



# CONNECTIONS

A Jackson County Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, Inc. Publication



February 2017

## Interfaith held its annual meeting on November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016



We were sad to say goodbye to retiring board members, Pastor John Cowles, Nehomah Thundercloud, and Mary Beth White-Jacobs at our annual meeting but were delighted to welcome our new board members. Pictured (L to R) are our newest board members Shawn Callisto, Rick Dobbs and Marianne Torkelson. It is the direction and commitment of these volunteers that makes all that we do possible.



*Our appreciation for you and all the things you do Grows and Grows...*

In recognition of Interfaith and Jackson County Aging Unit Volunteers We will celebrate

**National Volunteer Week**  
**Monday, April 24th**  
Noon

Family Worship Assembly  
740 Alder St., Black River Falls  
Join us for lunch as we celebrate you!  
**Watch for your invitation in the mail.**

## 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party Becomes a Successful Fundraiser

Jim Kaphengst had a big surprise for his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday as his wife, Jill, planned a party for him at the Skyline Golf Course on December 28th. She asked that donations be given in honor of Jim to his two favorite charities, Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers and the Red Cross. Surprising Jim once wasn't enough for Jill, she also surprised him with a second party in Madison. Members of the University



of Wisconsin's Marching Band were special entertainment for the event. Jim was a member of the band from 1955-1959. Jim was a two-term Board Member for Interfaith, served as its president and now volunteers. Jim is respected and loved by so many people that it doesn't surprise us that over \$1,000 was raised for Interfaith.



Interfaith Program Director Karen Foust with Jim and Jill Kaphengst.

## Help us Celebrate Twenty-two Years of Women in History Program

Join us on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm, at The View, Skyline Golf Course as we celebrate Women's History Month. Since 1996 the Jackson County Sheriff's Office has been honoring women of Jackson County. Each year, five area women are honored for making a difference in our community. Help us celebrate these women and their contributions. Hosting the event will be Interfaith Caregivers, Black River Memorial Hospital, the Jackson County Aging Unit, and the Jackson County Sheriff's Office.

## Interfaith receives a \$3,000 gift from the Ho-Chunk Nation



Pictured is retiring Board Member, Nehomah Thundercloud and Program Assistant, Lori Chown. These funds will assist Interfaith in continuing our ministry of helping others.

## Gifts and Memorials

Interfaith Caregivers has received an outpouring of support this holiday season. We rely on the generous support of our community to continue our mission of helping the elderly and disabled. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the following people, churches, organizations and businesses for their donations. Every effort is made to include all donations during this time period. If your name was omitted, please accept our apologies and let us know so we can promptly correct our records. Because of the overwhelming numbers of generous givers, we do not send individual thank you notes for our Direct Mail Campaign, unless the donation is over \$250 and requires a tax receipt. Thank you so very much for your continued support.

