, St. Joseph Home for Children
MARION PREWITT, Dare to Care
DORIS JEAN RUCCIO, Community Action Agency/Sts. Simon and Jude
DONNIE STAMMERMAN, American Red Cross
AILEEN STEVENSON, Telecare
MARY THOMPSON, American Red Cross
JENNY WALLACE, Community Action Agency
LOUIS WENTZELL, Humana Hospital University
A.W. WILLARD, Senior House
ALMA WISEMAN, St. Joseph Home for Children (R)

R = Reinstated Volunteers

LATE NEWS BREAK Trained librarians are very much needed by the public-spirited citizens in Fern Creek who have collected hundreds of books for their own Community Library after their branch of the Free Public Library was closed. An advisory council of nine concerned residents oversees the Library, but needs trained persons to show them proper procedures.

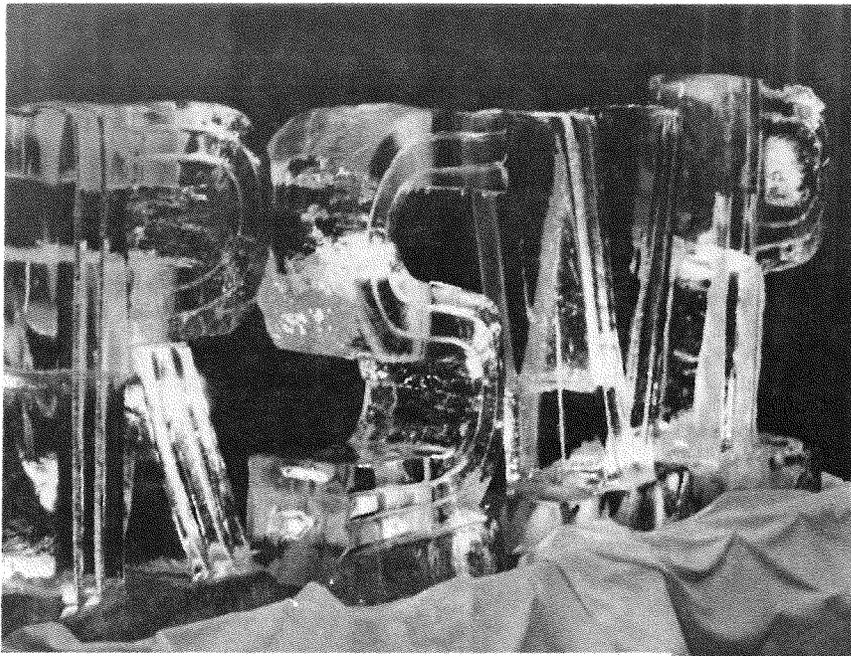
If you can assist in this most worthwhile community project, please let RSVP know.... 583-2821.

OOPS WE GOOFED! Some little gremlin stole some volunteer names from our Birthday List in the last issue of ACTION LINE, and we are very sorry we did not catch him before we went to press. Our apologies to the following volunteers: Ollie Graves, February 19; Susie Arnold, March 1; Marie Becher, March 27; Emma Davis, March 15.

Please ask permission to post the enclosed insert at your church; or on a Community bulletin board; or in your favorite store; or wherever your retired friends gather. We will be very grateful for your help.

Recognition Highlights

Pictured are the RSVP Ice Sculpture - a surprise gift from the Galt House East honoring RSVP volunteers, and some of the dancers from Blankenship Dance Company. The lady dancers shown are all over 70 years old! Below at right: RSVP director, Sarah Richie and volunteer, Alice King boogie to the music of the Bob Holt Band. Mrs. King who was 78 years young in March has won several dance contests at Senior House where she volunteers.



Happy Birthday Volunteers!

APRIL

Mamie Age
Millie Allen
Minnie Allen
Geraldine Bland
Catherine Bond
Steve Borders
Emma Brecker
Edith Brisendine
Virginia Brown
Willis Bryant
Myrtle Bush
Mary Ellen Clements
Lillian Cloyd
Rose Clutinger
Marie Coll
Virginia Davis
Ruby Deacon
Beverly DeFabio
Hedwig Diehl
Mary Drees
Elizabeth Eggleton
Rosamond Gibson
Sr. Mary C. Greenwell
Niles Hadden
Charles Hagmann
Myrtle Hasty
Lewis Held
John Herms
Carrie Johnson
Clyde Jones
Dora Jones
Ethel Jones
Ida Mae Jones
Mary Kirchner
Corrine Knight
John Kraft
Lucy Lichtsteiner
Helen Love
Marie Lubbers
Emma Lydon
Nadine Poynter
Irene Phillips
Ruth Phillips
Sallie Powell
Marion Prewitt
Tess Ramsey
Margaret Redmon
Mabel Salmon
Bess Saunders
Joseph Schaefer
Everlean Smith
Olivia Sohm

Betty Stone
Carrie VanNatta
Beatrice Walker
Georgia Whalin
Jennie Williams
Verna Wright
Virginia Ziegler

MAY

Annette Abrahams
Allen Alexander
Rose Ard
Edna Bailey
Frank Bender
Frank Berlin
Laura Bishop
Sr. Maria Biven
Dorothy Bohannon
Velma Booth
Mary Catherine Brashear
Mildred Bullard
Jannie Cage
Mary Carpini
Verna Conlin
Henry Culver
LeRoy Drane
Louise Elder
Ester Espy
Sr. Robert A. Fleischman
Jim Fulks
Mary Gaubert
Helen Givens
Lorraine Goldsmith
Lucille Gordon
Quinella Gray
Sr. Patricia Greely
Merle Grove
Ellen Hamilton
Lorraine Harrod
Jack Hirschfield
Pearline Ingram
Cecilia Jones
Doris Jones
Norman Jones
Corine Kern
Katherine Kidwell
Edna Koebel
Vivian Kupchik
Mary Lawson

