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# E-Xtra

What's New & Noteworthy from RSVP

May 2016

RSVP's mission is to make a positive impact in the community by recruiting volunteers 55 and older to help deliver priority services to people of all ages, providing Dane County with a valuable resource.

## Happenings

### United Way Awards 2016

### Don't Miss 'Fun in the Summer' Sweepstakes

### Banjo Auction Benefits RSVP

## And the Winner is...



*Barbara McKinney with Mike McKinney Award recipient Karl Stadler.*

homeless folks, repairing and maintaining our CSCI building, unloading trucks and stocking shelves at Habitat ReStore, and helping with disaster relief through American Red Cross.

RSVP volunteer driver, **Larry Schaefer**, received the **Community Volunteer Award for Lifetime Achievement** for his work with Supporting Active Independent Lives (SAIL), where he has served for 10 years, and as a volunteer driver for RSVP and the Middleton Senior Center. Larry has spent 7,500 hours driving people to appointments since 1997!

RSVP's motto, "Where volunteers make a difference," was well represented at this year's United Way Volunteer Award ceremony with three RSVP volunteers selected to receive special honors from a field of 74 amazing nominees who volunteer in Dane County!

**Karl Stadler** received the **Mike McKinney Community Volunteer Award** from Mike McKinney's mother Barbara McKinney. In 10 years, Karl has logged 9,100 hours of service, working at Porchlight fixing and repairing housing for formerly

## Senior Corps Week!

Did you know May 16-20 is Senior Corps Week, honoring seniors who serve their communities through Retired and Senior Volunteer Programs (RSVP), Foster Grandparents or Senior Companions programs?

In 2015, Wisconsin seniors contributed 1,249,329 volunteer hours. At an estimated value of \$23.56 per volunteer hour, those volunteer hours amounted to \$29,434,191 worth of services.

Thank you volunteers and Happy Senior Corps Week!

## Bus Buddy Program Tours Kick Off Third Year

The Bus Buddy Program kicked off its third year with a trip to Madison Memorial HS Planetarium.

About 20 people from the Madison area worked with a Bus Buddy coordinator to travel to the planetarium on April 7 to enjoy a wonderful show, where participants explored the night sky to locate visible planets and constellations.

On May 11, trip number two participants visited the Madison Senior Center for lunch and a tour. There are more trips planned this year, we hope you can join us! Please see the calendar below for specifics.

## Things To Know

**The RSVP office will be closed:**

RSVP volunteer **Bob Gwynne** received the **Distinguished Service Award** for his work with Triangle Community Ministry and Second Harvest. Bob is a board member at Triangle Community Ministry and single-handedly started the Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry in 2009. He recruited 20 volunteers who make this mobile pantry available to 500 residents in the Triangle neighborhood in downtown Madison. Every month, around 130 families get fresh produce, meat and other food thanks to Bob's dedication.

We are so happy to honor the work of these and all volunteers in our community who truly do make a difference.

## Enter 'Fun in the Summer' Sweepstakes Now!



*RSVP Volunteer Shirley Coulter put in more than 100 hours to create this exquisite quilt for Sweepstakes.*

It's time for those long, hot days of Summer! You can add to your summer fun with one of the prizes in RSVP's 2016 'Fun in the Summer' Sweepstakes. Local businesses and individuals have donated 16 prizes, including a wonderful quilt and an overnight getaway at Heidel House in Green Lake, Wisconsin.

Our Sweepstakes drawing will be held on Monday, June 20, 2016. You need not be present to win. A contribution is not necessary to enter or win, but it would be greatly appreciated. Winners will be notified by phone and/or mail. If a potential winner can not be reached after 10 days from the first notification attempt, the prize will be forfeited, and an alternate winner will be selected.

To enter the Sweepstakes and/or make a contribution to RSVP online, simply click the yellow Donate Online button on our [Donate](#) page. You may also enter by printing the [Entry Form](#) that is part of our 2016 Sweepstakes brochure and mailing it to the address on the bottom of the form.