### **IN MEMORY OF**

Thomas L. Ackerson

• Marilyn Ackerson

Bernice Adams

• Sally Jacobson

Cole Anderson

• Avonelle Tollefson

Ernest & Gladys

Anderson

• Jim & Diane Anderson

Brian Atkinson

• Don & Mary Glasenapp

Kenneth Bachman

• Lou & Nyla Musser

• Bob & Linda Severson

Marvin Banghof

• Lou & Nyla Musser

James Berg

• Merlin & Beatrice

Frederickson

Frank Berry

• Ann Berry

Don Bjerke

• Jan Bjerke

Ruth Bromley

• Lou & Nyla Musser

Faye Brown

• Sally Burgau

• Bob & Jan Eckles

• Dave & Mary Mack

• Bette Marshall

• Jerry & Lynda

Overman

• Glen & Jean

Tammen

Marcella "Sally" Brown

• Tom & Denise Gearing

• Marjorie McNulty

• Lou & Nyla Musser

George & Ruth Brudos

• Jim & Lori Scharlau

Robert Bue

• Merlin & Beatrice

Frederickson

Myrtle Bunde

• Ed & Mary Bunde

Ethel Burnett

• Ruth Burnett

• Charlotte Heller

Clara Bush

• Mary Waughtal

Tom Bush

• Diane Bush

Phyllis Buttke

• Mary Waughtal

Wayne Calhoun

• Lorraine Calhoun

George Carlson

• Barbara Carlson

Leonard Chaltry

• Arleen Chaltery

Nicole Charneski

• Arlene Dunnigan

• Lou & Nyla Musser

June Chrisinger

• Marguerite Kleba

Victor & Marion

Christianson

• Darlene Christianson

Vic & Blanche Clark

• Allen & Sandi Clark

Reynold Cooper

• Lou & Nyla Musser

Helen Cuber

• Bob & Jan Eckles

• Lou & Nyla Musser

Yolander Craig

• Lou & Nyla Musser

Douglas Dambach

• Elvina Dambach

Ione Dana

• Richard Anderson

• Dorothy Michener

Merril Doud

• Mary Lee Doud

Robert Doud

• Mary Lee Doud

Agnes Doyle

• Jim & Jill Kaphengst

Betty Eddy

• Randy & Mary Eddy

Richard Easterson

• Lou & Nyla Musser

Lyle Ellingson

• Jill Ellingson

Orlin Ellingson

• Randy & Mary Eddy

Harold & Dorothy

Emerson

• Mitch & Sue Wester

Ben & Elaine Emery

• Bob & Linda Severson

Richard & Mildred

Faldet

• Dick Faldet

Allan Flicek

• Jim & Lori Scharlau

Bernice Haag

• Lou & Nyla Musser

Cathy Handly

• Gayle & Melody Handly

David S. Hansen

• Mary J. Hansen

• Greg & Becky Steine

• Troy & Marianne

Torkelson

John David Hansen

Scott David Hansen

• Greg & Becky Steine

Roger Hansen

• Judy Hansen

Clifford & Aileen

Hanson

• Skip & Grace Nordahl

Duane "Dewey" Hanson

• Claire & Lois Bahnub

• Sally Burgau

• Chuck & Ruth Buswell

• Family & Friends

• Tom & Denise Gearing

• Sally Jacobson

• Richard & Barb

Loomis

• Dave & Mary Mack

• Dave & Linda

McCullough

• Dick & Kathy Mertig

• Robert & Phyllis

Nesbitt

• Ray Ransom

• Lois Smetana

• Al & Lois Spaulding

• Calvin & Kathy

Thompson

Jerome Harebo

• Elizabeth Harebo

Jean Hardie

• Jim & Carol Hornby

Francis & Dorothy

Harmer

• James Harmer

Larry Hasz

• Becky Hasz

Darla Havlicek

• Don & Dorothy

Havlicek

Vivian Heinz

• Jim Talley

Great Grandma's

Hensel, Tatum,

Havtamaki

• Jeff & Laurie Hensel

Ann & Carroll Holmes

• Mike & Pat McGowan

Eugene Jarstad

• Chuck & Nancy Nibbe

Doris Johnson

• Lou & Nyla Musser

Dylan Johnson

• Ann Suchanek

Eddie M & Cora L.

Johnson

• Roger D. Johnson

Elwin Johnson

• Jon & Tammy Rush

Helen B. Johnson

• Family & Friends

Marcella Johnson

• Caroline Olson

Sandy Johnson

• Dave & Kathleen

Johnson

Merlin Joten

• Delores Joten

Lloyd & Pearl

Klinkenberg

• Cory & Chanelle

Holliday

Harland Klukas

• Bette Marshall

Basil & Verna Koxlien

• Richard & Barb

Loomis

Ted & Dorothy Langlois

• Kathy Brown

Dorothy Laufenberg

• Sally Burgau

• Arlene Dunnigan

• Margaret Severson

Charles Lee

• Marilyn Lee

Roy & Mollie Loomis

• Richard & Barb

Loomis

Warren Loveland

• Richard Anderson

Shirley Lunde

• Jan Bjerke

• Duane Bowen

• Bob & Jan Eckles

• Bill & Connie Gates

• Doug & Rita Meyers

• Charlotte Thompson

In honor and in

memory of my

family

• Bette Marshall

Bill McNulty Jr.

