



CONNECTIONS

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



Dear Friends:

Developing partnerships with local business, churches, and civic organizations has been one of the key factors to help Interfaith become successful in Jackson County.

One partnership that was established twenty years ago was with the Co-op Credit Union.

Our great friend and advocate, Max Michaelson, CCU's former president had an idea to organize a golf tournament to raise funds for Interfaith.

On June 16, 2017 the 20th Annual Golf FUNdraiser will once again be hosted by the Co-op Credit Union. The event will be held at the beautiful Skyline Golf Course in Black River Falls. This is a huge event as it raises 10% of Interfaith's budget.

This year's special events planned include:

- Silent Auction
- Raffle
- 50/50 Drawing
- Photo Booth - Have your team's photo taken with unique golf attire
- Winner, winner pick your dinner
- Slides show of past tournaments

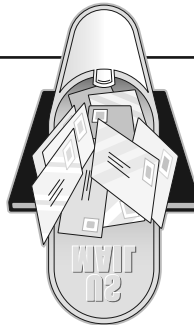
You may participate in the day's festivities, even if you are a non-golfer, by enjoying a chicken and fish dinner at 6:00 p.m. Dinner reservations may be made by calling Interfaith at 715-284-7058. The cost of the dinner will be \$20.00. Help us recognize past teams, and sponsors who have raised over \$100,000 during the last twenty years.

If you are unable to attend, and wish to make a donation, please mail to Interfaith, P.O. Box 354 or consider giving a silent auction item.

Please join us as we celebrate 20 years of Caring, Sharing, and Golfing with CCU and Interfaith.

From the Mail Box

- Thank you for all you do for our community. I do appreciate all the rides to the doctor.
- Here's a small donation for all the help you give. It's especially appreciated by me since I call so often at the last minute and you come through with a driver. God bless you and all the volunteers! Thanks again.
- Enclosed please find a check in Thanks for the volunteers who did the weeding for me. They did a very nice job.
- We appreciated very much your volunteer befriending my father in-law last summer. It was a blessing that they could visit and reminisce about times gone by.
- We can't thank you enough for all the good you do for the community. It made things much easier knowing Mom could call on you for rides to the doctor or to get books or groceries for her when one of us couldn't be there. We appreciate it so much!



Golfers and Non-Golfers are cordially invited to Jackson County Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers

20th Annual

GOLF

FUNdraiser

Friday, June 16, 2017

Skyline Golf Course, Black River Falls, WI

Join us in celebrating 20 years of partnering with CCU to raise over \$100,000 for Interfaith Programs & Services.

sponsored by



Join us as we celebrate

20 YEARS

of Caring, Sharing, and Golfing with CCU and Interfaith!

Lunch, Dinner, Prizes, Fun and Camaraderie while helping raise funds for Interfaith Programs and Services.

*Your support is greatly appreciated!
Thank you!*

Interfaith and Jackson County Aging say thank you by hosting a Garden Party

The week of April 23rd- April 29th is designated as National Volunteer Appreciation Week. To celebrate, Jackson County Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers and the Jackson County Aging Unit held its annual volunteer appreciation luncheon on Monday, April 24th to recognize volunteers who provide their time and talent to assist their fellow residents in Jackson County.

The luncheon was held in the beautiful fellowship hall at Family Worship Assembly. Interfaith has over 200 volunteers and on Monday they were able to have lunch with almost half of them!

Each year volunteers donate over 6000 hours to Interfaith to assist with transportation, food delivery, friendly visits, mentoring, recording copies of the weekly newspaper, and so much more.

Interfaith Program Director, Karen Foust welcomed guests and Pastor Meg Erickson from United Methodist Churches of Alma Center, Hixton, & Merrillan and also Interfaith Board President opened the program with prayer. Lyn Gates and Pam Johnson from the Jackson County Aging Unit and Karen Foust and Lori Chown, representing Interfaith, gave a tribute to volunteers. L&M Café of Melrose, prepared the salad luncheon. Vegetable trays were donated by Gordy's Market and Ripp Distributing provided bottled water. The meal was served by staff and board members from the two organizations including: Todd Gunderson, Lyn Gates, Pam Johnson, Chris Barnett, Ron Danielson, Pastor Meg Erickson, Judy Hansen, Lyle Hart, Mary O'Brien, Paul Ripp, Rozanne Ruzic, Steve Schreiber and Marianne Torkelson. Volunteer, Jaryn Smith, provided delicious garden theme cupcakes for the event.

During the program, Foust stated for 28 years, she has had the honor, privilege and blessing to see how enthusiastic, committed and giving the people of Jackson County truly are. In our little corner of the world, each of you has done so much to improve the quality of the lives of many people.



