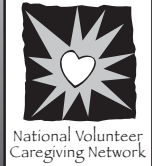




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In Loving Memory

Kenlynn Fetting

August 29, 1948 – February 25, 2016



Kenlynn Fetting's courageous battle with cancer ended February 25, 2016.

She will be remembered at Interfaith for her willingness to provide rides, respite care and

companionship to home bound older adults. Most importantly, she will be remembered for her time devoted to a child in the school-based mentoring program, JUMP. One of Kenlynn's special activities to enjoy with her student was to paint their nails together. I'm certain her student found that to be treasured time. We will forever remember Kenlynn for sharing her time with Interfaith.

Donna Uting

December 13, 1930- April 16, 2016

Donna became an Interfaith volunteer April 20, 1989.

She was willing to grocery shop, run errands, prepare light meals, do small household fix it jobs and many additional tasks to help keep people living in their own home as long as possible. Donna's thoughtful, caring ways were appreciated by those lives she touched.



Blessed be the memory of these wonderful, caring ladies.

The Best Part of Waking Up is Volunteering in Your Cup

Approximately one hundred volunteers from Jackson County Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers and the Jackson County Aging Unit were honored at a Volunteer Recognition Luncheon on April 11th at the Black River Falls United Methodist Church. This year's theme was "The Best Part of Waking Up is Volunteering."

Pastor John Cowles from Family Worship opened the program with prayer. Pam Johnson, Lyn Gates and Jennifer Solfest from the Aging Unit and Karen Foust and Lori Chown representing Interfaith performed a skit with a coffee theme. A brunch was prepared by L& M Café of Melrose. The meal was served by staff from the two organizations, Interfaith board members and friends including: Todd Gunderson, Chris Barnett, Pastor John Cowles, Ron Danielson, Lyle Hart, Mary O'Brien, Paul Ripp and Rozanne Ruzic. Volunteer Jaryan Smith provided a variety of delicious, coffee flavored cupcakes.

As a token of appreciation all volunteers were given coffee mugs and Culvers coupons. Program Director, Karen Foust, stated how appreciative she and Lori are to all volunteers who so generously give of their time and talents to help others.

She also said that the staff has the opportunity to work with a fantastic board, outstanding volunteers and people who graciously accept volunteer assistance.

The youngest volunteer in attendance was two years of age (accompanied by Mom) and the senior volunteer was ninety. There are volunteer opportunities for every age!

Jackson County's Benefit Specialist, Pam Johnson, extended her appreciation to the volunteer drivers, AARP Tax-Aid volunteers and those who deliver meals. Pam stated the best part of her job is working with volunteers and seeing the compassion and kindness shared with people needing assistance.

Pat Carlson-Congon along with her husband, Mike, provided three beautiful musical selections. One song was written by Selina Moen, a member of the Sanctuary Singers. Pat and Mike also had CD's available for sale.

Pastor John Cowles, Family Worship Assembly, closed the program with a prayer of thankfulness for time shared by volunteers. The day proved that the best part of any day is volunteering!



Pictured, l to r, Pam Johnson, Lori Chown, Karen Foust, Lyn Gates, and Jennifer Solfest.

Our volunteer recruitment is paying off! We have seven new volunteers to welcome to our Interfaith family. Welcome to our newest volunteers!

- **Shawn Callisto**
- **Sharon Hallahan**
- **Carol Hornby**
- **Cynthia Johnson**
- **Lisa Muth**
- **Nancy Nibbe**
- **Amy Yaeger**

The Sun Shined over Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers 19th Annual Golf Outing

Interfaith hosted our 19th annual golf fundraiser on June 17th. Tim Tranberg, Vice President of Co-op Credit Union (CCU) of Black River Falls chaired the event. Eighteen teams competed in an 18-hole scramble at the beautiful Skyline Golf Club to raise funds and awareness. Because of the generosity of area businesses, individuals, and churches, the day was a great success. Karen shared the story of how for 19 years they have enjoyed beautiful weather. "Former Board President, Dan McKeeth always said that along with other responsibilities for the golf tournament he was in charge of the weather. Unfortunately, Dan passed away in 2010. However, his legacy of sunshine and warm temperatures continues every year."

Special thanks to all of our golf teams included Black River Memorial Hospital; Badger Mining, Buswell-Jensen-Modjeski-Torgerson Funeral Home, Black River Falls Rotary, Bob Daley, Community Dental ("Honey Comb Hideout"), Co-op Credit Union, Evangelical Lutheran Church, Family Worship, Jackson County Bank, Jackson Electric Cooperative, Krohn Clinic, Land O'Lakes, Millis Transfer, Skyline Golf Course, and Great River Leasing LLC.

Extra businesses donating hole sponsorships were Al Muth Sales & Service Inc. Anderson Financial -Todd Anderson, Art of Optometry, Black River Agency, Inc., Black River Country Abstract, Black River Country Bank, D&S Manufacturing, Gaier Construction, Gross Chevrolet, Buick, GMC, Pine View Terrace, US Cellular, and Weld Riley SC. Thank you to each and every one of you!