• Marjorie McNulty

Tom McNulty

• Jerome & Mary

McNulty

Shelley Holt Melde

• Bruce & Carol Olson

Irma Meyer

• Elaine Anderson

• Richard Anderson

• Todd & Stephanie

Anderson

• Bill Arndt

• RJ & D Bidinger

• Jeff & Carol Blaken

• Larry & Georgia

Button

• Larry & Georgia

Comstock

• Wade & Heather

Comstock

• Ken & Julie Forsting

• Lorraine Freitag

• Barb & Dennis

Hardwick

• Carol Haugen

• Bill & Bee Herzberg

• Steve & Bev

Kirschner

• Dr. Gene & Janet

Krohn

• Larry & Anne Lunda

• Dave & Mary Mack

• Dave & Luane Meyer

• William & Jean

Mickelson

• Lou & Nyla Musser

• Mary Nordahl

• Lemoyne & Millie

Olson

• Gene & Judy Ransom

• Roger & Kaye Sands

• Karen Stai

• Sandra Stai

• Roger & Donna

Thompson

• Chuck & Roxie

Torgerson

• Michael & Jamie

VanKirk

• Roger & Thelma

Wiste

• Judy Young

• Sam Young

Philip & Aldena Meyer

• Dave & Luane Meyer

Lyle Miller

• Jane Szymanski

Duane Moldenhauer

• Larry & Georgia

Button

• Elv

• Richard Hilliker  
• Sally Jacobson  
• Susan Kaley  
• Mike & Leanne Kappen  
• Jim & Jeanette Kertis  
• Dr. Gene & Janet Krohn  
• Jay & Katherine Laabs  
• Dave & Mary Mack  
• Rosemary McMahan  
• Lou & Nyla Musser  
• Mary Ann Palma  
• Neal Rhutasel  
• Jon & Tammy Rush  
• Lee Seul  
• Ted & Dawn Severson  
• Al Stewart  
• Mona Suarez  
• Avis Thompson  
• Avonelle Tollefson  
• Dan Winkler  
George & Lorraine Severson  
• Bob & Linda Severson  
Marquiritte Severson  
• Ron & Jan West  
Corinne Sexe  
• Doris Holder  
Raymond & Gertrude Sheda  
• Richard & Vonnie Greene  
Bernie Smetana  
• Lois Smetana  
Elizabeth & Earl Staff  
• Larry & Georgia Button  
Spencer & Verna Steine  
• Greg & Becky Steine  
Ardelle Stern  
• Bill & Pam Johnson  
Nicole Stetzer  
• Marsha Harmer  
Margaret Stromberg  
• Norman & Myrtle Berget  
Jim & Hilda Sutton  
• Jane Prindle  
Carl Sueno  
• Wadena Sweno  
Arnold & Helen Tenner  
• Dale & Jean Tenner  
Jean Terpening  
• Dick & Kathy Mertig  
• Lou & Nyla Musser  
Joel Thomas  
• Carol & Kayla Thomas  
Harlon & Evelyn Thompson  
• Roger & Donna Thompson  
Norman & Evelyn Thompson  
• Jim & Diane Anderson  
Harriet Thompson  
• Norman & Myrtle Berget  
• Chuck & Ruth Buswell  
• John & Jane Ellingson  
• Richard & Garan Erickson  
• Family & Friends  
• Larry & Sue Gaede  
• Orville & Lynda Hagen  
• Judy Hansen  
• Carol Haugen  
• Bev Jarstad  
• Milt Johnson  
• Lyla Lynne  
• Marjorie McNulty

• Gaylord Olson & Grady Gutknecht  
• Lisa M. Quinn-Lee  
• Rita Schnick  
• UW EC Social Work Dept  
• Mary Van Gorden  
In Memory of Loved Ones  
• Avonelle Tollefson  
Selma Tranberg  
• Lou & Nyla Musser  
Howard Treeder  
• Lorraine McDonald  
George Uting  
• Family & Friends  
• Charles & Karen Kubicek  
• Margaret Legois  
• Robert & Phyllis Nesbitt  
• Rozanne & Vincent Ruzic  
Jordan Valentino  
• Bill & Pam Johnson  
• Dave & Mary Mack  
Richard Waldera  
• David & Darlene Lunde  
Darlene Walter  
• Ron Walter  
Garth Wensel  
• Doris Wensel  
Lyle West  
• Ron & Jan West  
Ronald Will  
• Denver & Dorothy Will  
Bill & Maxine Wilcox  
• Dr. James & Annette Dickman  
Arlene Wozney  
• Mr. & Mrs. Terry Wozney  
William Young  
• Judy Young  
Don Zlesak  
• Geri Zlesak  
  