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Robert Samuels
Elmer Sermersheim
Isabelle Sherman
Geraldine Smith
Irvin Straus
Irma Tandy
Frank White
Margaret Wilhemnus
Callie Willis
Justina Zinious

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Eugene Arnold
Genevieve Beavin
Edwina Beeler
Gertrude Blumenthal
Edgar Bonham
Marie Boyd
Martha Burkhart
Sr. Mary C. Campbell
George Carter
Fannie Cassilly
Lawrence Coleman
Edward Connors
Pauline Cook
Ben Crume
Pauline Demling

More Happy Birthdays ...

Everett Denney
James Dettlinger
Dorothy Drury
Catherine Duncan
Louise Earle
Marge Eisner
Juanita Elkins
Donald Elliott
Mary Faller
Ross Fidler
Etta Fines
Charles Fort
Harriett Foster
Douglas Fowler
Irvin Glazer
Mary Glenn
Arthur Gohmann
Pauline Golden
Ruth Hardison
Junetta Harshaw
Frances Heitz

Virginia Helm
Mary Rita Hettich
Jesse Hilton
Dorothy Horrell
Evelyn Howard
Thelma Hunter
Ora Jenkins
Violet Kane
Gladys Keene
Evelyn Keller
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Bronislaus Krupski
Harriett LaForrest
Catherine Lobred
Anthony Lucchese
Harold Maier
Fannie Markey
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Johnetta McReynolds
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Ruby Mollyhorn

Ina Morris
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Ruby Searcy
John Seeley
Emma Smith
Ida Straub
Catherine Sullivan
Ida Sullivan
Mattie Taylor
Doris Thomas
Lina Tower
Betty Trowell
Jenny Wallace
Lillian Watkins
Dorothy White
Robert Wood

RSVP NEEDS UPDATED AUTO INSURANCE INFORMATION

ATTENTION RSVP DRIVERS who use your cars to and from your volunteer sites!
We have been asked to update the Automobile Information which we keep on file
for you as required by our insurance company. Please complete the following
form and return it to us as soon as possible. THANKS so very much for your
cooperation.

NAME: _____
ADDRESS/ZIP _____
DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER _____
AUTO INSURANCE COMPANY _____
LOCAL AGENT/PHONE _____
POLICY NUMBER _____
AMOUNT OF LIABILITY YOU CARRY _____
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**VERY SPECIAL
ANNOUNCEMENT**

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

**Calling Retirees to a New Life of
Community Service**

If you are 60 and retired, there's a whole new world awaiting you as a part of non-profit organizations and agencies which provide services to our fellow citizens who are in need. The following needs for volunteers are but a small sample of where your talents and time can make a difference. RSVP members, please tell friends, family and neighbors what it means to you to be a volunteer, and have them call RSVP (583-2821) for help in getting started.

Catholic Charities/Project English is continuing classes for non-English speaking persons through the summer. Volunteers to help refugees learn the language are very much needed. Orientation and tutor assistance are provided.

Dare To Care still needs more drivers to pick up donated bread products at various groceries and bakeries. Call us if you'd like to be a part of this community-wide effort to feed the hungry.

Department of Human Services-Financial Assistance Program which assists persons with no income once every twelve months to meet unpaid rent and utility bills, can use office and secretarial help with the many records it must keep for its clients.

Literacy Volunteers for JCPS Adult Education Centers will receive tutor training in the Laubach method of teaching non-readers on August 29 and September 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The method combines the printed word with pictures and sounds in stories that appeal to adults. Please register soon as training classes fill up quickly.

Metro United Way Finance Department could use three or four special volunteers to assist in recording donations during the 1987 campaign from September 12 through mid-November. An orientation will be offered in August for persons with mathematical backgrounds who can make a commitment of "time and talent" during these dates.

National Kidney Foundation is seeking three volunteers to assist with typing envelopes, lists, and labels, folding, sorting, and stuffing mailings; and a data entry clerk to enter mailing list information into computer. Orientation and training are provided.

South Louisville Community Ministries needs volunteers to pick up and deliver hot meals to home-bound persons in south Louisville. Meals are prepared at Sts. Mary & Elizabeth Hospital or Dumeyer Nutrition Center and delivered to shut-ins during the noon hour.



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RSVP MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN METRO UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN '87

BERTIE TROUTMAN tells her story in the '87 campaign film about a "miracle" she experienced through advice from the Visiting Nurse Association (VNA)—a long time United Way agency. Legally blind for 12 years, a cataract operation in 1975 was unsuccessful, and added to her sorrow was the death of her husband the day he brought her home from surgery.

Mrs. Troutman who joined RSVP in 1983 has been a faithful volunteer at Jeffersontown Senior Center where she has given 35-40 hours of service a month in spite of her blindness. At a VNA Health Clinic, she learned of new techniques which might restore her sight, and in February 1987, laser surgery proved to be the "miracle" she hoped for. She saw her great-granddaughter for the first time just before the child's third birthday!

Bertie Troutman's volunteer hours dropped to 4 in February, but with her new gift of sight, they have risen to 46 hours for August. We value her service to her center, but we hope she'll take time off to travel, to see the things she could not see before.

