

PEOPLE PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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Volunteer Spotlight

Getting your hands dirty can be very rewarding! Just check out the creativity of Mary Jackson's Gardening Class on the Westbank. Mary and her students recently designed the landscaping for Holy Spirit's campus, and then installed it with the cooperation of parish members. Mary first became an instructor after hearing a series of lectures by a master gardener who had been invited by Delores Heglar to speak. This helped fulfill her delight that she garnered as a young girl who "played in the dirt" with her father.

Besides gardening, Mary also devotes her time to teaching Basic Acrylics. She was greatly influenced by Ron and Jackie Juge who invited her to fill the need of the basic students. She accepted!

Mary spends 3 full days a week at People Program and loves the caring and nurturing environment. "I have the opportunity now to learn what I have always wanted." Mary is married to Lloyd, a People Program Basic Computer

instructor, and they have 5 daughters and 10 grandchildren. Through art and gardening, Mary has truly decorated her life and the lives of so many students. We are deeply appreciative for the beauty she share with us!



LANTERN LIGHT: DO GOOD, FEEL GOOD

From February 27-March 30 we will conduct our bi-annual drive for the homeless who are assisted by **Lantern Light**, a ministry behind St. Joseph's church on Tulane Avenue which provides meals for 250 families a week. Sr. Vera reports that they are in need of these items in particular:

- ***Macaroni & cheese**
- ***Canned tuna or meat**
- ***Soup**
- ***Pasta**
- ***Peanut butter**

Look for the Lantern Light boxes on your campus and decide to **DO GOOD and FEEL GOOD.**



Tickets for "**All Jazzed Up**", our Annual People Program Gala, are currently on sale and early purchasers receive a special gift from Nola Chocolates in the Marriott! Come out and join our celebration of food and fellowship, being held this year at English Turn. We also invite you to help us gather restaurant gift certificates from your favorite eating establishments. Each campus director has official request letters that you can present to owners, and you have the satisfaction of knowing you are helping us become more self-reliant in our fund raising.



Bus transportation will be offered to English Turn both from the Metairie Campus and from Lakeshore.



NEW CITIZENS

Marcia Hubbard reports that Judge Mary Ann Vial Lemmon presided over a naturalization ceremony for 42 petitioners, following which they received an American flag and a booklet about our constitution. Representatives from the U. S. Attorney’s office, the New Orleans Bar Association, and the Daughters of the American Revolution (including Marcia) offered their support.



CALENDAR ITEMS

February 27-March 29—Lantern Light donation drive

February 28 – **Gumbo Pot** will focus on Healthy Living with a variety of healthful tips you can use to improve your health.

**Chorus Class on Main Campus will not be held.

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.....



Save your celery tops....

The leaves are brimming with five times more magnesium and calcium than the stalks. They’re also a rich source of Vitamin C and phenolics, potent antioxidant and anti-inflammatory compounds. **HOW TO EAT THEM:** Finely chop the leaves with parsley and stir into salsa or use as a garnish on fish or chicken.



Please Pray For:
Casey Stuart
Susie Butler
Sr. Johanne Pedersen, CSJ
Mary Lee Martin
John Bosch
Nguy Thi Vu
Jolise Heiderhoff
Louie Benfatti
Jackie Juge
Lana Pierre
Ada “Sissy” Marallo
Jim Seese
Naomi Baker

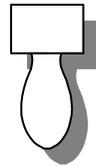


THE POSITIVE SIDE OF LIFE

Living on Earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the sun every year!



How long a minute is depends on what side of the bathroom door you are on!



Birthdays are good for you; the more you have, the longer you live!



Happiness comes through doors you didn’t even know you left open!



Ever notice that the people who are late are often much jollier than the people who have to wait for them?



(Thanks to Joe Ridolfo for sharing. Please email your suggestions or drop them off with your campus director.)