

PEOPLE PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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THANKSGIVING: THE VERB

Often when we hear the word “thanksgiving,” we think of the occasion in November; sometimes, however, it is a good idea for us to think about “thanksgiving” as a VERB. Living in gratitude is sometimes a challenge, but it is certainly worth the effort. Throughout this edition of the news letter, we will focus on giving thanks and we hope you will spend the week doing the same thing.



Delores Heglar and LaVerne Kappel recently traveled to a leadership convocation at the Transformation Spirituality Center in Nazareth, Michigan, to meet with members of the congregation and directors of their 32 ministries. Sponsored

by CSJ Ministries, the event welcomed individuals from diverse organizations, such as St. Joseph's Academy in Baton Rouge, an independent living residence in Tipton, Indiana, Ministry Against the Death Penalty here in New Orleans, and ABLE Families which is an educational outreach program in Kermit, West Virginia, in addition to our own People Program. The CSJ board's mission statement sees their work as “a catalyst for effecting right relationships. Our direct service and advocacy provide hope by enriching lives, healing the planet, and engendering systemic change.” Because People Program is rooted in such rich soil, we experience the program and each other in ways that are substantially different from other life long learning programs. Delores and LaVerne give thanks that they had a chance to renew their own view of mission in this rewarding company. (More information at www.csjoseph.org.)

THANKSGIVING: THE NOUN

People Program will be closed Thanksgiving Week, 11/20-28.

Thanksgiving

JANE'S THANKSGIVING

By way of some sudden and unique circumstances, I have been the associate director in Metairie for 3 years. Everyone has been so supportive, helpful and encouraging. During these 7 semesters, I have learned a lot – especially whom I can count on to get things done and who will give me an honest opinion about new ideas. I hesitate to name names for fear that I'll omit someone, but these names bubble to the surface quickly: Charlotte Olsonoski – who never backs down from a challenge, tells me like it is and is always there to help. Judee Morovich is my “go to with an idea” person. She listens, says what she thinks and usually has several other thoughts on the subject which turn into a workable solution.

Don & Jackie Kosche are so generous in so many ways. I am thankful for their support and encouragement, always given with a smile and a positive attitude. Carolyn Bergeron always asks what she can do to help, whether it's cutting cake or putting up chairs. Cory Kowalski has offered to chair the Book Club and has helped me make better coffee. Betty Armstrong has been a messenger, getting word to a teacher or student. Kathy Farrell has taken brochures to other club meetings to spread the word about People Program. Bob Barkemeyer has a heart of gold and is always available when I need a hand. This list is far from exhaustive! Many thanks also go to everyone who baked and helped with the bake sale. Generosity abounds. Kindness is contagious. Thanks again to all who make my job a pleasure.



THANKSGIVING A new baby is cause for giving thanks. On 10/27 Rogerwene Washington's family welcomed granddaughter Ildiko Olivia Washington.



CAMPUS NEWS:

Metairie: *The Humana representative will be present for the Gumbo Pot class Thursday, 11/18 at 11 AM. All choices concerning Medicare must be made by December 31.*

Lakeshore:

People Program will have a tent at the Harrison Avenue Market on Wednesday, 11/10 from 5-8

Please stop by to say hello.

On Tuesday, 11/16, from 11-12, the representative from Humana will speak in the Chapel.

On Wednesday, 11/17, at 10:15 in the chapel, a representative from Dignity Memorial will offer an informational seminar on recording and communicating your end-of-life wishes. Please sign up at the desk.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Barbara May
- Elizabeth Poole
- Barbara Carter
- Jane Deas
- Cecilia Nadeau
- Beverly Manschot
- Martha Craft

Johnny Helmstetter
Delores Leyva



This guy is 72 years old and loves to fish. He was sitting in his boat the other day when he heard a voice say, "Pick me up."

He looked around and couldn't see any one... He thought he was dreaming when he heard the voice say a gain, "Pick me up."

He looked in the water and there, floating on the top, was a frog. The man said, "Are you talking to me?"

The frog said, "Yes, I'm talking to you. Pick me up then, kiss me and I'll turn into the most beautiful woman you have ever seen. I'll make sure that all your friends are envious and jealous because I will be your bride!"

The man looked at the frog for a short time, reached over, picked it up carefully, and placed it in his front breast pocket. Then the frog said, "What, are you nuts? Didn't you hear what I said? I said kiss me and I will be your beautiful bride."

He opened his pocket, looked at the frog and said, "Nah, at my age I'd rather have a talking frog."

THANKFULLY...
With age comes wisdom.