**IN HONOR OF**  
All the Wonderful Drivers  
• Larry & Debbie Sexe  
Our Families  
• Rod & Ellen Gearing  
Our Clients & Friends  
• Trollen Therapies  
Donald Anderson  
• Don & Charlene Galston  
Jan Bohac  
• Dennis & Jean Lee  
Paul & Gail Bohac  
• Dennis & Jean Lee  
Cathy & Norm Converse  
• Gertrude Rutherford  
Jane Gilbertson Cordero  
• Joel & Sheryl Gilbertson  
Jim & Annette Dickman  
• Pastor & Mrs. Erik Zingelman  
Our Good Friends- Doris & Jim Dingledein  
• Jim & Diane Anderson  
Father Emmanuel  
• Mary Nordahl  
Karen Foust  
• Rae Ellen Hickey  
• Dean & Delores Severson  
Karen Foust & Lori Chown  
• Grant & Geri Allen

• Bob & Jan Eckles  
• Carol Grow  
• Mary O'Brien  
Clarice Franke's Birthday  
• Skip & Grace Nordahl  
Christy B. Goldsmith  
• Priscilla Goldsmith  
Grady Gutnecht  
• Young Modern HCE Club  
Lillian Hart's Birthday  
• Bill & Karen Foust  
• Donna Overlien  
Mary Hansen  
• Troy & Marianne Torkelson  
Ruth Huber  
• Charles & Kathleen Bauman  
Norah Joyce Johnson  
• Steve & Mary Hegna  
Jim Kaphengst's 80th Birthday  
• Shirley Austin  
• Dwayne & Susan Berg  
• David & Donna Birschbach  
• Keith & Jo Brown  
• Chuck & Ruth Buswell  
• Brad & Lori Chown  
• Joe & Margery Collins  
• Dave & Kae Dettinger  
• Carol Dougherty  
• Howard Dunnum  
• Bob & Jan Eckles  
• Cathy Erikson  
• John & Michele Erikson  
• Bruce & Joan Ferrario  
• Tom & Joy Ferris  
• Bill & Karen Foust  
• Dr. Edward & Lucy Friedrichs  
• Geraldine Friedrichs  
• Paul & Barb Hanson  
• Lyle & Ruth Hart  
• Richard Hilliker  
• Nancy Hindes & Louis Shaw  
• Donna Hoffman  
• Peter & Jone Hoffman  
• Bruce & Judy Hunter  
• Dr. Gene & Janet Krohn  
• Margaret Legois  
• John & Sue Lindahl  
• Lou & Nyla Musser  
• Rodney & Carol Nilles  
• Duane & Connie Nosbisch  
• Bruce Odeen  
• Reginald & Joanne Pontillo  
• Leota Simonson  
• Alden Hoefler & Marion Stuart  
• Glen & Jean Tamminen  
• Kathleen Walker  
• Peter & Mary Beth White-Jacobs  
• Leslie Zanoni  
• Ann Zillmer  
Joe & Mara Listopad  
• Clayton & Clarine Nelson  
Tim & Mary McCann  
• Pat Springer  
Lou and Nyla Musser  
• Dr. Richard & Joanne Holder

Outstanding HCE Member of the Year Nyla Musser  
• Willard & Lillian Hart  
Our New Grandson, James Mahlon Charles Nordahl  
• Skip & Grace Nordahl  
Robert Ott  
• Elaine Ott  
Marg Paulin's 80th Birthday  
• Jan Eckles  
Danny & Mary Jo Rozmenoski's Anniversary  
• Lou & Nyla Musser  
Gene Ransom  
• Judy, Jennifer, & Ann Marie  
Kathryn Torgerson  
• Mary Van Gorden  
Interfaith Volunteers  
• John & Delone Hoagenson  
Evelyn Walsted  
• Elwin & Rosalie Walsted  
Becky Wilkenson's Retirement  
• Lou & Nyla Musser  
Theлма & Roger Wiste  
• Pastor & Mrs. Erik Zingelman  
  