LORETTA HANKA, who retired two years ago from the University of Louisville as supervisor of its Transcript Department, is representing U of L on the team of Loaned Executives (LE's) for a second year. LE's are persons who are "loaned" to United Way by businesses, labor unions, governmental agencies, educational institutions, and other organizations to raise money for its yearly campaign.

Mrs. Hanka volunteers at American Red Cross Southwest, but from mid-August to late November, she is a part of MUW's hard working troop of LEs. Her major assignments this year include health care facilities, the universities, and the seminaries in Jefferson County. She tells us that the best part of being an LE is the opportunity to meet a large cross-section of the citizens in our community.

RSVP is proud of the extraordinary contribution Loretta Hanka is making. This mother of five and grandmother of ten, is relinquishing her favorite hobbies — growing roses, gourmet cooking, baking special treats — in order to help make Campaign '87 a success.



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ACCEPT, Inc. located on East Chestnut, needs a volunteer to assist in the office (light typing, answer the telephone, greet clients, and assist with other administrative tasks).

Baptist Fellowship Center located on Catalpa, needs office assistants to assist with record keeping, typing and filing. Volunteers are also needed to assist in their clothes closet.

Jefferson Alcohol & Drug Abuse Center (JADAC) located on East Chestnut, needs program assistants, educational presenters, medical records assistants, follow-up monitors, community educators, vocational rehabilitation assistants, receptionist and volunteers to work in admissions—Orientation and training will be provided.

National Kidney Foundation located on Eastern Parkway, needs volunteers to type envelopes and labels, and assist with mailings. A data entry clerk is needed to put information into the computer.

Pavilion Healthcare Center located on East Jefferson, needs caring persons to visit, socialize, and assist residents on outings, i.e., the Zoo, picnics, etc.

YMCA Shelter House located on First Street, needs public speakers to speak to civic, social and church groups about YMCA Center for Youth Alternatives. Volunteers are also needed to assist with the preparation of meals... assist with office work (typing, filing, mailings, provide phone coverage, enter data into the computer)...tutors and activity aides are also needed.

YWCA Spouse Abuse Center located on South Third Street, needs volunteers to work with victims and their children.

Humana-University Hospital located on E. Chestnut, needs tutors for their "Infant Car Seat Program" to educate mothers about the use of car seats (training will be provided). Also needed are cashiers for the gift shop and social services volunteers to follow up on discharged patients.

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HAPPENINGS

Al Frye, AARP Assistant State Director and Medicare will sponsor an informational meeting at 2:00 p.m. on October 29 at the Antioch Baptist Church, 17th and Dumesnil. Everyone 50 years old and over, whether a member of AARP or not, is invited to attend.

Metro United Way's annual "Safe 'n Scary" Halloween on October 31 at the Louisville Gardens will have two sessions for children 10 and under. The first will be from 5:00 to 6:45 p.m., and the second from 7:00 to 8:45 p.m. Plan now to bring your grandchildren for Halloween "Tricks or Treats" in a fun and safe place.

In late Spring, a memo from ACTION, Inc. describing outstanding Older American programs throughout the nation, named RSVP of Jefferson County, Kentucky as one of three RSVP projects where volunteers make a difference.

It featured RSVP members who are involved with feeding the street people at St. Boniface Soup Kitchen, assisting in the cheese and commodity distribution programs, delivering meals to shut-ins, and tutoring in the Jefferson County Board of Education literacy programs.

Your hours and records of service in these high priority basic needs areas are impressive, and we appreciate your efforts to help the hungry, homeless, and illiterates in our community.

Don't forget Metro Parks Senior Dances scheduled for November and December. To make reservations, call 968-6084.

Coordinator Robert Hughes of the Jefferson County Division of Aging is planning some special events for seniors this fall. Please watch your newspapers for announcements about "what, where, and when" these will take place. For more information, call 625-6400.

Metro United Way Campaign '87 is grateful for the many RSVP volunteers who have assisted in preparing MUW pins and campaign mailings. A big THANK YOU to volunteers at: Avenue Plaza, Blanton House, Zion United Church of Christ, Parkside Day Care Center, Prospect-Harrods Creek Seniors, Reitmeier Center, Senior House West Neighborhood House, Senior House West Lions Club, and RSVP Community Service Aides.

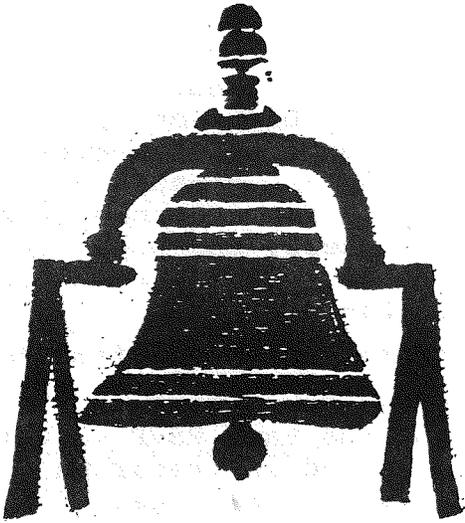
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RSVP Director, Sarah Richie, was hospitalized for surgery in late September. She is doing well, and by the time you read this, she will be home recuperating.

PBS will have a PLUS Literacy Special, "A Job To Be Done" on October 21 - so check your TV listings for time and station. In Louisville, a breakfast for business leaders on October 21 at the Galt House will examine illiteracy here in Jefferson County.

Training for Literacy tutors will be October 21 and 31, and on November 14 and 21. All sessions will be held at Gheens Academy, 4425 Preston Highway. To register call 456-3400.

