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Summer 2023 Newsletter

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MARGIE ZUTTER'S, BA '76, FIELD PLACEMENT TURNS INTO A 46 YEAR CAREER by Mary Stamstad

Upon her retirement in August, Margie Zutter, currently the Executive Director of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Dane County, WI will end the career she began as a UW-Madison Social Work intern in 1976. Through RSVP, from 1976 to the present, Margie collaborated with many community agencies to develop programs that utilized the skills of senior volunteers in meeting community needs. Since joining the RSVP staff in 1977, she served as the Community Services Coordinator, Assistant Director, Interim Executive Director, and then for the past twelve years as the Executive Director. Margie and the staff at RSVP facilitated other social work student field placements over the years. She'll continue as a volunteer for RSVP of Dane County after retirement.



Photo by Katie Zutter


Margie has held many leadership positions with national, state, and local organizations. She has served on the National Senior Corps Association (NSCA) Board, Past President of the Wisconsin Senior Corps Association (WISCA), and is currently on the Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network (WAAN) Board.

Under her leadership, in 2017 RSVP received the Governor's Service Recognition Senior Corps program of the year for Driver Services/Vets helping Vets and in 2022 the Governor's Service Award AmeriCorps Senior Program of the Year. This year, in recognition of her upcoming retirement after 46 years, Margie received a Certificate of Commendation from Governor Tony Evers for her commitment to public service.


Margie credits her UW-Madison School of Social Work internship for providing the start of a very fulfilling career.

The article appeared on the website of the Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work, UW-Madison.

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Welcome to RSVP of Dane County!

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Save the Date: Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event

Welcome, all readers. I hope everyone is enjoying the weather. I recently read a physician's memo stating that individuals over the age of 60 should make every effort to get out and enjoy fresh air whenever time allows. He added that as we age, we tend to reduce our outside activities thus depriving the body of the benefits of clean air. I admit I am guilty of that and will try to take advantage of this opportunity.



RSVP is transitioning to new leadership soon. We are fortunate and thankful that Diana Jost, who joined RSVP on 6/5/13, and Kate Seal, who joined us 10/23/17, will become our new Executive Director and Assistant Director, respectively. Their talents and dedication have prepared them well for their new positions. Margie's retirement is well-earned.

As usual, we are always in need of new volunteers for some of our programs. Our Vets Helping Vets and Driver Escort programs are always looking for new faces. Your referrals are a great help. Our Board of Directors has worked tirelessly to make sure RSVP is guided in the right direction and to support those who rely on RSVP for its many services.

By the time you read this, I will have passed the honor of Board President to Deborah Speckmann. And Tom Howells will become the Board Vice President. These individuals have the desire, will, and capacity to continue the long leadership legacy left by all prior Board Officers.

I take this opportunity to thank everyone for making my journey as Board President a very satisfying event in my life. I will continue as a Board member, serving on several committees.

Best wishes to all for a healthy and enjoyable summer.

Richard Hoffman
RSVP Board President



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A Note From the Executive Director

From the desk of... Margie Zutter, Executive Director

How do you know when to retire? Is it because you are asked by more and more people whether you have picked a retirement date? At this point in my career, I have seen many of my peers and friends retire, and of course they think I should join them! My husband, Keith, retired two years ago at age 70, but I wasn't ready to retire then, especially with RSVP's 50th Anniversary to celebrate in 2022.

There have been many times that in trying to describe RSVP, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, I have explained that you don't need to be retired, and you don't need to

be a senior, but you do have to want to volunteer! For example, we do have volunteers who are employed but still find time to volunteer due to flexible schedules. We also have volunteers who are under the age of 55 but are able to serve, especially as volunteer drivers. July 31st will be my last day of paid employment with RSVP after more than 46 years! On August 1st, I will transition to volunteer status and will serve on two RSVP committees. The wonderful part of being associated with RSVP is that I don't have to say goodbye when I retire; I can continue to serve as a volunteer! I feel truly fortunate to be



Krishna Sijapati

associated with this organization for so many years. I have met many wonderful, inspiring volunteers, board members, and staff during this time as well as so many dedicated partners in the aging field and corporate community.