L to R, Lori Chown, Chris Barnett, Pam Johnson, Lyle Hart, Ron Danielson, Paul Ripp, Rozanne Ruzic, Steve Schreiber, Pastor Meg Erickson, and Karen Foust



L to R, Virginia Berger, Patsy Elrod, Rich Elrod, and Dean Severson.



L to R, Karen Byrns, Vicky Emerson, Carol Haugen, and Ann Zillmer.

The youngest volunteer in attendance was three years of age (accompanied by his Dad). They deliver meals together to home bound individuals. The senior volunteer in attendance was 91. There are volunteer opportunities for every age.

Pam Johnson, Elder Benefits Specialist for Jackson County Aging noted that, "In the month of March our home delivered meal drivers served over 1000 meals in the city of Black River Falls alone. This is truly an act of giving that goes beyond words."



L to R, Jared Smith, Eric Chrisinger, and Karla Laufenberg.

Mary Nordahl, of Meriweather Garden Designs shared tips on planting a beautiful flower garden. She gave a Power Point presentation showing her successes and challenges in developing a beautiful landscape at her own home.

In closing, Pastor Meg Erickson shared a quote written by Martin Luther King, Jr. "You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve... You don't have to know the second theory of thermo dynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love."

Our Newest Volunteers

- Grant Allen – Mentor
- Laura Colloton-Chrest
- Jay Eddy •Barbara Hanson
- Peggy Krapata •Tom Larkin
- Rolf Skogstad

Gifts and Memorials

Interfaith relies on the generous support of our community to continue our mission of helping the elderly and disabled. Without the support of our volunteers and our donors, none of this would be possible. 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.

In Memory Of

Mildred Aldach

- Arlene Dunnigan

Diane Berry

- Larry M. Hanson
- Dennis & Joan Mays

Ede Borek

- Mary J. Hansen
- Jim & Roxie Hostrawser
- Lou & Nyla Musser

Faye Brown

- Bob & Jan Eckles
- Pat Gardner
- Bill & Connie Gates
- Betty Gentz
- Family & Friends
- Mrs. Phyllis Myers
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- Mary Waughtal
- Betty Zibolski

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- Margaret Legois

Joe Houd

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- Lou & Nyla Musser

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- Arvid & Judy Olson
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In Honor Of

Lucy Anderson's

Birthday

- Karen Foust
- Mary J. Hansen

Lois Corey's Birthday

- Bill & Connie Gates

Mark Hansen

- Margaret Peterson

Mary Hansen's Birthday

- Merlin & Lucy Anderson

Allen Johnson

- Margaret Peterson

Ginny Knoll

- Mary J. Hansen

Cindy Leitz

- Ida Dolesy

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Lou & Nyla Musser's

Birthday

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Lou Musser's 80th

Birthday

- Jim & Jill Kaphengst

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Yvonne Richard

- Ida Dolesy

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Lutheran

Organizations

Black River Falls School
District

BRF Lions Club

Young Modern HCE Club

Successful Craft & Bake Sale

On a beautiful spring day in May, seven local crafters lead by Jan Eckles, hosted a sale in the education building of St. Josephs Catholic Church. Individuals participating in the sale were: Jan Eckles, Lori Chown, Lois Corey, Mary Overlien, Judy Pomeroy, Renell Smith and Renae Stoker. The local artisans graciously donated 15% of their proceeds to Interfaith.

In conjunction with the craft sale, a bake sale was held with Interfaith volunteers and friends donating baked items. Delicious baked items were received from

Atrium Post Acute Care Center, Black River Memorial Hospital, Karen Byrns, Lori Chown, Connie Gates, Carol Haugen, and Jaryan Smith. Special thanks to Bob Perry for donating twenty-seven loaves of his famous home made bread!

Individual monetary donations were given by Mary Maack, Ruth Buswell, and Connie Gates.

Through the generosity of the community donations and donated baked items \$482.00 was raised to benefit Interfaith. This is a perfect example of people working together to accomplish great things!



Five women recognized for their contributions to the county



L to R, back row, Sheriff Duane Waldera, Mary Bue, Ruth Casper, County Board Chair Ray Ransom, and front row, Joanne Nash, Elaine Musser, and Millie Perner.

In February, five Jackson County women received a surprise letter from the Jackson County Sheriff's Department. The letter informed the women they were chosen as the 2017 Women in History recipients.

The five ladies honored for their contributions to the community were: Mary Bue, Ruth Casper, Elaine Murray-Musser, Mildred Perner and Joanne Nash.

Founded in 1996, the purpose of the Women in History program is to honor the achievements of women who have contributed to Jackson County's history. This year's event took place on March 14th at the Skyline Golf Course. The event

was coordinated by the Jackson County Aging Unit, Jackson County Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, Jackson County Sheriff's Department and Black River Memorial Hospital.

Congratulations to the wonderful women of Jackson County!

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