**RSVP wishes to thank all of our 2016 Sweepstakes prize donors who donated the following items:**

**Monday, May 30** for Memorial Day.

**Monday, July 4** for Independence Day.

### **Bus Buddy Program Tours 2016:**

*If you are interested in learning how to use the Madison Metro Bus, please join us:*

**Wednesday, June 8**  
**1:00 p.m.**

U.W. Centennial Gardens tour & Babcock Hall ice cream.

**Wednesday, July 13**  
**11:00 a.m.**

Farmers Market Off the Square & Monona Terrace.

**Thursday, August 11**  
**10:30 a.m.**

U.W. Geology Museum tour & Union South.

*For more information, contact Diana Jost, (608) 441-1393.*

### **Upcoming Triad Events -**

#### **West Madison:**

**May 25, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**  
**'Preventing Burglaries'**

Good Shepard Lutheran Church,  
5701 Raymond Rd., Madison

**June 22, 10:30 a.m.**  
**'Neighborhood Safety'**

West Madison Police Station  
1710 McKenna Blvd., Madison

#### **Cottage Grove:**

**June 28, 10:00 a.m.**  
**'Silver Alert and Care Trak'**

Taylor Ridge  
510 Westlawn Dr., Cottage Grove

**August 8, 12:15 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**  
**'AARP Smart Driver Program'**

Monona State Bank  
341 W. Cottage Grove Rd.

**August 22, 12:30 p.m.**  
**'CarFit: Helping Mature Drivers Find their Perfect Fit'**

CG Fire /EMS Building Safety Bldg.  
4030 Hwy. N

#### **Verona:**

**June 13, 12:30 p.m.**  
**'Current Drug Trends'**

108 Paoli St.

**July 18, Time/place TBD**  
**'EMS 101'**

Contact Mary Stamstad at

- An Overnight Getaway at **Heidel House** in Green Lake, Wisconsin. Includes a \$50 Gift Certificate donated by **Bob Herst.**
- Hand-made Queen-size Quilt, RSVP Volunteer **Shirley Coulter**
- Two \$25 Gift Certificates, **Bare Knuckle Arts**
- Four Tickets to **Summerfest**
- \$50 Family Membership, **Vilas Park Zoo**
- Four Game Tickets and Four t-shirts, **Madison Radicals Ultimate Frisbee**
- Four Terrace Seat Tickets to a 2016 Game, **Madison Mallards**
- Two Tickets to the **Dane County Fair**
- Badger Red Picnic Basket, **Anonymous Donor**
- \$50 Gift Certificate to Smoky's, donated by **Carroll Heideman**
- \$50 Gift Certificate to Great Dane, donated by **Margaret Jensen**
- Two \$50 Gift Certificates, **Target**
- "The Book of Lore" Coffee Table Book, **American Players Theatre**
- \$25 Gift Card, **America's Best Flowers**
- Two \$40 Gift Certificates, **Rutabaga**
- Five \$20 Gift Certificates, **Trek Bicycle**

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### Visit RSVP at Walgreens' 'Senior Discount Days'

**Tuesday, June 7**  
 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at  
 University Ave. store

1:30-3:30 p.m. at  
 E. Washington Ave. store.

**Tuesday, July 5**  
 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
 S. Park St., Verona, and Mineral  
 Point Rd. stores.

**Tuesday, August 2**  
 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at  
 University Ave., Raymond Rd., and  
 Cottage Grove Rd., stores.

## Mumford & Sons Banjo Auction Brings happy surprise to RSVP

RSVP was very happily surprised recently when Jamie Deering of the Deering Banjo Company, a prominent maker of banjos in America, contacted us with good news. His company, in conjunction with the popular British rock band Mumford & Sons, had selected RSVP of Dane County as the charity of choice for an eBay auction of a custom designed banjo signed by each band member, with 75 percent of the auction proceeds benefiting RSVP.