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2023 RSVP Intergenerational Computer Buddies Celebration!

by Kate Seal

The Computer Buddy volunteers and students gathered for their first in-person meeting on May 31st, 2023. This celebration commemorated the bond that had been building throughout the 2022/2023 school year between the 4th grade students at Deerfield Elementary School and their corresponding RSVP Computer Buddy senior volunteers.

It was a special affair to see all 51 students' faces light up when they met their senior Computer Buddy face-to-face for the first time after corresponding every week on the designated blog site. There were smiles from ear-to-ear and even some tears of joy. The RSVP volunteers gave each student a gift (a blanket and pillow set). And in return, the students gave their senior Computer Buddy a precious, homemade, thank-you card! The students and seniors partnered up for most of the celebration, enjoying quality time together, and working on fun get-to-know-you activities and puzzles. It was a perfect afternoon.

The Computer Buddy Program brings generations together in a special and modern "pen-pal" way. This opportunity offers emotional and educational benefits for both students and volunteers, such as practicing written correspondence, navigating a technical blogging platform, and finding commonalities and connections with someone outside of one's typical social circles. This program will resume in the fall, so if you or someone you know might be interested in joining this program for the 2023/2024 school year, please contact Kate Seal: kseal@rsvpdane.org.



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I am lucky to have made so many friends—people I would have never known if it weren't for RSVP. I was 22 years old when I first became associated with RSVP as a student intern. I am retiring at age 69, but I am hoping that I will be able to serve as a volunteer long enough to get my 20-year Length of Service Award!



2023 Governor's Service 20 Year Award Recipient Alison Koelsch and Margie Zutter



Margie Zutter and 2023 Governor's Service 20 Year Award Recipient Mary Odell

Introducing Trudy Brule, Group Projects Volunteer

by Kate Seal

Trudy Brule is an artist. Fabric art is her specialty. She shares her talents with many organizations throughout Dane County, but here at RSVP of Dane County, we are beyond thankful to have her on our team of volunteers who affect our community in so many ways. Trudy has been a volunteer at RSVP for nearly 8 years and has spent over 2,500 hours volunteering in the RSVP Group Projects Program making quilts and other items of warmth that are donated to those in need in the community.



Trudy Brule



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Preserving and promoting the Hmong heritage for the future

May 3, 2023

Katie O'Brien

Dane County Department of Human Services Grants Manager

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Dear Katie:

On behalf of The Hmong Institute, Inc. I am writing this letter of support for RSVP of Dane County's Volunteer Program grant application to Dane County. An RSVP volunteer who comes to The Hmong Institute to facilitate a sewing group composed of twelve Hmong women, all age 55+. Our RSVP volunteer sewing instructor teaches them to make clothing for themselves and their families. In addition, the Hmong older group members make double layer mittens made of fleece and wool as well as tote bags for community distribution through the RSVP Group Projects/Homeworkers Program. RSVP continues to enroll new volunteers and provides support for this group through supplying fabric, patterns, etc.

The Hmong Institute supports this project that enhances our Hmong older adults' quality of life, improving their physical, emotional and social wellbeing, as well as helping alleviate social isolation and loneliness.

Thank you for your consideration of RSVP of Dane County's request.

Yours sincerely,

Peng Her
CEO

Trudy began her volunteer service with the Hmong community by assisting older adults primarily with the construction of clothes for themselves and their families. While this type of sewing still takes place at their weekly sewing classes, they have also begun their own volunteer service to the community by making mittens, tote bags and other items that they donate to other nonprofits in the community.

Trudy has ignited a spark, and her love of sewing has translated it into helping those less fortunate in the community. She is devoted, enthusiastic and accomplished, and we are proud to call her an RSVP Volunteer!

