

PEOPLE PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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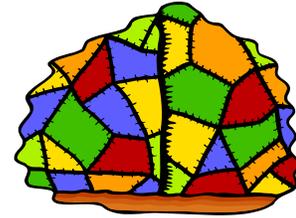
Volunteer Spotlight

When native New Orleanean, Venita Johnson retired in 2001, she immediately found purpose in what People Program had to offer. Since she lived practically around the corner from the Mirabeau campus, it was a perfect fit. Her enthusiasm for learning led her to scheduling “too many classes”, so she eventually had to drop some. Since her art talent had been stoked by taking earlier classes at Rabouin, she quickly caught the techniques taught by Betty Dufour and Herman Gray. In fact, they were so enamored by her work, that they recommended that she become a teacher too!

When Katrina washed away her Gentilly home, Venita moved to Westwego where one of her 4 sons lived. That is when she began teaching at the

West Bank campus and built her reputation as an expert in oil painting and drawing. Venita has fallen in love with the PEOPLE who are so friendly, warm and who share their knowledge and laughter. The Juges are her heroes because of their wisdom, grace and inspiration. When asked about the most powerful influence, without hesitation she said, “Joyce Dassey”. Venita’s energy is contagious! She was the highest ticket seller for our second Gala because of her passion for the program.

Her abiding love for her husband, James, has been evident in their 51 years of marriage. Venita claims that her reward is in seeing her students’ eyes light up when “they get it”. And WE, at People Program, have lovingly caressed the light that Venita has always exuded. Thank you ,Venita, for sharing yourself with us!



YO YO COVERLET RAFFLE HELD 4/13

The winner was Grace Warolin, and we give great thanks to Elizabeth Furlong who made the raffle such a success.



SPRING SHOWCASE

5/13, EASTBANK 1:00-4:00 P.M.

Mark your calendars now. We will have exhibits, demonstrations, performances, and more. The showcases are free and open to the public. Please invite your friends and family to join us.



OUR MARVELOUS UNIVERSE-- MAY 17

Please join us for a day of prayer focusing on what creation story has to say about the gift of life. Sr. Shirley Bodisch, OP, MA will share Dr. Brian Swimme’s reflections with us. All are invited. 9-12 at Lakeshore campus. Lunch will follow. Please sign up with your campus director.

A Unique Mother’s Day Gift

As we approach this revered holiday, why not consult with family members and suggest a People Program Gift Certificate instead of flowers. This truly would be a gift that keeps on giving. Certificates will be available at registration.

Summer/Fall Registration

Registration begins Tuesday, May 3 on all campuses. Please register early to select your favorite classes. Summer classes begin June 15 at the Lakeshore campus only.

CAMPUS NEWS:

LAKESHORE: Finish that artwork, practice the delivery

of your written word pieces, and perfect those dance moves for the showcase, Friday, May 13.

METAIRIE:

May 5...Gumbo Pot...Blue Grass Banjo Group. Fun! FUN! Fun! End of Year Showcase...Friday, May 13...1 p.m. – 4p.m. on the Metairie Campus..



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Lucille Ogden
- Charles Canepa
- Jeanne Powell
- Florence Stafford
- Evelyn Randall
- Dolores Marsalis
- Leona Toups
- JoAnn McGee
- Kathy Fox
- Carol Helwick
- Emile Loustaunau
- Dorothy (Dolly) Stakelum
- The people of Japan
- Dalton Woolverton
- Terry Utterback
- Kirkland Bazzle
- Harold Boucree
- Norbert Delph
- Veronica Tuazon
- Barbara Carter

Laugh! Laugh! Laugh!

A mother was concerned about her kindergarten son walking to school. He didn’t want his mother to walk with him. She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence, but yet knew that he was safe. So she had an idea of to handle it. She asked a neighbor if she would please follow him to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, so he probably wouldn’t notice her. She said that she was up early with her toddler anyway, and it would be a good way for them to get some exercise. The next school day, the neighbor and her little girl set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another neighbor girl he knew. She did this for the whole week. As the two walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy’s little friend noticed the same lady was following them as she seemed to do every day. Finally she said to Timmy, “Have you noticed that lady following us to school.? Do you know her?” Timmy nonchalantly replied, “Yeah, I know who she is.” The little girl said, “Well, who is she?” “That’s just Shirley Goodnest,” Timmy replied, “and her daughter Marcy.” “Shirley Goodnest? Who the heck is she, and why is she following us?” “Well,” Timmy explained, “every night my mum makes me say the 23rd psalm with my prayers, cuz she worries about me. And in the Psalm, it says, ‘Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life.’, so I guess I’ll have to get used to it.”!

