



INTERFAITH NEWS

Linking older adults with a caring community

Summer 2009

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Financial Crunch Continues

Earlier this year, we were hit by government funding cuts. In response to my appeal in spring, several readers responded with generous donations. But overall individual donations actually fell from the last newsletter. And this drop has been going on a long time — *in 2007, private households donated \$16,746; in 2008 that fell to \$8,713, a whopping 48% decrease.*

Obviously, the recession has hurt almost everyone. We're hoping that as it eases, people will begin to return to their old giving levels. But there are other ways to help. Have you considered naming C/SF Interfaith in your will? A bequest will help ensure that we can continue to serve future generations of seniors. Have you mentioned our need to your family and friends? Perhaps they would like to make a contribution in your honor.

If you are reading this, but not yet in need of our services, ask yourself how much you want to make sure we're here when you do. And if you are the child of a client or caregiver for someone who uses our services, consider what you would do if Interfaith was not here. Now is the time for the community to show its support. Use the envelope provided inside and help us make it through this crisis!

Mark Peters

Meet Our New Service Coordinator!



Hi, I'm Denise White, and I became the new Service Coordinator on June 8th. I have tremendously enjoyed my first three months in this position! It has been great to get to know both the wonderful clients and the amazing volunteers that help to make my job easier.

As a Cudahy native, I consider my job a real honor. It means so much to me to be able to give back to the community in which I grew up. Having lived in other cities and states, there is nothing that compares to Milwaukee, and especially the people of Cudahy and St. Francis! I look forward to serving you and our communities for many years to come!

GRAND TIME OUT is coming!

September 13, 2009

Once again, this annual event will be held at the beautiful Pulaski Inn from Noon – 4 PM. In these recessionary times, we have held our ticket prices to the levels of five years ago – just \$12 for a special afternoon of delicious food, music by the Skyliners, door prizes and a singalong.

Tickets will go fast, so call 483-4474 TODAY to reserve yours, or stop in at your church office.



BBB Alerts Consumers about U.S. Census Workers: Be Cooperative, But Cautious!

For years, Better Business Bureau has educated consumers about not giving out personal information over the telephone or to anyone who shows up at their front door. With the U.S. Census 2010 process beginning, BBB advises people to be cooperative, but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft.

The first phase of the 2010 U.S. Census is under way as workers have begun verifying the addresses of households across the country. Eventually, more than 140,000 U.S. Census workers will count every person in the United States and will gather information about every person living at each address including name, age, gender, race and other relevant data. The Census 2010 data will be used to allocate more than \$300 billion in federal funds every year, as well as determine a State's number of Congressional representatives. Households are actually required by law to respond to the Census Bureau's request for information.

Most people are rightfully cautious and won't give out personal information to unsolicited phone callers or visitors; however the Census is an exception to the rule. Unfortunately, scammers know that the public is more willing to share personal data when taking part in the Census and have an opportunity to pose as government employees and solicit sensitive financial information.

How do you tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and a con artist? BBB offers the following advice:

If a U.S. Census 2010 worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, and generally have a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions.

Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address information. **Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. Census.** Census workers will not ask for bank account information nor will they solicit donations.

Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail or in person at home. However, they generally will not contact you by e-mail, so be on the look out for e-mail scams impersonating the Census. **Never click on a link or open any attachments in an e-mail that are supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau.**

For more information about the U.S. Census visit the website: www.census.gov.

Staying Warm This Winter

The Wisconsin Division of Energy Services provides services to Wisconsin qualified residential households with energy assistance and weatherization needs. For info call 1-866-HEATWIS (432-8947). In addition to energy assistance and weatherization, specialized services include:

- Emergency fuel assistance,
- Counseling for energy conservation and energy budgets,
- Pro-active co payment plans,
- Emergency furnace repair and replacement.