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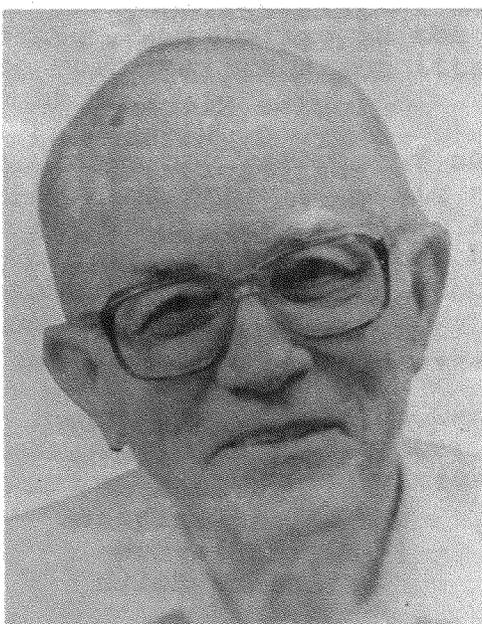
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Happy Birthday Volunteers!

JULY

Sr. Callistus Abell
Pauline Banks
Beatrice Bartsch
Catherine Blansett
Catherine Bronger
Mary Burgess
Kathleen Carter
Sr. Mary P. Cassidy
Sr. Margaret A. Charlton
Jean Cohen
Phyllis Covatta
Jessie Crady
Simon David
James Day
Mary Dettlinger
Ethel Dreher
Irene Emington
Florence Fields
Josephine Ford
Iola Gayhart
Edward Gottbrath
Norbert Gottbrath
Maurice Gould
Emma Jo Gray
Clara Gregory
Margaret Hall
Lucille Harris
Virginia Head
Marie Hobbs
Mary E. Hodge
Mary Houston
Teresa Hutti
Bertha Jackie
Pauline Jackson
Susie Jackson
Robert Janes
Sr. Louis Jarboe
Mary Johnson
Lucille Kamer
Mary Rose Kamer
Betty Kayrouz
Avis Kettring
Katie Kidwell
Mildred Kipes
Peter Klym
Mary LaPradd
Martha Lowry
Lucile Maddox

Dorothy Mallory
Daisy McCormick
Mary McCarthy
Marie Miller
Rose Miller
Gladys Moore
Esther Morton
Jo Munz
Mary Newcomer
Irene Niemeier
Gertrude Peak
Lillie Pearson
Elizabeth Pendleton
Frank Rothfuss
Margaret Ryan
Elizabeth Sauter
Elmer Sauter
Elizabeth Schaefer
Edwin Scharf
Francis Schnabel
Herold Schueler
Nellie Schwalk
Frances Scott
Etta Sears
Hazel Smith
Joseph Sohm III
Zella Switzer
Cecil Talbott
Alice TenBarge
Ivan TenBarge
Josephine Vowels
Rudy Weppler
Carroll Williams
Frank Williams
Hazel Williams
Cecil Woods, Sr.

AUGUST

George Ashey
Eloise Bader
Wilma Baldwin
Mary Boles
Marge Bradway
Ruth Brandt
William Brown
Frances Bufkin

Ruth Cantor
Lillian Cooper
Mary Cotrell
Alene Cox
Dorothy Cox
Anna Davis
Coreaner Davis
Minnie Eastridge
Mary Gillespie
Horace Gore
Beatrice Gough
Loretta Hanka
Victoria Hayes
Helen Head
Lucille Henehan
Ann Herbig
Lois Hobart
Addie Howard
Augusta Jeffries
Frances Kaelin
Edith Karcher
Mattie Kelley
Harry Klapheke
A. J. Lichtsteiner
Emily Lutz
Zelpha Lyles
Helen Manning
Robert McCormick
Al McCreary
Emma McKinney
F. C. Miller
Joan Miller
Louise Mitchell
Mary C. Mitchell
Rose Moore
Norma Muller
Fern Oatson
Alice Offutt
Pansy Olges
Lucille Powell
Anna B. Price
Mary Reese
Geraldine Rigdon
Helen Schmitt
Joseph Schoene, Sr.
William Selgrath
Edith Slayton
Florence Smith

More Happy Birthdays ...

Kate Spaulding
Ruth Stopher
Emma Taylor
Aline Weber
Edith Weber
Mabel Wiggins
Polly Wilder
James Wiseman
Olga Wiseman
Joseph Worst
Thelma Young

September

Clay Allen
Doris Baker
Clarence Baron
Joanne Benim
Alyne Bradshaw
Cecilia Brunner
Beatrice Diemer
Margaret Donoho
John Duerr
Ethel Duvall
Robert Edger
Virginia Elliott
Josephine Ellis
Susie Gates
Jamesetta Gilkey
Mary Gillis
Rose Gunther
Sr. Agnes B. Hall
George Hans

Virginia Harbold
Frank Hardeman
Frances Haskell
William Heffren
Ida Hertz
Eva Holloway
Elbert Hooper
Margaret Horn
Lucille Howard
Bennie Howell
Dorothy Ingram
Carolyn Ising
Bernice Jackson
Josephine Johnson
Luevenia Johnson
Mary Johnson
Winifred Johnson
Zilla Jones
Irene King
Mora Lee King
F. C. Kintler
Mary C. Klein
Nadine Knight
Lyda M. Livingston
Carl Long
Margaret Lorenzen
Sr. Maureen Lyons
Edith Mancini
Ben Marks
Catherine L. Martin
Lucille A. Martin
Nellie McCoy
Alice McDougal
Virginia McGurk