Congratulations to the men's division team from Skyline (Bob Eckles, Chris Olson, Fred Nortman, and Joe Listle), who took first place again this year. The mixed team from Co-op Credit Union (Tim Tranberg, Jim Arndt, Jared Smith, and Marianne Torkelson) placed first in their division. Black River Memorial Hospital's ladies team (Anna Jotham, Kate Ahl, Michele Koch, and Amy Yaeger) won the ladies division. All teams had a wonderful time contributing to a wonderful cause.

Raffle drawing winners were Sue Millis, winning a lamp that had been donated by Black River Furniture Outlet; Melissa Bergerson won the golf club, donated by Bob Eckles; and Ron Danielson won the cash prize, donating it back to Interfaith. Steve Millis won the 50/50 drawing and also donated his winnings back to Interfaith. Thank you to all who purchased tickets and

to Ron and Steve for donating their winnings back! This year's golf outing brought in nearly \$8,000, 10% of our yearly budget. You can see how important each donation is to us.

This year's silent auction had over 24 awesome items, including an autographed Green Bay Packer Football. Thank you so much to all who bid and donated on our silent auction.

Celebrity Guest Jack Taylor, Black River Falls native and Grinnell College Basketball Star, coordinated a chipping contest on hole #2, with help from Ron Danielson and Pastor John Cowles.

Volunteers during the day included Chris Barnett, Pastor John Cowles, Judy Hansen, Brad Chown, Pastor Meg Erickson, Lois Corey, Jan Eckles, Bob Eckles, Ron Danielson, Jim Kaphengst, Tim Tranberg, Marianne Torkelson, Peter Jacobs, Mary Beth White-Jacobs, and Interfaith staff. Skyline prepared a wonderful lunch and dinner and provided a beautiful venue for the event.

Next year will be our 20th year partnering with Co-op Credit Union at our Golf FUNdraiser. The generosity and support of each one of you has been instrumental in its success. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!



Jack Taylor worked hard entertaining golfers between holes. Pictured, l to r, Glen Goeman, Jan Goeman, Jack Taylor, Lori Kitowski, and Jerry Kitowski.



Jared Smith watches as Tim Tranberg prepares to putt.



CCU Board of Directors team enjoyed the beautiful weather. Pictured, l to r, David Olson, Steve Hogden, Dan Esser, and Dave Overlien.

Thank YOU! Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers would like to send a special Thank YOU to all of our supporters and volunteers for making our 19th Annual Golf FUNdraiser such a huge success!

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From our Mailbox

- “Just want to say thank you for your volunteers work. I don’t know what I would do without them!”
- “Words cannot express the love, warmth, peace, and joy I experienced at the spring banquet yesterday. Such a wonderful time! Thanks for the many blessings.”
- “Thank you for the luncheon. You all do a great job thanking us and you need thanks too! The food was good, the music was great and I’m making great use of my mug!”

Volunteer Training

On August 25th Interfaith, Black River Memorial Hospital, and Jackson County Aging Unit will be hosting a volunteer training from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Black River Falls Methodist Church. Stations will include:

- Virtual Dementia Tour, featuring the Northcentral Technical College new Dementia Bus
- Sensitivity to Visually Impaired Individuals
- PERS Training
- Transferring and Fall Prevention
- Handling an Emergency
- Taking Care of You.

Interfaith, Jackson County Aging, and Black River Memorial Hospital Volunteers are invited to join us. Lunch will be provided. The session is limited to 40 individuals. To register contact Lori Chown, Interfaith 715-284-7058, Lyn Gates, JCAU 715-284-4301 ext 370, or Cindy Clark, Black River Memorial Hospital 715-284-1391.



From the desk of... Karen Foust, Program Director

Dear Friends,

We are so blessed to live in a community where we can

freely go for a walk around the block at our office, golf at our beautiful golf course or exercise at the outstanding Lunda Community Center. It is great for Lori and me to take a short walk to enjoy the sunshine and get out of our chairs and stretch our legs a bit.

July 4th our nation recognizes Independence Day. That freedom sometimes can be taken for granted even something as small as our morning walk or the freedom to worship wherever we choose.

Our freedom also provides

responsibilities and opportunities to help people. Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers is one way to express our appreciation for our freedom by supporting health impaired, older adults and disabled people.

Due to the increase in Jackson County’s aging population, Interfaith is seeing an increase in calls for help. If you are looking for a way to find something meaningful to do with your time, please consider volunteering at Interfaith. Lori and I will be flexible to best accommodate your time and abilities.

Enjoy all summer’s wonderful activities that Jackson County has to offer in a safe, nurturing environment.

Jackson County’s 2016 Women In History

This year, five women were honored with the Jackson County Women in History award during a special program held on March 16th at Skyline Golf Club. This year’s winners were: Jeanette Lahmayer, Judy Hunter, Joan Staffon, Marie Eddy and Mary Woods. The program is sponsored by JC Aging, JC Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, Black River Memorial Hospital Volunteer Services and JC Sheriff’s Department.

On behalf of Interfaith, congratulations ladies!

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