RSVP CALENDAR

August 16th, Triad Program: "Property Crimes Update" by Det. Sgt. Scott Reitmeyer, Madison Police Department

August 21st, RSVP Board Meeting, 1:30-3:00 PM

August 24th, Volunteer Zoom Event and Sweepstakes Drawing

September 4th, Office Closed for Labor Day

September 11th, Annual Essential Pantry Drive for Social Justice Center, 1:00 PM

September 21st, RSVP Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

September 28th, Triad Car Check Free Vehicle Safety Inspection

October 16th, RSVP Board Meeting, 1:30-3:00 PM

October 20th, 2023 Triad Conference



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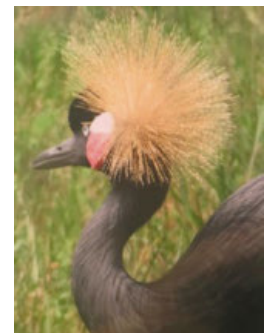
by Diana Jost

Lucy Gammeter has been volunteering with RSVP for many, many years. In addition to being a home delivered meal driver, she also works with the Verona Hometown Helpers with knitting and sewing, she is actively helping to maintain one of the Free Edible Gardens in the Verona Parks System. The Sugar River Garden Club has three park gardens where anyone can pick free herbs and vegetables. Lucy is one of the rotating volunteers who waters and weeds as needed. Lucy also enjoys being a Computer Buddy with several students from Deerfield School. She corresponds with each student every week, and she loves getting the responses back from the students.



Lucy Gammeter

In addition to her volunteer activities, several hobbies keep Lucy very busy. She is an ardent nature lover and thoroughly enjoys taking nature photos. Recently twenty of Lucy's photos were featured in an exhibition at the Verona Senior Center. Lucy also helps to lead workshops on how to build artistic glass towers for gardens. Some of the glass towers even have solar lights inside. A busy, happy woman, she is.



THE 2023 GOVERNOR'S SERVICE AWARDS



Twelve RSVP volunteers were recognized at the 2023 Governor's Service Awards for volunteering 20 years with RSVP of Dane County. Congratulations to Debra Baker, Myrna D. Heiser, Mary Ihlenfeldt, Betty Ingwell, Lynn Klink, Alison Koelsch, Mary Odell, Joan Paar, Jean B. Ruhde, Marsha Schaeffer, Gregg Williard, and Ann Wolfe.

In addition, Margie Zutter received special recognition in honor of her retirement with 46 years of service to RSVP of Dane County.

More photos can be seen on page 3.

**Wisconsin Lieutenant
Governor Sara Rodriguez
and Margie Zutter**

RSVP of Dane County's Bus Buddy Tour Program 2023

by Jan Karst, Community Connections Coordinator



RSVP of Dane County's Bus Buddy Program teaches inexperienced bus riders how to open a whole new road to independence.

The Bus Buddy Tour Program started in August 2014 offering seniors the opportunity to learn to navigate the bus while creating a fun social outing for those involved. Not only do these trips help teach participants how to navigate the bus system, but these trips also facilitate the integration of all participants forming a wonderful community promoting friendships, support, and understanding.

With Madison Metro's redesign (including new Metro routes, maps and schedules) even experienced bus riders may need a little extra help.

BUS BUDDY TOURS REMAINING 2023 SCHEDULE:

- Friday, August 25 MSCR Pontoon Boat Ride from the UW Memorial Union, 10:00 AM
- Wednesday, September 13 Allen Botanical Garden and Babcock Hall Ice Cream, 10:30 AM
- Thursday, October 24 Chazen Art Museum, 10:30 AM

To participate, please register with Jan Karst by calling 608-441-7891 or emailing jkarst@rsvpdane.org. An RSVP Volunteer Bus Buddy Coordinator will work with you to plan your route.

