

PEOPLE PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched—they must be felt with the heart.

Helen Keller



Happy Valentine's Day!

Volunteer Spotlight

The beautiful cadence of her distinguished French accent, makes one pay even closer attention to Elsie Bouchette. She lures you in, and there is nothing but delight in her voice. Elsie keeps her French students captivated every Tuesday morning on the West Bank as she instructs French conversation with fun techniques such as drama, games and shown n' tell. Having been born in Haiti, she came to Chicago as a high school student and later met her husband who had been to New Orleans for his physician internship at Charity. In 1987, he was offered a job in New Orleans, and there was no looking back. At one point, Elsie's bi-lingual talent led her to a job for the government of

a West African country. She has also graced the faculties of Tulane and Holy Cross College.

Elsie has two children, a son and a daughter who live and go to school in Miami. Elsie embraces every moment that she spends at People Program. Her joie de vivre is "tres" apparent when she says, "Whenever it is Tuesday morning, I am happy."

Merci, beaucoup, Elsie, for sharing your extraordinary gifts!



Fun! Fun! Fun!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 27! Our big Champagne Brunch, "All Jazzed Up" will take place at The Jefferson Orleans South on Edenborn in Metairie. **Our own Germaine Bazzle is serving as honorary chair**, and she will perform with The George French Band. Food, half and half, a parade of prizes, and a live auction are other top features. **And YES..there will be LINE**

DANCING and other dance styles, so get your best shoes on, all you twinkletoes. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and we look forward to huge member participation. See you there! Tickets (\$50) go on sale February 14! The first 30 ticket buyers on each campus will be awarded a chocolate surprise from NOLA Chocolates...why wait?

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our Gala auction is gearing up to be the best yet! If you have a chance to ask for a **restaurant gift certificate or you have a lovely item for auction, please call Jan Martino (284-7678).**

Everyone's help is appreciated.

T-E-A-M....Together

Everybody Achieves More!



Lantern Light Needs Help!

Lantern Light is a homeless center located behind St. Joseph's Church on Tulane Ave. The center is open only

during the day and is in need of numerous items that will serve about 200 needy citizens daily. People Program will conduct two drives a year; one is currently underway. There are specific items assigned to each campus. Please note the boxes on each campus with suggested items. The drive will end March 31. **Let us shine our light by helping those less fortunate. Thank-you for your generosity!**

CAMPUS NEWS:

Lakeshore: **Wed. Feb. 23:** Annette Incardona will discuss important info on Long Term Care insurance. 11 a.m. in the computer lab. This is such an important issue!

Metairie : Our famous “Gumbo Pot” is getting more savory every week: (Thurs. 11-2) **Feb. 17:** Watch the documentary “Babies”

Feb. 24: Dee Lynott will give tips on costume jewelry: what to look for & how to clean.

March 3: Rebecca Hyman from St. Francis Ville will talk about how to choose the right assisted living facility.

TBA...Making Easter candy
April 7: Janice Bodet: Dream Interpretation

April 28: Barbara McCurdy, People Program history and Road Scholars

Westbank:
2/22: Charles Bartley (The Hat Man) will demonstrate techniques to create sculptured hats out of brown paper bags. 12:30-2:30 Please contact

Doris if you plan to attend. 394 5433
The New Orleans History class will have a series of speakers throughout the semester. We are inviting all People Program members to attend these special sessions. The first will be held on Wed., Feb. 23 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bring your lunch and join us for an informative session on the history of Italians in New Orleans presented by Felicia Weinstein Lomonaco, Director of the American Italian Cultural Center.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Lucille Ogden
- Elizabeth Furlong
- Louis Williams
- Charles Andrews
- Charles Canepa
- Jeanne Powell
- Florence Stafford
- Evelyn Randall
- Jackie Elliott
- Dolores Marsalis
- Judith Darenbourg
- Leona Toups
- JoAnn McGee
- Kathy Fox

In

Memoriam

Sybil Dupre
MEMORIAL GIFT
In memory of Joyce Fleury
By Gayle Barclay



CONGRATULATIONS TO BEAULAH MCCOY!

Beulah has been selected Volunteer of the Year by the Volunteers of America (AKA chapter) for her work with Mentoring Children of Promise. We applaud your efforts !!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PEOPLE PROGRAM COMMUNITY!

With this newsletter, you get a look at our composite responses for the last 3 years to the surveys we take to gauge the satisfaction you are experiencing in 9 aspects of the program. On one side is a reprint of the survey completed by nearly 300 persons in December, 2010. The other side contains a bar graph charting the percentage of you who gave the highest rating to these same questions in 2010, 2009, and 2008, the first year a survey of this kind was taken. Please note that in almost every category, you indicate that you are more satisfied with our community today than you were before. Your volunteer teachers and the staff are pleased to see that except for Q7, the highest response was chosen by over 80% of those completing the survey. We continue to look for ways and means to improve our community. Please help us do so by providing suggestions and help in implementing them.