Caroline Miller
Meta Miller
Ovie Miller
Louise Morris
Virginia Pellman
Clara Pfaadt
Frances Powell
Emily Quan
Ethel Quesenberry
Mary Quinker
Mary N. Riggs
Mary R. Riggs
Leona Robbins
Imelda Ross
Ruby Ross
Martha Rueff
Magdalene Scharfenberger
Elizabeth Schmitt
Florence Schultz
Virginia Schupp
Mary J. Sermersheim
Miriam Sherman
Ruby Shull
Zara Siebe
Dorothy Stone
Verna Storms
Mary Summers
Mayola Taylor
Thelma Vardeman
McConnell Voss
Vivian Watson
Mary White
Ruth Woods
Carrie Zaring

R.S.V.P. WELCOMES NEW AND REINSTATED VOLUNTEERS

Richard Barker
Virginia Blackburn
Barbara Brooks
Barbara Carr
Helen Crawford
Edna Crenshaw
Beulah Elzie
Georgia Frankhouser
Daisy Harvey
N. F. Harvey
Fay Hiatt
Norman Horner
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Babette Lobred
Martha Lukins
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Mary McCarthy
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Bessie Minton
Gladys Moore (R)
Alice Morrow
Esther Morton (R)

Jo Munz
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Helen O'Bryan (R)
Elvira Reid
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The SALVATION ARMY needs volunteers throughout the Holiday Season to help staff the "ANGEL TREES" in shopping areas throughout greater Louisville... work at toy shops...be a bell ringer. Volunteers also keep simple records and accept gifts from donors. If you can volunteer four hours or more, please fill out the form below and send it to the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, P. O. Box 4488, Louisville, KY 40204-0488.

Yes, I can help THE SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE

Time Preference: Early Morning Late Morning Early Afternoon Late Afternoon
 Evening

No Preference, When I'm Needed

Mall Preference: Bashford Manor Greentree Mall Jefferson Mall Oxmoor Center
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No Preference, Where I'm Needed

I can help sort ANGEL TREE gifts after December 1

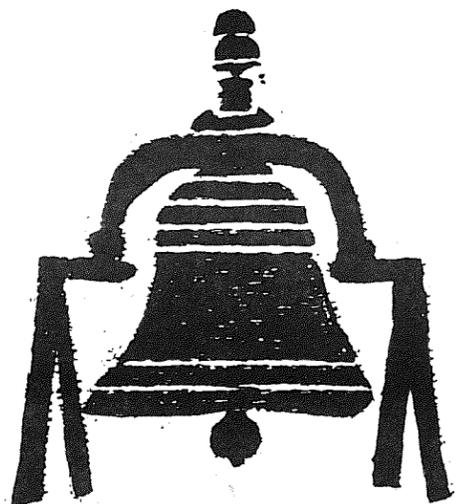
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Name _____ Phone _____ Work _____
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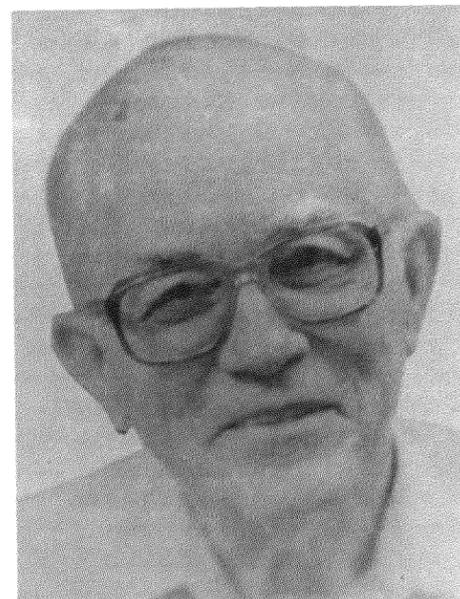
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FROM THE DESK OF SARAH RICHIE

On the arrival of a new year, most everyone spends time reflecting on the activities of the year and sharing these experiences with others.

During this past year, we have reflected and shared with you many facets of the program through the ACTION LINE. Last winter's issue gave you a glimpse of RSVP volunteers who were charter members in 1973 and were still serving others in 1986. In spring, we featured the Young at Heart's entertainers who delighted over 900 of you at the Recognition Luncheon which celebrated the 15th birthday of RSVP nationally.

Summertime ACTION LINE introduced new RSVP Advisory Council officers and urged you to join the corps of RSVP literacy volunteers. Your response was simply super, and in the fall issue we showed you at a tutor training seminar as well as others who already were tutoring. We are especially proud of you who have helped address the problems of illiteracy in this community.

Now, I would like to share with you the total contribution of services that you have given in Louisville/Jefferson County this past year. Over 1,100 were active volunteers in the RSVP program. You gave over 216,000 hours of service at 130 different sites. If valued at minimum wage level, the hours you have given to this community would be worth \$730,000. I salute you for a job well done, because you have made the difference in the lives of thousands of people.

I wish you and your families a most successful New Year.

RSVP BELL AWARD WINNERS

Two RSVP members were among the ten winners of the prestigious Bell Awards and were honored at a banquet and ceremony which was telecast live by WLKY-TV on December 3 at the Galt House East. We salute Robley Rex and Mrs. Dale Pate!