**INDIVIDUALS**  
John & Ginger Ahl  
Glenn & Patsy Anderson  
Richard Anderson  
David & Diane Andraska  
Trudy Arrington  
LuAnn Aschenbrenner  
Arlie & Phyllis Babcock  
Arlyce Bahnub  
Claire & Lois Bahnub  
Pastor Eric & Ramie Bakken  
Al Barnes & Margaret Rewald  
Janet Barney  
Joanne Borreson  
Duane Bowen  
Beverly Brown  
Brian & Dr. Sarah Busse  
Chuck & Ruth Buswell  
Christana Chernach  
Ed & Ruth Christen  
Brad & Lori Chown  
Joe & Margery Collins  
Chuck & Bonnie Comstock  
Ron & Sheila Danielson  
Deborah DeGroot  
John Deno  
Chuck & Marcia Devendorf  
Joann Dougherty  
Kathy Dolesy  
John & Julie Drace  
Axel & Joanne Dressler  
John & Marie Eddy  
Jan Eckles & Friends Craft Sale  
Mark & Vicky Emerson  
Karen Engebretson  
Alberta Endres  
Dick & Betty Fischer  
Clarice Franke  
Bob & Cheryl Gabrielson  
Gerald & Betty Gaier  
Christine Gerdes  
Tom & Darlene Gomer

Bernadine Gavelek  
Marion Hagen  
Howard & Dorothy Halvorson  
Judy Hansen  
Mike & Kristi Hanson  
Bill & Darlene Harkner  
Roma Harris  
Lyle & Ruth Hart  
Willard & Lillian Hart  
Carol Haugen  
Brenda Heuer  
David & Marilyn Hoffman  
Doris Holder  
Jim & Carol Hornby  
Ruth Huber  
Vern & Ruth Jacobson  
Dave & Gail Jelinek  
Dennis & Shirley Johnson  
Mary Ann Johnson  
Grace Kammerer  
Rosella Kappen  
Jim & Jeanette Kertis  
The Knutson's  
Jill Kramer  
Dr. Gene & Janet Krohn  
Peggy Krpata  
Dr. Al & Jeanette Lahmayer  
William Laurent  
Rolland & Amanda Lee  
Tom & Sally Lister  
Brad & Monica Lobenstein  
Nona Ludeman  
Marjorie Marg  
Gene & Barbara Mason  
Tim & Mary McCann  
Jim & Kathy Mason  
Lillian McManners  
Richard Meyer  
Max & Sue Michaelson  
Steve & Sue Millis  
Norman Moldenhauer  
Phyllis Myers  
Tom & Linda Nehring  
Chuck & Nancy Nibbe  
Louise Nielson  
Gaylord E. Olson  
Mrs. Santa Claus (Judy Olson)  
Marie Olson  
Gertrude Parker  
Clara Pasek  
Kim & Kathy Patterson  
Marge Paulin  
Judy Peterson  
David & Sandra Pistorius  
Anthony Rebarchik  
Joe & Bonnie Reichenbach Sr.  
Dennis & Janet Richards  
Paul & Theresa Ripp  
Allan & Kathy Sampson  
Anita Scholze  
Mark & Mary Sedelbauer  
Phyllis Sedelbauer  
Larry & Diane Smrstick  
James Sprinkle  
Margaret Steien  
Rich & Charlene Stevens  
Norm & Renea Stoker  
Jane Szymanski  
Glen & Jean Tamminen  
Troy & Marianne Torkelson  
Jerry & Shirley Wagner  
Bill & Ruane Waughtal

Rich & Deanna Weiler  
Roger & Frances Wentz  
Pat White  
Roger & Thelma Wiste  
Charles Wussow  
Leatrice M. Young  
Mary Lou Young