This program is funded in part by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) as authorized Under 49 U.S.C. § 5310 Mobility Options of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (CFDA 20.521).



Long-time former Executive Director Mary Stamstad and (now) retiring Executive Director Margie Zutter share a Valentine's cake during Mary's retirement party in February, 2020.

2023 Foster Grandparent Program End-of-Year Celebration

by Paula Reif, Foster Grandparent Coordinator

Volunteers with the Foster Grandparent Program gathered in the beauty of Olbrich Gardens for their End-of-Year Celebration on June 16th, 2023. The 2022/2023 school year theme reflected “Everything Old is New Again” for the Foster Grandparent Program volunteers. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Foster Grandparents had been placed primarily in-person to support students to succeed in Head Start and area public schools. When the pandemic eliminated the options for in-person tutoring and mentoring in 2020 and 2021, the Foster Grandparent staff introduced technology as a way for Foster Grandparent volunteers to stay connected with resources and with each other. While technology has helped to keep us connected, everyone was thankful for the opportunity to gather in-person over good food and to share stories about our experiences supporting students throughout the year.

The festivities included recognition of the service that Foster Grandparent volunteers provided this year as well as the ways that they stay connected with one another. Foster Grandparent Ginny Scholtz shared a presentation about a special project she undertook on her own initiative to enhance support for English Language Learning students by raising funds to purchase 108 copies of the “English for Everyone Illustrated English Dictionary” for each Madison area school. After raising the funds to buy the books, she then hand-delivered them to schools all around the area. What a project!

Most of the Foster Grandparents will take a break during the summer months, and are excited to get back to the students in the fall. Here are some of the highlights that Foster Grandparents shared of their student support journey this year:

I started blogging with a fourth-grade student!

Several of the Foster Grandparents made great connections and learned new tech skills blogging with students through the Computer Buddy program in DeForest throughout the school year.

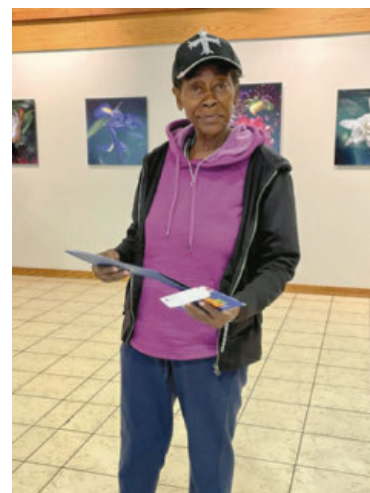
I was there, in-person, and saw it with my own eyes!

Foster Grandparents shared stories about being back in the classrooms throughout the school year. The joy of being present with the students again was evident as they expressed the progress and growth they witnessed in the students.

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FGP Coordinator Paula Reif (r) and Foster Grandparent Pam Bracey



Foster Grandparent Canary Davis



Foster Grandparent Donna Theis

WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS

We enrolled 73 new volunteers from March 2023, through May 2023, serving in a wide variety of assignments throughout Dane County. Do you know someone who might like to volunteer? RSVP volunteers are our best recruiters as they spread the word about why they like volunteering and the need for more volunteers. Please pass this newsletter on to a friend or neighbor and tell them what RSVP means to you!

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2023 Foster Grandparent Program End-of-Year Celebration

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I got your postcard. It was great to hear about your trip through Kindergarten!

Postcard writing reached new levels as the hot new innovation of the 2022/2023 school year. And the Foster Grandparents received a special treat in the form of their final postcard from the students they corresponded with through the Postcard Pen Pal Program at Chavez Elementary.

Me? I started narrating stories!

Searching the thousands of children's books available and choosing just the right one takes time, and several Foster Grandparents enjoyed the experience of the hunt, then perfecting the narrative, knowing that the story they narrated is reaching children and families in their homes throughout the region.



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Thank you to everyone who contributed or secured the forty prizes included in the Sweepstakes. The full list of prizes is below.

