



RKC NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2019

From the Director's Desk

As September has turned to October, we find the RKC fall semester well underway, and participants and instructors enjoying their time together. Aside from adjustments to parking and entrance, daily routine in the RKC continues as in years past. The planning and brainstorming that has led to our program offerings for this year were well worth the extra effort. Be aware of the bulletin board outside the kitchenette for specific event postings as they occur and be assured we will continue to offer class opportunities and other events in similar flexible and creative ways.

A note about coffee in the kitchenette... we are no longer using styrofoam cups in this area, participants are welcome to help themselves to coffee using one of the mugs provided on the window sill or in the dish drainer. No donations are necessary, but please WASH YOUR CUP WITH SOAP to be courteous to the next person who uses it, and realize it is disheartening to find dirty cups in the sink, waiting for someone else to wash them. Thank you! Karen

With Gratitude For Many Hands...

Things went off without a hitch as we began our classes in early September, and the gifts of many people contributed to adequate parking, classroom readiness, an open house to introduce and familiarize participants with the changes in parking and entry, and a luncheon to thank and prepare our instructors for their work to enrich us. Many thanks to the following people who lent us problem solving and planning skills as well as the gift of their time and encouragement...

Lou Anglin, BVM and Alan Stache in Leadership, Russ Hemann and the entire maintenance department, Patty DeVries and the environmental services group, Laurie Noel and the dining services team, Jacquie Roth and Liz Wirtz, BVM who helped with Aquatics sign-in, our volunteers at the Open House; Elaine Droessler, Chris Herber, Darlene Hughes, Sandy Moses, Linda Patrick, Frank Potter, Tam Prenosil, John Vesely, Connie Willey and Sue Wilson, and of course all our volunteer instructors.

All Community Reads Program Begins

Join in the community-wide reading program featuring "Picking Cotton: Our Memoir of Injustice and Redemption" by Jennifer Thompson-Cannino and Ronald Cotton with Erin Torneo. A free copy of the book is available at several locations around town. For details go to www.dubuque.lib.ia.us/ACR which includes dates of related events and an author visit on Nov 5 at Five Flags. Thank you to the generous sponsors of this community opportunity. If anyone is interested in facilitating small group discussion of this book here at the RKC, contact Karen.

2019-20 Important Dates

Friday, Nov 15	Mt. Carmel Craft Fair
Friday, Nov 22	last day fall semester
Mondays of Dec (Dec 2, 9, 16, 23)	Advent Prayer
Monday, Feb 17	first day of spring semester
April 13-17	Spring Break- <u>no RKC classes</u>
week of Apr 27-30	last week of Aquatics
Friday, May 15	last day spring semester

In Memory...

Anita Therese Hayes, BVM
Teresita Poulin, BVM first director of the Roberta Kuhn Center
Marilyn Thomas, BVM
Eileen Anglim, BVM
Patricia Robinson, BVM
Jeanne Fielding, BVM
Geneve Moran, BVM
Dolores Ullrich, OSF, participant
Roger Callahan, brother of Judy
Stanley Callahan, brother of Judy
Ethel Thoma, participant, sister of Dolores
Audrey Henson, participant
Mary Anne Weidemann, participant
Deborah Levin, daughter of Eleanor
Joan Furlong, participant
Sarah Knapp, participant
David Rea, husband of Gerry
Nancy Uhlrich, sister of Darlene
And other unnamed loved ones of the RKC Community

Beauty and Oral Care Recycling Continues

Since Oct 2013, we have saved 95,820 items from the landfill and we have collected \$1560.88 for the Hunger Fund. This money supports women and children across the world. Thank you to everyone who takes the time to set the accepted items aside. Collection boxes have moved to an area across the hall from the RKC office. We appreciate your efforts!

ACCEPTED ITEMS

Oral Care- Toothpaste tubes and caps, toothbrushes, outer packaging of toothpaste and toothbrushes, floss containers and their packaging

Beauty Brigade:

Hair care-shampoo bottles/caps, conditioner bottles/caps, hair gel tubes/caps, NON aerosol hair spray bottles, hair styling products/caps, permanent solution bottles

Skin care-lip balm tubes, lotion bottles/tubes/caps, body wash bottles/caps, soap dispensers

Cosmetics-lipstick/lip gloss tubes, lip/eye liner pencils, mascara tubes, eye shadow/powder cases

You are Invited...

*Hand & Foot card game

Come and enjoy a few hours of fun. No registration required or cost. Darlene and friends welcome anyone who wishes to play including those who wish to learn. The group will play in **St. Joseph Hall.**

Friday, Oct 18 1-3pm, Tuesday, Oct 29 10:30am-12:30pm, Tuesday, Nov 12 10:30am-12:30pm, and Friday, Nov 22 1-3pm.

*Coat & Jacket Giveaway

Monday-Friday Oct 14-18, Motherhouse ground floor as you enter the building from the back of the building RKC parking spots.

*Mt. Carmel Fall Craft & Baked Goods Fair

Friday, November 15 8:00am-3:00pm/St. Joseph Hall

Enjoy homemade food items, handmade jewelry, holiday décor and crafts and a walking taco lunch. An Iowa Hawkeye throw sized quilt created by an RKC participant will be raffled off. RKC participants are also invited to be vendors at this event, see the bulletin board or Karen for more details.

*Advent reflection and music in the style of Taizé prayer

Again this year, the sisters at Mt. Carmel invite you to join them in Advent prayer.

Mondays December 2, 9, 16 and 23 at 4:30pm in St. Joseph Hall. Parking is in front of the Caritas Center on the riverside of the buildings in daytime RKC spots.

Inclement Weather Policy

As winter is right around the corner, please be aware of the Roberta Kuhn Center policy on holding class. If Dubuque Community Schools are cancelled, then RKC classes are automatically cancelled. Tune in to local TV and radio stations for this information. If the weather is less than desirable for traveling, RKC classes are on unless you hear from your instructor or the director. But, please exercise the idea of "safety first". The choice to attend rests with you.