**BEAR ESSENTIALS**  
Judy Hansen  
Valerie Jacobson  
St. Joseph's - PCCW

**BUSINESSES**  
Black River Agency, Inc.  
Black River Memorial Hospital  
BRF Studio 107 LLC  
Buswell Funeral Home  
Co-op Credit Union  
Co-op Credit Union International Credit Union Day  
Co-op Credit Union (Kristi Gomer)  
The Fiber Gardens  
Ho-Chunk Nation  
Jackson County Bank  
Jackson Electric Cooperative  
Jensen - Modjeski Funeral Home  
Theisen's Home Farm Auto  
Torgerson Funeral Home

**CHURCHES**  
Alma Center Immaculate Conception  
Alma Center United Methodist  
BRF United Methodist  
BRF United Methodist Giving Tree  
Community Christian  
Deborah Circle - Little Norway ELCW  
Family Worship Assembly  
Hixton United Methodist  
Merrillan United Methodist  
Northfield ELCW  
Our Savior Lutheran  
Rebecca Circle of Little Norway  
St Mary's Alter Society ICC  
South Beaver Creek WELCA South Beaver Creek  
Squaw Creek Lutheran  
Taylor Women of ELCA Catholic  
Upper Beaver Lutheran  
Women of New Hope Lutheran  
Women of Our Saviors

**FOUNDATIONS**  
Lunda Charitable Trust

**ORGANIZATIONS**  
Beaches Corner Classic Tractor Club  
Republican Party  
Town & Country HCE  
Young Modern HCE

## 2017 Board of Directors

Chris Barnett  
Shawn Callisto  
Ron Danielson  
Rick Dobbs  
Pastor Meg Erickson  
Fred Goettl  
Judy Hansen  
Lyle Hart  
Pam Johnson  
Mary O'Brien  
Paul Ripp  
Rozaane Ruzic  
Steve Schreiber  
Marianne Torkelson

## We Are Feeling Very Blessed

Interfaith's staff and board of directors would like to thank the community for supporting our annual fund raising campaign. This year we reached our campaign's goal of \$20,000. These contributions play a vital role in sustaining the ongoing operations of our neighbors helping neighbors program.

Interfaith considers itself blessed to have such generous supporters, who share in the mission and vision of providing services to older adults and disabled individuals.

In 2016, our extraordinary volunteers gave approximately 6,000 hours of their precious time to people in need. Volunteers are the foundation of Interfaith. They are the people who help us to "survive and thrive".

Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we begin another year of "caregiving" in Jackson County.

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



Dear Friends:

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "Write it on your heart that every day is the best day of the year." Sometimes

during the bleak days of winter, it is hard to truly feel that every day is the best. However, at the end of the day, hopefully you can find something that made you smile and lifted your spirits. Maybe it is the beauty and intricacy of a snowflake or a phone call from a friend. Our mind sometimes plays tricks on us, making it impossible to see anything positive. Someone once told me they

write in a journal "the good things", big or small that made a difference in their day. Can you imagine looking back at that journal in a month's time and seeing how much joy and hope surrounds us?

One way to beat the long days of winter is by reaching out to an older adult checking on their safety and to have a friendly conversation. The conversation may warm your heart as well as your neighbors. At Interfaith, we have people who would love to receive a phone call or a friendly visit.

Please give us a call at Interfaith, 715-284-7058. Maybe we can help you write on your heart that every day is the best day of the year.

## Our Newest Volunteers

- Diane Blinston •Tom Epps
- Ashley Hendrickson-Hodge
- Joanne Johnson
- Ray Ransom
- Richard Rochester

## CONNECTIONS

Connections is a publication of Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers. We welcome any comments or suggestions.  
**Jackson County Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, Inc.**  
P.O. Box 354, Black River Falls, WI 54615  
(715) 284-7058 • [interfaith@jcivc.org](mailto:interfaith@jcivc.org)  
[www.JCIVC.org](http://www.JCIVC.org)  
Contributor: Karen Foust • Editor: Lori Chown  
Printing funded by the Lunda Charitable Trust

Non-Profit  
Organization  
U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
Permit # 238  
Black River Falls  
Wisconsin 54615

Jackson County  
Interfaith Volunteer  
Caregivers, Inc.  
P.O. Box 354  
Black River Falls, WI 54615