WLKY's Spirit of Louisville Foundation presents the awards each year to persons who have demonstrated the true "Spirit of Louisville" through unselfish, humanitarian service to others. The award is a specially cast miniature of the ship's bell on the Belle of Louisville. In addition, the winners receive the national Jefferson Medallion from the American Institute of Public Service in Washington D. C.

Last spring, Rex was named the "Outstanding RSVP Volunteer" at our annual recognition luncheon where we reported that for over 50 years, he has provided social services for veterans and their families throughout southern Jefferson County where few social agencies exist. This led us to nominate him for the Bell Awards.

RSVP member Dale Pate was nominated by Senior Citizens East, Inc. where she has given hours of service as a member of their Board of Directors, as a volunteer recruiter/trainer, and as head of SCE's fundraising program, FUNDtastics. She also has served as a volunteer at Jefferson-town Senior Center. We are very proud of both of these faithful RSVP volunteers whose generous gift of themselves has touched the lives of so many others.

HAPPENINGS AT METRO UNITED WAY

A successful 1986 campaign which topped its goal of \$12,600,000 was celebrated at Metro United Way's annual Victory Dinner on November 24 at the Galt House East. Richard P. Mayer, Chief Executive Officer of Kentucky Fried Chicken Corporation and campaign chairman called it "the greatest Metro United Way campaign in our history."

Five counties - Hardin, Jefferson, Oldham, and Shelby in Kentucky and Floyd in Indiana, now comprise the Metro United Way area and funds will go to 76 human service agencies in those counties. RSVP is a beneficiary of campaign dollars, and we appreciate very much the support that RSVP volunteers have given towards making it a successful campaign.

A highlight of the Victory Dinner was the presentation of a certificate of appreciation given by Mayer to President Jack C. Costello, who leaves Louisville in March, 1987 to go to Cleveland Ohio's United Way in a similar role. RSVP joins Metro United Way volunteers and agencies in wishing him much success.

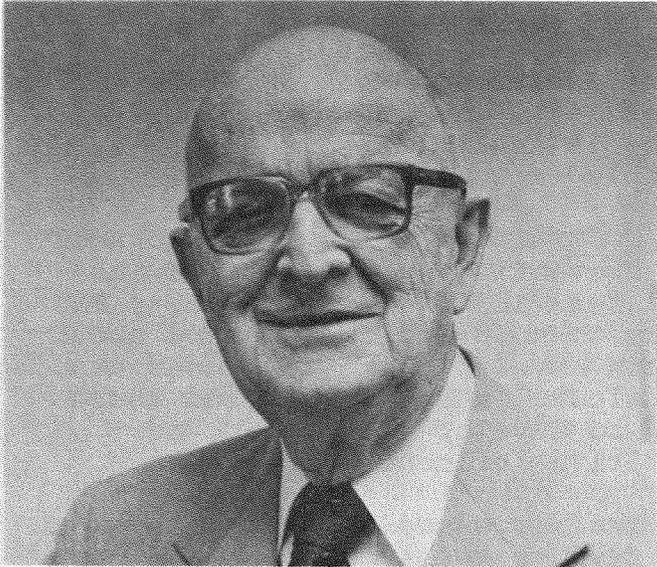
During December, a volunteer search committee interviewed several candidates from around the country for the position of President of Metro United Way. It has selected Rob Reifsnyder, now director, Financial Resources and Communications for the Community Chest of Cincinnati, Ohio to fill the vacancy. Reifsnyder will assume his position in mid-February.

Another change at Metro United Way has been the semi-retirement of long-time staff member and Executive Vice-President, A. G. Spizzirri. "Spitz's" multitude of friends which he's made after 16 years with United Way here, surprised him with a pre-retirement party on December 5. Former staff members from around Louisville, as well as from New Jersey, Indiana, Tennessee, Minnesota, Colorado, and Washington, D. C. came to offer a "toast" to his good future.

Old news is often good news! We'd like to let you know that in May, 1986, Joa Tolan - former director of Human Services for Jefferson County government, joined the Metro United Way staff as Vice-President Community Resources Division, which includes RSVP and the Voluntary Action Center as well as other United Way community services. We think he's a great asset to RSVP and United Way.

**Tell me, I'll forget. Show me, I may remember. But involve me
and I'll understand. Chinese Proverb**

INTRODUCING RSVP ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS



Newly elected council member, Charles Dibowski is known to most of you as the former director of the Office for Aging. On his retirement in the fall of 1985, he was praised for his 35 years of service to Jefferson County Government. As a young social worker in Cincinnati, he was head of the homeless shelters which cared for 25 to 30 thousand persons each year, and which taught him all about the vicissitudes of life.

Here he was the county's first juvenile probation officer for 17 years before being appointed the county human-relations coordinator for eight years. The past 11 years with the Aging program have given him an extraordinary knowledge and expertise in the affairs affecting older persons. Altogether he has served under nine county judge-executives both Democrats and Republicans. As one of the earliest members of the RSVP council, Dibowski knows much about the program. We surely welcome him back!



Another new council member we want you to know is Cindy Highfield. She was born and raised in South Bend, Indiana and is a graduate of the University of St. Louis. Cindy is married and has a daughter and son, 13 and 14 years of age.

Ms. Highfield is a marketing representative for Commerce Clearing House (publishers of topical law reporting), and has served on the board of Big Brothers/Big Sisters as well as the general and executive boards of the Younger Woman's Club of Louisville. She is very familiar with United Way and its agency services having chaired the Mail & Phone Division of its campaign for two years. We are sure she has many talents to share with RSVP.

Congratulations to Mrs. Louise Clark who was recently honored by Senior Life & Times for her volunteer service at Buechel Senior Center!

Congratulations, too, to Mrs. Marie Miller of Zion United Church for her good luck in winning the K-Mart gift certificate for \$50 at Christmastime!

VOLUNTEER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Historic LITTLE LOOMHOUSE has almost finished the physical restoration of its cabins and now needs volunteers who can help sort and organize a vast collection of papers - writings, publications, photos, and other archives left by its founder, Lou Tate.

The collection is a treasured heritage of earlier years in Louisville, and anyone who loves history will enjoy this opportunity. Call RSVP if you have a few hours on Tuesdays to give to this challenging project (583-2821).

LOUISVILLE URBAN LEAGUE's "Skills Bank Program" matches qualified job-ready persons who are seeking employment with employers and/or labor unions who need reliable workers. The program is staffed entirely by volunteers, and operates Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Retired businessmen, teachers, supervisors (male or female) are needed as counselors and job developers. Volunteers may set their own hours. Also needed are persons to be receptionists and intake clerks with some office skills. These are great opportunities to help persons who want to work to make a better life for themselves.

HUMANA HOSPITAL UNIVERSITY provides an "Infant Safety Car-seat Program" for young mothers of the 2-3 thousand babies born there each year. It emphasizes the need for protecting infants and young children from serious injuries while riding in a car. Mothers are able to obtain a Safe-seat with a nominal fee that is refunded when the seat is returned. Volunteers are especially needed to assist this program.

Humana also needs a volunteer for its information desk on Fridays from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This service is ideal for someone who likes people from all walks of life.

COPES is an acronym for Council on Prevention and Education: Substances. It offers a Community Program to help adults who care about youth develop a greater understanding of alcohol and drug use and abuse and to develop a stronger, more positive influence with youth.

Trainings are free for any group of five to twenty persons and can be arranged with Ms. Donna Woods, Community Program Coordinator. It is the feeling of those who work in this arena that Grandparents can make a difference if they know how and what to say to youth about the use of alcohol and drugs. For more information please call 583-6820.

VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA is one of the major organizations which serve the disadvantaged and poorest of poor persons in our community. Its success depends on volunteers who are committed to making life a little more bearable for these people. Volunteers who can serve as counselors in both the men's shelter and the homeless family shelter - as well as volunteers with office skills, are needed very much at this time. Please call RSVP, 583-2821, if you have a few hours to give to a pressing need.

God asks no man whether he will accept life. That is not the choice. One must take it. The only choice is how

—Henry Ward Beecher



MORE HONORS FOR RSVP VOLUNTEERS

At their lovely Christmas luncheon on December 17, over 100 members of the St. Joseph Home Sewing Society applauded RSVP volunteer, Mrs. Elizabeth Mehling for her contribution and service through the years. She was awarded a plaque as "Outstanding Volunteer" at St. Joseph for 1987. In the past 30 years, Mrs. Mehling has created 125 colorful patchwork quilt-tops for members to quilt, and has quilted a few of these by herself.

This large group of volunteers supports the abused/neglected children at St. Joseph Home by making all manner of quilts and embroidered pillow cases which are sold or auctioned at the Annual Picnic. The women have raised as much as \$35,000 a year as a result of their talents!

1987 marks the 75th Anniversary of the founding of St. Joseph Home Sewing Society - and a gala celebration is planned for March 29. Anyone who enjoys fine quilting is welcome to join the group.

DID YOU KNOW?

Actors Theatre and Kentucky Center for the Arts both have exciting programs planned for February. The Arts Center offers discounts for groups of ten or more, while Actors gives discounts to groups of twenty. So get your friends together and have a good time on the town!

AARP offers a variety of slide/tape shows which they will loan to senior groups at no charge; or which can be purchased if you like. We've seen the Crime Prevention program and it's excellent. Call RSVP for more information 583-2821.



RSVP Member Violet Cook

In October, the Jefferson County Office for Aging, headed by Bob Hughes, held a four-day festival, "In Celebration of Our Autumn Years." Over 800 seniors attended a gala banquet on October 23, where RSVP member, Mrs. Violet Cook, was honored as "Senior Woman Volunteer of the Year."

Mrs. Cook has been a part of RSVP since 1978, and a member of the Jefferson County Council on Aging for over 12 years. She has served as a volunteer at the Fairdale and Beechmont Nutrition Centers, as a caller for TELECARE (where she is still active), and as a school tutor at Hazelwood Elementary School. Assisting little ones in first and second grades with their reading and math was what Mrs. Cook most enjoyed. A very serious eye problem has prevented her from continuing this service.

RSVP feels Mrs. Cook richly deserves this award for her long and faithful service to the community.

Happy Birthday Volunteers!

October

Susie Allensworth
Clarence Barnes
Mary Barr
Audrey Beckwith
Mary Lucille Berry
Gladys Billharz
Christine Breitbeil
Laura Brooks
Julia Brown
Mary Browning
Katherine Buck
Anna Burdette
Mary Cambron
Dorothy Carnahan
Sr. Mary H. Cofer
Charles Combest
Mary Crutcher
Elta Rae Davis
Frances Dever
Patsy Dugan
Dorothy Durant
Adell Durrett
Irene Eckles
Martine Elder
Mattie Ellis
Mollie Ellis
Norbert Fichteman
Mary Rose Filburn
Hilda Filley
Roberta Frech
Blanche Gailbreath
Dora Gamble
James Gordon
Christina Gregory
Mildred Hardin
Margie Harper
Ardella Heim
Irene Hoskinson
Edmonia Howard
Christine Kandler
Nassar Kayrouz
Josephine Knight
Harold Knipp
Ethel Lewis
Margaret McCall
Lessie McCoy
Anne Merce
Gladys Minyard
Joseph Mitchell

