

## PEOPLE PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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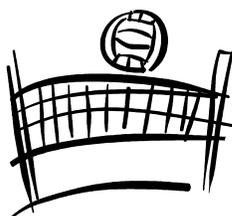
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### Volunteer Spotlight

**Sr. Jackie Schmitz**, CSJ is quite versatile in the talent category. Born and raised in Chicago, Sr. Jackie was influenced by the athleticism of the sisters who taught and coached her through elementary and high school years. This experience led her to join the congregation and major in Physical Education. During her education tenure, Sr. Jackie coached, taught health and religion, and was assistant principal and principal, at Nazareth Academy in LaGrange, Illinois. After a three year interim, she returned to Nazareth where she worked as a guidance counselor, campus minister, and Director of Student Activities. Today you can see her flitting through the halls of the Lakeshore campus where her office of the St. Joseph Worker Program is headquartered. Sr. Jackie recruits and trains young women for a 10 month volunteer experience where the team assists the people of New Orleans wherever

needed. Even with all this responsibility, Sr. Jackie still saves time to spearhead a Centering Prayer class and Table Tennis. She is amazed at the camaraderie that is fostered at People Program and is inspired by the members' ardent desire to continue learning.

Her presence during the last 3 years reminds us of the commitment that the Congregation of St. Joseph has to the important ministry of People Program. May abundant blessings be poured over the holy work to which she is dedicated.



**"All Jazzed Up"**, our Annual People Program Gala, is scheduled for Sunday, March 25, noon, at English Turn.

Live music by Bobby Cure will add much to the electric atmosphere! Our agenda will include a live and silent auction, so we are asking all members to help us find attractive items that will raise curiosity and allure.

Tickets (\$50) will go on sale in early February, and we are anxious to break last year's attendance record of 225! Come and enjoy Eggs Benedict, champagne, fun and friends.....Bon Appetite!



**SPEAKER SERIES: RANDY FERTEL, THE GORILLA MAN AND THE EMPRESS OF STEAK**. Please join us on Friday, February 3 at 10:30 A.M. in the chapel at Lakeshore Dr. to meet **Dr. Fertel**, author, professor, philanthropist, as he shares some of the wonderful stories of his youth in Gentilly with parents Rodney and Ruth who were "out of the ordinary." You will remember his mom as the owner of RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE and his dad as the mayoral candidate who promised to bring gorillas to the Audubon Zoo, which he did, despite being roundly defeated. This presentation is of special interest to those students in New Orleans history and or creative writing.

**GREATER NEW ORLEANS SENIOR OLYMPIC GAMES**

February 16 is the deadline for entry into the 2012 games. (See more information at [www.gnoso.net](http://www.gnoso.net)) Entry fee this year is \$20.00 which allows you to participate in three sports—billiards, table tennis, team dance, darts, etc.—as well as enter one or more art/craft items completed this year. (Categories include, oil, acrylic, watercolor, knitting, crochet, quilting; call Jerry Talbot—889-0339 for a complete list.) We always do quite well against “the competition;” help us publicize People Program with your talents!



**CALENDAR ITEMS**

**February 10**—Rice bag workshop with LaVerne. Lakeshore **POSTPONED**

**February 16**—Deadline for Senior Olympics

**February 20-24**—Carnival holidays; campuses closed

**February 27-March 29**—Lantern Light donation drive

**March 18**—group trip to THE LION KING

**March 25**—Gala, English Turn

**April 2**—Nonagenarians’ birthday party, Lakeshore

**April 5-11--** Easter holiday; campuses closed

**May 1**—Registration for summer & fall beginning....

**INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE**

Both Loyola Law School and AARP are offering free assistance with preparation and electronic filing. Call AARP at 1.888.227.7669 or visit the website at [www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org). The contact information at Loyola is 861- 5668 or by email [apiacun@loyno.edu](mailto:apiacun@loyno.edu).

**St. James Major** elementary school has scheduled a class reunion on April 15 for anyone who attended in the 30’s, 40’s or 50’s. Please call Evelyn Hudson at 504-887-2760 for more info.



As a part of our effort to reduce our use of paper, we are producing 20% fewer newsletters each week. Remember you can access not only the current newsletter, but former ones, as well, at: [www.peopleprogram.org](http://www.peopleprogram.org)

**IN MEMORIUM:  
Sr. Lory Schaff, CSJ**



**Please Pray For:**  
**Casey Stuart**  
**Susie Butler**  
**Sr. Johanne Pedersen, CSJ**  
**Mary Lee Martin**  
**John Bosch**  
**Nguy Thi Vu**

**Jolise Heiderhoff**  
**Louie Benfatti**



**The Best Medicine**

A Sunday School teacher asked her children as they were on the way to church service, “And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?” One bright little girl replied, “Because people are sleeping.”

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A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. “If Jesus were sitting here, he would say, ‘Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait’” Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, “Ryan, you be Jesus!”

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A little boy was overheard praying, “Our Father who does art in heaven, Harold is his name. Amen.”