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November 2021 Newsletter

November Birthday's: Rnta

Anderson, Mary Cox, Erick Eschenback, Gary Jones, Marilyn Pedersen, and Tom Schmitt.

Happy Birthday!

Returning to School

Mr. Elstad, the Superintendent of schools, notified me that volunteers will be able to go back into schools starting October 19. If you haven't heard from a teacher you worked with in the past or just need a connection to a school, let me know and I will contact them for you.

Background Checks

We found out background checks are now every five years, this means very few of you need any background checks now. It looks like the only ones are our new volunteers who signed up at the end of 2020 and 2021. Those who fall into this category will receive an email from TURSTED EMPLOYEES, please fill out and return.

Contract with School

Don't forget to send in your contract with the school if you haven't already. Thank You.

New Sponsor

For Homecoming the Deml Heating and A/C Company sponsored our float. Since that connection they have been willing to sponsor GFE on a regular basis. Please feel free to stop in and thank the Company and Owner Brian for their help or send them a thank you card at 1500 East Main, Owatonna, MN 55060.

Homecoming

Thanks so much to all the wonderful volunteers who helped with Homecoming. We had a great time. Thanks Nancy McGregor, Corinne Talley, Leann Boyd, LuAnn Lafky, Anna Bunckers, Cheryl Blackford, LeAnn Masche and 2 grandchildren of LeAnn's who graduated from OHS and helped with passing out candy.

Christmas in the Village

The History Center has invited GFE to decorate a tree in the village for Christmas. I have a few ideas, if any of you have ideas let me know and we can get together. Decorating is November 21 from 2 to 5.

Craft Sale

The History Center is having a craft sale on December 3 and 4 and they invited us to participate. I want to sell Christmas tree ornaments and need everyone's help in creating different pieces to sell. If you would like to help out, let me know as soon as possible. We need quite a few items because it is a two day event. Please help us out this is the only fundraiser we have this year.

School closed: November 24, 25, and 26

Volunteer Opportunity

Michelle Hadler from McKinley 2nd grade is looking for someone to help in her classroom. If interested, you can contact her (mhadler@isd761.org) or myself.

Board Meetings

Our board meeting are the first Monday of the month. All meetings will be held at the Library Room 301 at 5:00. If you're interested in joining the board contact myself or come to a meeting.

Personal Notes:

Below is our list of volunteers who are highly vulnerable. Please keep all of these wonderful members in your prayers and drop them a line when you can.

Most of these people are on Facebook so please befriend them to keep in touch with their lives.

--Sondra von Arb, send cards to 1497 Autumn Drive SE, Owatonna, MN 55060.

--Jean and Edith Zamboni will be moving to Rochester during the month of October for health reasons. I have enclosed their address' so you can drop them a line of encouragement.

Jean will be moving the end of October to Benedict House, 3383 NW 19th Ave., Rochester, MN 55901.

Sister Edith has moved to Assisi Heights, 1001 NW 14th St, Rochester, MN 55901. Edith has already moved; please be sure you address the envelope as Sister Edith.

--Sue Jacobsen was back in the hospital again and is now home, send cards and

letters to 4650 County Road 180, Owatonna, MN 55060.

--Nancy Karsten, send cards to 1995 Raspberry Ridge Pl NE, Owatonna, MN 55060

--Mary Overlee-Olson, just completed a vacation to Colorado and feels she is doing very well health wise; send cards to 360 Thomas Ave., Owatonna, MN 55060

--Marsha Christiansen, send cards to her at: The Commons on Marice, 1380 Marice Drive, Rm 247, Eagan, MN 55121.

---Fred Ventura is having a little trouble walking without Diane's help but cancer is stable at the moment, all cards and letters are appreciated. Send cards to 566 Maple Drive, Owatonna, MN 55060.

If you know of anyone else who needs our support and prayers through surgery or a long illness, please let me know.

Remember if you sign up a new volunteer, you will receive a \$5 gift card from HyVee.

New Email Address for GFE

Our new email address for GFE is as follows: GFEducation123@gmail.com. The newsletter is always posted online under www.grandparentsforeducation.org.

Board Members:

Linda Breyer, Chairperson

LaGene Akers, Co-Chair

LuAnn Lafky, Treasurer, Fin. Advisor

MaryAnne Higgins, Secretary

Corinne Talley

Ron Barth

LeAnn Masche

Ron and Sondra von Arb, Ex-Officio