If you do not qualify for this low-income program but have a heating emergency, a utility bill you cannot pay, or need to make your home more energy efficient, you can call the Keep Wisconsin Warm Fund through the SDC Southside Center at 643-8444. If you don't qualify for the low-income weatherization program, you can call the Focus on Energy Program at 1-800-762-7077 for help.

Memory Walk

Saturday, October 3, 2009
 Mount Mary College
 2900 No. Menomonee River Pkwy, Milw.
 Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association.
 For a brochure or more information call
 479-8800 or on-line at www.alz.org/sewi



MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Saturday, November 7th, 2009

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Sponsored by the Volunteer
Center of Greater Milwaukee**

Are you an older adult who needs help with fall yard clean up, or are you able to lend a hand and volunteer to help an older adult? This day is set aside each year to help those in need to prepare their homes for the winter. Volunteers rake leaves, clear debris from yards and garden and wash first-floor windows. If you are in need of this service please call Cudahy-St. Francis Interfaith at 483-4474 by Oct. 1. Registration is on a first come first served basis. Volunteers are needed. *If you, your family or friends would like to enjoy a morning outdoors getting some exercise by helping older adults, please call Debbie at 273-7887.*

The Christian Ladies Guild at Nativity of the Lord Parish located at the corner of Kirkwood and Plankinton Avenue in Cudahy, will host a fashion show titled "Fashion through the Decades", presented by Goodwill Industries. The fashion show will be held on Sunday, September 27, 2009 in the school hall, at 2 PM; doors open at 1:15. The cost of entry to the show is \$5.00. Refreshments will be served. Call Joan Paul at 766-9596 for ticket info.



For Your Generosity!

The following donations were recorded between
May 1st and August 15, 2009

Corporate & Organizations

Cudahy Lions Club ****
Lenard Tool & Machine
Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish***
St. Francis Lions Club ***
St. Mark's Ev. Lutheran Church****
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Mary Zodrow *

* Donations of \$50 or more
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Cudahy-St. Francis Interfaith Valued Board Members

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Memorials/Gifts

In Loving Memory of...

**Mary Hermsen
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Gloria Lorenz
Mary Zodrow

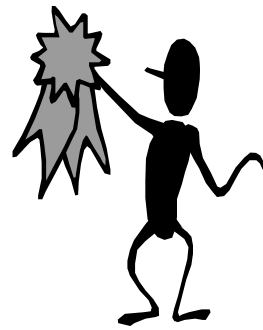
Sylvia Nicgorski
The Nicgorski Family

Paul Janicek
His children Nancy, Karen, Kathie & Dale

Shirley Bergemann
Residents of Williamstown Bay
Building #3

In Honor of...

Eddie and Bernelle Adamczyk
On their 61st Wedding Anniversary
&
Emil & Elaine Dahlberg
On their 50th Wedding Anniversary
Mary Ellen & Jerome Mikulay



Cudahy-St. Francis Interfaith gratefully accepts donations in the form of memorial gifts, remembrance of

loved ones, special occasions, such as anniversaries, birthdays, holidays, and special events.



New

Volunteers

Kori Banach
Leslie Bendickson
Bobbi Drielts
Dan Heitman
Sharan Lunde
Karin McCormick
Don Mulock

John & Shirley Pradarelli

Returning Volunteers

Charlene Sala
Marion Albers



Cudahy -St. Francis Interfaith gratefully acknowledges St. Luke's South Shore for making this newsletter possible by contributing paper and printing



Volunteer Spotlight:

Char Busse, one of our newest volunteers, has also been one of our busiest the last few months. Char spearheaded our Sweet Apple-Wood Festival Jewelry Sale, which took in \$900. As a member of our Programming Committee, she has also been helping us prepare for the Grand Time Out, and she has been instrumental in helping us get matching funds from Thrivent for Lutherans, which has been a sponsor of the Prayer Breakfast, Jewelry Sale and GTO.

