

# Cargill Cares

## *Retirees Newsletter*

*"The mission of Cargill Cares Retirees is to enrich our community and the lives of Cargill Retirees by matching community needs with retiree talents, time and desires."*

*A newsletter for Cargill Retiree Volunteers*

Winter 2011

## **Doug Lindberg receives CCVA**

*By Doug Engen*



*Doug Lindberg, Deborah Vossler (Three Rivers Park District), and Rich Peters*

CCR President Rich Peters presented a CCVA (Cargill Cares Volunteer Award) to Doug Lindberg. Doug received the award in recognition of over 20 years of volunteer work with the Three Rivers Parks organization. Among other activities Doug has volunteered as a bike patrol and ski patrol on the Three Rivers Trail system providing assistance to trail users. