

February 2018



Volunteer Newsletter

Volunteer Opportunities

Urgent Needs

Do you live in the Muskego area? Can you drive for us? From September to December of 2017, 100 rides were requested between Muskego and New Berlin and 12% of the rides went unmatched. With additional requests being made in the Muskego area, we are in need of more drivers in the southern part of Waukesha County. Please consider becoming a driver to help these people get to their much needed medical appointments.

Drive a wife to visit her husband: A woman in Sussex is hoping to visit her husband at Linden Grove in Waukesha twice a week for a few hours. We are looking for a couple volunteers to take her at the same time each week.

Driver wanted in Dousman: A woman living in Dousman needs a ride to her dialysis treatment in Oconomowoc on Saturdays. She goes twice during the week and takes the Medicare van, but they aren't able to provide weekend transportation.

Non medical Respite Volunteer: A former English literature teacher, now living with Parkinson's Disease, and longtime Waukesha resident would like someone to provide respite care for his wife. As a 24/7 caregiver, she needs time to herself, certain her husband is in good hands and enjoying himself with someone aside from her. He likes to play games, especially cribbage, and is a model railroad enthusiast. If you are interested in helping with the railroad, you need to make sure he gets up the steps to the second level safely. If you only like games, he's happy to do that.

Come share your life story with a student: Horning Middle School has started a Story Corps Program that encourages their students to seek out the rich stories all around them through dialogue with an older generation. Volunteers over the age of 55 will be matched with one or two 8th grade students (per class hour) in this special program. Students will have the chance to interview volunteers about their life. They will then create a story or artifact that showcases or symbolizes the volunteer's story. The projects will be shared with volunteers on the last day of the semester. Below are the dates for second semester. Times are open during all dates.

Dates for 2nd Semester

Times

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| • Wednesday, February 21st | • 8:45-9:20am (during 2nd hour) |
| • Wednesday, February 28th | • 9:25-10:00am (during 3rd hour) |
| • Wednesday, March 14th | • 1:00-1:35pm (during 6th hour) |

Festival of Flowers Volunteer: Be part of our special event and experience a taste of spring at Waukesha Floral & Greenhouse! We are looking for volunteers to help our fundraiser run smoothly on March 14th, 2018. Volunteer opportunities include greeters, dining room escorts and servers. There are three available volunteer shifts: 10:30am-12:45pm, 12:30pm-2:30pm, and 5:00pm-7:00pm.



Now is Your ERA to Serve!



Are you looking for a unique and rewarding service opportunity? Join ERAs Senior Network's AmeriCorps Encore Program. AmeriCorps is a national service program that engages thousands of Americans in a dedicated term of service. ERAs is seeking individuals age 55 and older to serve as AmeriCorps Encore Members. Service entails utilizing the skills you have acquired throughout your life experience to make an impact in the lives of others.

Please Join Us at Either of our Listening Sessions

Menomonee Falls

Date: Wednesday, February 21, 2018

Time: 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church-W156N8131 Pilgrim Rd, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

Waukesha

Date: Thursday, February 22, 2018

Time: 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Location: Citizens Bank, Waukesha Office-2109 Corporate Dr, Waukesha, WI 53189



Please RSVP to Anna at (262) 522-2402 or AnnaR@ERAsWaukesha.org. Walk-ins Welcome!





JOIN US FOR THE 2018
**FESTIVAL OF
FLOWERS**
LUNCH OR WINE & CHEESE

MARCH 14, 2018

- ❖ Benefits ERAs Senior Network
engaging generations. supporting seniors.
- ❖ Features beautiful & entertaining floral demos
by Marty Loppnow owner of Waukesha Floral & Greenhouse
- ❖ Catered by The Picnic Basket Restaurant
- ❖ Wine tasting hosted by Spring City Wine House
- ❖ Gourmet cheeses paired with wine selections

Luncheon

11:00am or
1:00pm

**Wine & Cheese
Tasting**

5:30pm - with live music!

Location

Waukesha Floral
& Greenhouse
319 S. Prairie Avenue
Waukesha

Reservations

\$35.00 per person
Register early!
Limited seating!

Register at
ERAsWaukesha.org



For more information contact: MargaretD@ERAsWaukesha.org | 262-522-2409

Community Needs

The American Red Cross will be increasing Blood Drives in the Waukesha area and they need help to run registration! Volunteers will be responsible for welcoming and checking donors in. If interested contact Anna for more details at (262) 522-2402 or AnnaR@ERAsWaukesha.org.

Submit Your Hours

Thank you for all you do to help make Waukesha County a stronger community! Please remember to submit your hours each month. Reporting hours is important not only for the clients and the volunteers, but for numerous grants and agencies that we work with.

Submit your hours on our [website](#) OR [email](#) them to us!

**Pen Pals and School Tutors don't need to submit their hours. They are tracked by letters written and sign in sheets.



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