Other members of the Programming (formerly Special Events) Committee who also deserve thanks for their hard work the last few months are **Kathy Barker, Mary Louise Cox, Carl Hepp, Ginny Grossman, Pat Rozek, Ruth Kossel and Sara Loh.**



Ginny Grossman, Char Busse, Mary Louise Cox and Barb Rothe lead the Interfaith/Project Concern June Volunteer Recognition Event singalong

An Invitation

If you'd like to work "behind the scenes" on our special events for 2010 – the Epiphany Event (January), Prayer Breakfast (April), Volunteer Recognition Event (June), Jewelry Sale (July/August), and Grand Time Out (September) – give Mark a call at 483-4474.

Interfaith By The Numbers

Active Clients Since 1/ 1/09:	105
Newsletter Subscribers:	1800
Volunteers:	65
Year to Date Volunteer Hours:	2462
YTD Number of 1 Way Rides:	1366
YTD Shopping Trips:	246
YTD In-Person Visits:	140
YTD New Client Assessments:	10
YTD Info/Referral/Advocacy/ Followup:	29
YTD Home Chores/Repairs/ Yardwork:	7*

* This number is small not because of a lack of requests, but a lack of volunteers. If you want to be put on our call list for yardwork, minor household repairs, or light housekeeping, call 483-4474 for a volunteer application.

The Mysterious Case of the Cookies in the Airport



A young lady was waiting for her flight in the boarding room of a big airport. As she would need to wait several hours, she decided to buy a book to spend her time. She also bought a package of cookies. She sat down in an armchair in the VIP waiting area of the airport, to rest and read in peace.

Beside the armchair where the package of cookies lay, a man sat down and started reading a magazine. When she took out the first cookie, the man took one also. She felt irritated, but said nothing. She just thought, "What a nerve! If I was in the mood, I would punch him for daring." For each cookie she took, the man took one too. This was infuriating her, but she didn't want to cause a scene. When only 1 cookie remained she thought, "what will this man do now?" Then the man took the last cookie, divided it in half, and gave her one half. Ah! That was too much! She was much too angry now! In a huff she took her book, her things and stormed to the boarding place.

When she sat down in her seat on the

plane, she looked into her purse to get her eyeglasses, and to her surprise, her package of cookies was still there. Untouched and unopened. She felt so ashamed! She realized that she was wrong. She had forgotten her cookies were kept in her purse. The man had divided his cookies with her, without feeling angry or bitter. While she had been very angry, thinking she was the one dividing cookies with him. And now there was no chance to explain herself, nor apologize.

*There are 4 things you can not recover:
the stone... after the throw;
the word ...after it's said;
the occasion ...after the loss;
the time...after it's gone.*



Interfaith News is published four times a year by the Cudahy-St. Francis Interfaith Program for Older Adults to increase the awareness of older adults and their caregivers regarding services and resources available to them in the community.

Cudahy-St. Francis Interfaith welcomes suggestions and questions. Every effort is made to verify content. Please let us know of any errors. If you have comments, please call 483-4474 or write to:

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Mark Peters, Director and Editor

Please Note: The information in this newsletter is designed for educational purposes only. You should not rely on this information as a substitute for personal medical attention, diagnosis or treatment. If you are concerned about your health, please consult your health provider.

Your volunteer and financial help is needed.



United Way
of Greater Milwaukee

Older adults in Cudahy and St. Francis need help with transportation, shopping, home repairs, yardwork and snow shoveling. Lonesome, homebound individuals would appreciate a friendly visitor or telephone call.

Financial support from individuals, congregations, businesses and organizations helps ensure that Cudahy-St. Francis Interfaith continues its services to our communities' older adults — especially the frail elderly.

To volunteer call 483-4474.

To make a donation, mail your contribution in the enclosed envelope to:
Cudahy-St. Francis Interfaith Program, 3767 E. Underwood Ave., Cudahy, WI 53110.
Your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Thank you for your contribution!

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