Juanita Moore
Alfred Moss
Mossie Neal
Harry Niemeier
Woodrow North
Mary Olges
Dale Pate
Robert Payne
Howard Paynter
Louise Payton
R. G. Philpot
Leona Pratt
Elizabeth Rheinlaender
Raymond Richter
Marguerite Robinson
Ann Ruhl
Vivian Sadler
Alma Schehr
Mary Schneider
Edith Schuler
Leonard Shull
Sr. Mary C. Smith
G. Henry Sowers
Mary Steier
Lillie Mae Stover
Merle Stueve
Mary C. Sullivan
Roberta Teague
Eloise Terry
Dorothy Thomas
James Timmons
Herbert Townsend
Bertie Troutman
Cornelia Unseld
Catherine Veatch
Sr. Marcia Voll
Rose Wacker
Betty Walsh
Thelma Walter
Charles Watson
Marie Weckman
Margaret Wheatley
Agnes White
Ann White
George Worland

Polly Bader
Effie Baker
Sr. Adelaide Barber
Rev. B. Barbour
Edmund Beck
Alma Belew
Margaret Below
Earl Boyet
Lena Bryant
Loretta Burch
Lowrene Carothers
Elizabeth Coleman
Jack Cothren
Wilhelmina Cummings
Elizabeth Dalton
Mildred Dewboys
Florence Dixon
Anna Dossett
Mary Flamion
Ida Fuchs
Piccolla Garr
Sr. Mary Haggerty
Sr. Janice Hamilton
Alice Helmel
Lottie Higgins
Thad Howard
Janice Hurd
Edward Jackson
Elizabeth Jones
Anthony Kaelin
Mary Kaplan
Katie Kidwell
Dorothy Kremer
Emmart La Crosse
Evelyn Mathely
Mable McClain
Katie McGill
Florence Miller
Sue Moss
John Mueller
Julia Munier
Loretta Niebauer
Mildred O'Brien
Lucille Offutt
Louise Otterpohl
Rose Paslick
Annalee Pollock
Margaret Raque
Ida Mae Rigdon

November

Gracie Albritton

More Happy Birthdays ...

Gussie Rines
Helen Ritter
Coleman Sadler
Martin Saper
Alberta Schaeftlein
Ruby Schmidt
Mary E. Schmitt
Frances Schueler
Mollie Scott
Nettie Shaahadey
Mary Shircliff
Harold Snover
Margaret Spurling
Jean Story
Mary Taylor
Thelma Thomas
Alean Uselton
Betty Watson
Irene Welch
Sr. Jean West
Bernice Wiggins
Thelma Will
Florence Williams
Loren Williams
Raymond Wisehart

December

Ethel Austin
Anna Avery
Aline Baldwin
Dora Beard
Ralph Beckley
Thelma Blakemore

Lucienne Bookout
Dorothy Borders
Madeline Boyd
Mary Brown
Pauline Brown
Kitty Brownell
Marvin Butler
Louise Clark
Mattie Correro
Beulah Cowherd
Lucille Cruz
Nancy Ditsler
Ruby Dockery
Leona Elsler
Robert Ewing
Annette Exley
Sr. Mary Fedler
Bertha Fritz
Charles Gagel
Lida Gibson
Mary Girten
Joella Goodman
Ollie Greer
Frank Hardeman
Pearl Johnson
Robert Key
Henrietta Koshewa
Mary Krahl
Catherine Krebs
John Lang
Marie Loftis
Bertha Losch
Lettie Martin
Hannah Mather

Frank McMenamin
Mary Miles
Harold Miller
Ida Miller
Marie Miller
William Morris
Pearl Mount
Theresa Neal
Anna Bell Owens
Bonnie Parris
Nell Philpott
Rose Plame
Hettie Powers
Helen Ratterman
Bobbie Rhea
Frank Robertson
Beatrice Schwartz
Eda Scott
Beulah Shain
Ernest Spencer
Emil Stauble
Ernest Stone
Frances Thomas
Golena Vinson
Theresa Voza
Betty Weber
Andrew Whaley
Antoinette Wheatley
Henrietta White
Claude Wilson
Alma Wiseman
James Wiseman

R.S.V.P. WELCOMES NEW AND REINSTATED VOLUNTEERS

Dora Beard
Ralph Beckley R
Frank Bender
Frank Berlin
Sara Bond
Maggie Chaney
Lillian Cloyd
Beverly DeFabio
Ruth Ezell
Isabel Fain
Lois Hobart

Evelyn Howard
Evelyn Keller
Robert Keller
Avis Kettring
Harry Klapheke
Mary C. Klein
Josephine Knight
Emmart LaCrosse
Therma Love
Darliss Manning
Mabel McLain

Caroline Miller
John Moore
Catherine Moorman
Nan Morris R
Ronald Roberts
Florence Shulz
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If you do not show any hours of active volunteer service, for 100 days, we are required to put you on our inactive list. This means :

1. You are not covered by the excess accident, personal liability and auto liability insurance which we provide for active volunteers.
2. We cannot invite you to the annual recognition affair, since funds are provided only for those volunteers who are active.

If you are away on an extended vacation, or if you must be inactive because of family illness, or are ill yourself, please let your Site Director know that you intend to return when you are able. RSVP also needs to know the date you resume your volunteer service.