

## PEOPLE PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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### **PRISCILLA OCCHIPINTI** **VOLUNTEER TEACHER**

A cast iron statue of Vulcan, the god of fire, looks over the city of Birmingham, Alabama, which is where Priscilla and her family evacuated after Hurricane Katrina. Like his Greek counterpart, Hephaestus, he is also identified with the positive aspects of fire—smithing, baking, pottery. While in exile, Priscilla rediscovered her love for ceramics, and in 2009 came to People Program, first as a student, and then as a teacher when JoAnn Barkemeyer began to focus exclusively on jewelry design. Her students begin work on the very first day of class, subsequently choosing their own projects which can range from a seafood platter to a child's bank, from a Christmas tree to a Seder serving plate. Priscilla structures her class with this level of individual choice, in part, because of her

patience and understanding, but also because she wants students who are working at different levels to feel at home in her class. She especially loves her students' "joy at seeing the finished product."

Her students appreciate her dedicated efforts, including driving to Baton Rouge for supplies, and her kind and supportive encouragement. Student Diane Schleifstein says that in addition to "being very knowledgeable," Priscilla "explains processes and techniques well," and is a lot of fun to work with.

Want to try a HOT new class? Want to get FIRED UP? Drop in on the Workroom on any Thursday morning between 9-11 to see for yourself! And THANK YOU Priscilla for sharing your many talents with us at People Program.



### **BLOOD DONATION FOR ANTHONY COSENTINO**

During a recent hospitalization at East Jefferson, Anthony received several pints of

blood. Please consider a donation in his name at EJ.



### **CONVERSATION IN POETRY, SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 3 P.M.**

Darrell Bourque, Poet Laureate of Louisiana and Professor John Gery, UNO, will share their poetry at the Lakeshore campus. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Please join us for this lively afternoon.



### **PEOPLE PROGRAM CRUISES AGAIN!**

We had such a good time earlier this year, we're sailing again! Come join us as we call at ports in Mexico, Grand Cayman, and Jamaica! January 7-14, 2012 with Royal Caribbean International, *Voyager of the Seas*. See your director for more information.



**LANTERN LIGHT DONATIONS END MARCH 31!**

Your response has been so generous! To date we have 669 items donated! There is still a need for the following items: T-Shirts M, X-Lg Shampoo, Small boxes of pasta, Large Briefs, Ibuprofen, Acetaminophen.



**OUR MARVELOUS UNIVERSE**

Sr. Shirley Bodisch, OP will offer a day of prayer focusing on the creation of our universe and our place in it. Please sign up at the desk if you are interested.



**LOOKING FOR QUALITY USED FURNITURE?**

Call Jarrod Broussard at Hotel Furniture Liquidators (504 302 3325). Jarrod's mom is our own Gail Broussard.

**CAMPUS NEWS:**

**LAKESHORE:** Senior Olympics Arts and Crafts judging will take place Sunday, April 3. Come by to see the creations of your peers. Special thanks to Jerry Talbot who serves as coordinator of this event. TIME: 1:00 P.M. **METAIRIE:** March 31— "Aging in Place" presentation.

Make your home accessible for stages of aging through modification and design.

**REMINDER:** Stan Bejma will offer the AARP Safe Driving class in Metairie if a dozen people sign up. There are a few spots still left.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- Lucille Ogden
- Charles Canepa
- Jeanne Powell
- Florence Stafford
- Evelyn Randall
- Dolores Marsalis
- Judith Darenbourg
- Leona Touns
- JoAnn McGee
- Kathy Fox
- Carol Helwick
- Emile Loustaunau
- Celie Dartez
- Dorothy (Dolly) Stakelum
- The people of Japan

**Mental Feng Shui**

There's some mighty fine advice in these words, even if you're not superstitious .

- ONE.** Give people more than they expect and do it cheerfully.
- TWO.** Marry a man/woman you love to talk to. As you get older, their conversational skills will be as important as any other.
- THREE.** Don't believe all you hear, spend all you have or sleep all you want.
- FOUR.** When you say, 'I love you,' mean it.
- FIVE.** When you say, 'I'm sorry,'

look the person in the eye.

**SIX.** Be engaged at least six months before you get married.

**SEVEN.** Believe in love at first sight.

**EIGHT.** Never laugh at anyone's dreams. People who don't have dreams don't have much.

**NINE** Love deeply and passionately. You might get hurt but it's the only way to live life completely.

**TEN.** In disagreements, fight fairly. No name calling.

**ELEVEN.** Don't judge people by their relatives.

**TWELVE.** Talk slowly but think quickly.

**THIRTEEN.** When someone asks you a question you don't want to answer, smile and ask, 'Why do you want to know?'

**FOURTEEN.** Remember that great love and great achievements involve great risk.

**FIFTEEN.** Say 'bless you' when you hear someone sneeze.

**SIXTEEN...** When you lose, don't lose the lesson.

**SEVENTEEN.** Remember the three R's: Respect for self; Respect for others; and Responsibility for all your actions.

**EIGHTEEN.** Don't let a little dispute injure a great friendship.

**NINETEEN.** When you realize you've made a mistake, take immediate steps to correct it.

**TWENTY.** Smile when picking up the phone. The caller will hear it in your voice.

**TWENTY- ONE.** Spend some time alone.