

# National Volunteer Month Thank You to All?

**April 2024 Newsletter**

**April Birthday's:** Eileen Olson, Cindy Rau, Barb Simon, Katie Stallman, Mary Talamantes, and Linda Breyer.

**Happy Birthday!**

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**GFE's email address is:**

[Gfeducation123@gmail.com](mailto:Gfeducation123@gmail.com)

**Website:**

[www.grandparentsforeducation.org](http://www.grandparentsforeducation.org)

**If you haven't heard from any schools and you want to volunteer, let me know and I can contact them. Phone: 507-390-4468**

**Email: [gfeducation123@gmail.com](mailto:gfeducation123@gmail.com)**

**VFW Pancake Breakfast - HELP**

**Pancake breakfast at the VFW April 14, Sunday. Please return tickets by April 10 so we are not charged for them. If buying tickets make check payable to GFE.**

**I need anyone's help volunteering for the breakfast as I have fractured my tibia bone in the leg so I am wearing a brace. I will be having surgery April 2 on a torn tendon which will lay me up for about 2 weeks. I plan on being at the breakfast but not sure how much I can do. If you can give me a ½ hour that would be great. Currently, I have Corinne Talley, Gloria Dietz & big sister 8-10, Sharon Klein, Sharon Gualrapp 10-12, and Mary Cox. Please let me know as soon as possible.**

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**Knights of Columbus Fish Fry**

**Thanks to all those volunteers who helped make this a smooth-running event. LuAnn Lafky, Tom Schmidt, Cindy Rau, Nancy McGregor.**

**Tax Preparation:**

**Any household with less than \$78,000 annual income can take advantage of this free service. Call for an appointment at 507-455-1180 or register online at [unitedwaysteelecounty.org/tax-preparation](http://unitedwaysteelecounty.org/tax-preparation).**

**School Closed: April N/A**

**Board Meeting are the first Monday of the month. All meetings held at the library 2nd floor conference room at 5:00. If**

*you're interested in joining the board, contact myself or come to a meeting.*

### **Pen Pal Program:**

*The letters will be coming April and should be returned by April 11. They will be at the **History Center at 1:00 p.m.** and should be returned by May 1<sup>st</sup> by 12:00 p.m. History Center hours, Tuesday thru Friday 10:00 to 4:00 and Saturday 10:00 to 3:00.*

*At our Year End "Meet and Greet" party in May, each student will receive a pen and notebook, compliments of Grandparents for Education. If you choose to bring a personal gift for your student Pen Pal, we suggest it be related to reading, writing, critical thinking or personalized to the student's interest or hobbies. Suggestions for gifts of \$5-\$10 include: gift card to Little Professors, Game books such as: Word Search, Connect dots, or word puzzles. Stationary or box of Thank you Cards. Individual interests in sports? Perhaps collector cards, a Frisbee, etc. Interested in animals? Perhaps figurine animal from Fleet Farm. Feel free to select something that relates to your common interests. Your own personal artwork, craft or handmade gift is wonderful; but please no baked goods.*

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

*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.*

*--Nancy Karsten is healing. Please send cards to 1995 Raspberry Ridge PI NE, Owatonna, MN 55060*

*--LeAnn Masche is recovering at home but her husband is not doing well. Please keep her in your prayers and send cards to 309 Lincoln Ave., Owatonna, MN 55060*

*--Sondra von Arb says hi to everyone and please keep her in your prayers and send those cards to Lakeshore Assisted Living, 150 8<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Apt. 205, Waseca, MN 56093.*

*--Edith Zamboni's requesting emails: [zamtwins@yahoo.com](mailto:zamtwins@yahoo.com).*

*--Sue Jacobsen, she is finally out and about but still in recovery, send cards and letters to 4650 County Road 180, Owatonna, MN 55060.*

*--Mary Overlee-Olson, send cards to 360 Thomas Ave., Owatonna, MN 55060*

*---Fred Ventura: Please keep him in your prayers and 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.*

### **Board Members:**

*Linda Breyer, Chairperson*

*LaGene Akers, Co-Chair*

*LuAnn Lafky, Treasurer, Fin. Advisor*

*MaryAnne Higgins, Secretary*

*Corinne Talley*

*Ron Barth*

*LeAnn Masche*

*Sondra von Arb, Ex-Officio*

### **Personal Notes:**