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30 - 31. Two \$25 Kwik Trip Gift Cards donated by Jean Elvekrog - *two winners*

32. \$25 Gift Card donated by Orange Tree Imports

33. \$25 Texas Roadhouse Gift Card donated by Alison Koelsch

34 - 35. Two \$25 Chili's Gift Cards - donated by Leroy Adler - *two winners*

36. \$25 Gift Card donated by Portillo's

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DAIS (Domestic Abuse Intervention Services) has many volunteer needs right now! **Reception/Front Desk** to greet visitors, **Shelter Chef** to help prepare meals for women and kids once a week, **Court Watch** to observe court hearings, **Help Line Advocates** to answer the 24 hour Help and Text Line, **Support Group Advocate** to help survivors come together to share experiences and support each other, and **Children's Advocates** involved in structured activities and free play to help individual children and group activities.

You can help senior clients maintain their independence by providing indoor chore help as a **Clutter Care Volunteer** with **MIDDLETON OUTREACH MINISTRY**. Outdoor chore help is also needed!

OAKWOOD VILLAGE UNIVERSITY WOODS senior living needs volunteers with well behaved, sociable pets to visit residents in the new skilled nursing care building that opened this Spring! No pet certification required! **Cashiers** are also needed in the Village Store and Oakleaf Gift Shop. Assisted Living Dining Assistants are also needed to bring residents to and from the dining room and serve beverages.

MADISON STREET MEDICINE needs volunteers with medical backgrounds (Doctors, Nurses, EMTs, CNA's) to help provide medical attention to people in the Porchlight Men's Shelter, the Beacon, and on the streets. They also provide a Foot Care Clinic and volunteers do not need to have a medical background.

MSCR PONTOON BOAT season is here! **Captains and First Mates** are needed to take groups out on the lakes in the pontoon boats all summer.

NEWBRIDGE is in need of Volunteer Guardians and Representative Payees! A **Guardian** is someone appointed by the State of Wisconsin to make medical, housing, and other decisions for an older adult who can no longer manage their finances. A **Representative Payee** is someone who works through the Social Security Administration to help manage the social security funds of an older adult, who can no longer manage their funds. All volunteers will go through training and supervision. Time is flexible and will require 2-6 hours a month.

FRIENDS OF SCHUMACHER FARM PARK in Waunakee, has volunteer opportunities available for those interested in gardening, prairie restoration, event planning, and educational tours of the historic farmhouse and buildings.

Ring the bell and yell "ALL ABOARD!" as a **Train and Carousel Crew** member at **HENRY VILAS ZOO**! Shifts available weekly/every other week, 1-4pm.

Please contact Jan Karst, RSVP Volunteer Programs Community Connections Coordinator, for more information about these Volunteer Opportunities at jkarst@rsvpdane.org or 608.441.7891.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT HEARTLAND FARM SANCTUARY

Meet Pete and Pat Sammataro! They are Animal Care volunteers at Heartland Farm Sanctuary located at 424 Hwy 51, Stoughton, WI. Heartland provides high-quality, specialized care to rescued farm animals as well as inclusive humane education programs and experiential therapy for kids.

Animal Care volunteer duties include feeding, changing water, cleaning stalls, and animal enrichment (as time permits). Animal Enrichment takes many forms. It could be taking a few extra moments to give an animal a belly rub or taking a donkey for a walk!

Pete and Pat find volunteering at Heartland extremely rewarding. They say it is easy to fall in love with the animals and their quirky personalities.

If working in the barn doesn't appeal to you, you can help by chopping fruit and vegetables for the animals' meals, gardening, helping with office work, doing laundry, and working on maintenance projects, large or small.

You can find out more about volunteering at Heartland Farm Sanctuary by contacting Jan, Community Connections Coordinator, at (608) 441-7891 or jkarst@rsvpdane.org and visiting heartlandfarmsanctuary.org/volunteer.