Mumford & Sons had approved the fund-raising auctions to express their gratitude to the communities where they were performing on their American tour. The band had performed in Madison on April 22, 2016.

When the auction closed, the winning bid was for \$1,701, with approximately **\$1,275** of the proceeds going to general support of our programs.



**RSVP wants to thank Mumford & Sons and the Deering Banjo Company for their generosity** and for giving us this unexpected and very happy surprise!

## Trivia

The first Wisconsin Senior Olympics games were held in Milwaukee and Waukesha in September 1980 and attracted 300 participants.

The 2016 games are tentatively set for August 13 to September 11, at various Wisconsin sites, primarily in the Milwaukee area.

Information on Wisconsin Senior Olympics is available [here](#).

## Active RSVP Volunteers!

Just a reminder -- RSVP is required to report volunteer hours to our funding sources. **If you have volunteer hours that you haven't reported, please send them** to your RSVP Program Coordinator.

## Thanks to our Sponsor **MG&E**

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## Volunteer Now!

### RSVP eNewsletter Volunteer Needed:

RSVP is looking for a **volunteer to lead creative design** of its e-newsletter published four times a year (Aug., Nov., Feb., May). The ideal candidate would be familiar with formatting publications in Constant Contact, and have experience uploading photos, solid editing skills and good organizational skills.

### RSVP Group Projects Help Needed:

**RSVP Group Projects needs Group Liaison volunteers** to visit volunteer groups! The position involves visiting a sewing/knitting group(s) once monthly; delivering fabric/yarn; picking-up finished handmade items. Requires only a few hours a month volunteering. For more information please contact Mary Schmelzer, Group Projects/Homeworkers Coordinator: (608) 310-7280 or mschmelzer@rsvpdane.org.

### RSVP Bus Buddy Program Help Needed:

**Bus Buddy Tours needs volunteers** to be trained on how to help others learn to navigate the bus system and to assist on the group tours. If you would like to help or want more information contact Diana Jost, djost@rsvpdane.org or Jan Karst, jkarst@rsvpdane.org.

### Intergenerational Help Wanted:

**Madison Metropolitan School District** is looking for volunteers to help with their 6-week long summer school program, which runs June 20- July 29 (no school on July 4th). Academics run 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (summer school and enrichment classes).

**Sauk Trail Elementary School** is looking for volunteers to help with reading and writing in one of their six summer sessions. Sessions are each one week long, and run June through August:

Mondays and Thursdays, 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

**Centro Hispano** is looking for a part-time program volunteer to help facilitate the **Escalera STEM Summer Club (ESSC)**. ESSC tailors to incoming 9th and 10th grade Latino students who have a general interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)

**Volunteer for 2016-17 School Year:** Summer is right around the corner, and we are already planning for the next school year. All schools in Dane County, in particular the Madison Metropolitan School District, need more volunteers who are interested in tutoring students in grades K-12. Volunteer tutors will be matched 1:1 or with small groups. Volunteers are also needed to help with art, music, science classes as well as general classroom help and teacher's assistant. With your help the students will get the individualized attention they need to excel in the classroom. Tutoring is a great way for you to share your time, stay active and make a great impact on the community.

**Foster Grandparents needed!** RSVP is looking for income eligible volunteers to help children in Madison elementary schools and Head Start programs become successful learners. No previous experience needed, just a lot of love and the desire to see all children do well.

- Requires the ability to work 15 hours per week.
- Pays travel costs.
- Provides tax-free hourly stipend, if you meet income guidelines.

### Many other exciting new volunteer opportunities available this Summer and Fall:

- **Madison Children's Museum**
- **Henry Vilas Zoo**
- **Middleton Pheasant Branch Conservancy**

- **YWCA of Dane County**
- **Commonwealth Development-Mock Interview Program**

If you would like to volunteer for any of these exciting opportunities or for more information, Please contact Diana Jost 608-441-1393 or [djost@rsvpdane.org](mailto:djost@rsvpdane.org)

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