Pete and Pat Sammataro

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Triad Update

by Mike Thomsen, Triad Program Coordinator

The Spring Quarter has been quite busy for Triad volunteers. We have produced three monthly programs about safety and health topics that are particularly important to older adults. These include 1) Aging in Place Support Systems for Seniors, 2) Advance Care Directives, and 3) How to Choose a Financial Professional. The recordings of these and all of our monthly programs are available at our YouTube channel

<https://youtube.com/@triadsofdanecounty>.

The Summer issue of the Triad Newsletter is in the works. Be on the lookout for it in your email the first part of July. Two more people have volunteered to write and edit the newsletter, and that makes it a lot easier for everyone and a lot more interesting for readers. The Triad Newsletter strives to address safety and health issues from the perspective of older adults. *If you're interested in occasionally contributing an article, please email mthomsen@rsvpdane.org.*

The Madison Fire Department's Safety Saturday was June 10th, and RSVP and the Triad program participated along with more than 25 other organizations and agencies from around Dane county. Safety Saturday is a safety and injury-prevention event enjoyed by thousands of people every year. At the RSVP table, we talked with visitors about RSVP's many important volunteer programs. We focused particular attention on the Triad program's mission of informing and educating older adults about safety issues, both those in the house as well as those we encounter when we are in public in our communities.

September will be here before we know it and so will our annual Car Check vehicle safety inspection event. In fact, Triad and our partners will be holding numerous driver safety activities turning September into a veritable Driver Safety Month. Keep an eye on your email for details, but here's a sneak peek. We are again partnering with AARP's Driver Safety program and Smart Motors Toyota in Madison this year to offer FREE vehicle safety inspections. In addition, AARP will be offering a special Driver Safety course a week before the safety inspections, and their Car Fit event the same day as Car Check. The date you ask: September 28th. Keep an eye on your inbox for more details a little later in the summer.

Finally, in case you didn't see our Save the Date email a few weeks ago, the 2023 Triad Conference will be held IN-PERSON on October 20th this year in Madison. Wisconsin State Health Officer Paula Tran will give the keynote address. And we have put together a terrific panel of experts to give presentations on topics ranging from active shooter response training, trauma first aid, cybersecurity, loneliness and its effects on health, modifiable risk factors and dementia, and much more. Keep an eye on your email for more program and registration details. *And, if your organization is interested in being an exhibitor at the conference, please email Mike Thomsen for details at mthomsen@rsvpdane.org.*



**Triad Program Coordinator
Mike Thomsen at Safety
Saturday on the Capitol Square**

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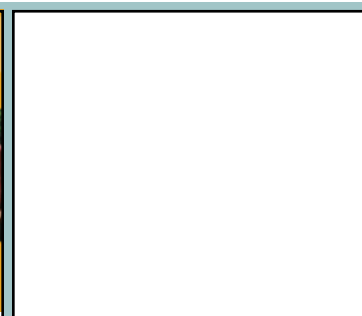


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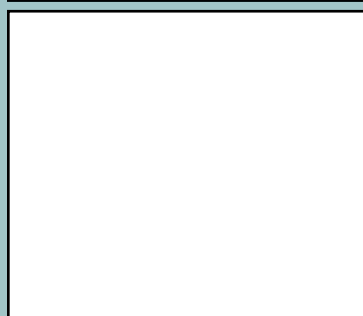
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Please mark your calendar for RSVP's Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event on Thursday September 21st at Barnwood Events in Madison. Not only will we recognize all of our volunteers, but those who have given 4,000 volunteer hours will be presented with a Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award, and those with 20 years of service will receive RSVP's Length of Service Award.

We have a country theme this year, and the program will include entertainment by Shekinah King, wonderful door prizes, and a delicious lunch. Invitations will be mailed in August. To receive an invitation, volunteers need to have their hours submitted to RSVP for 2022 and/or 2023.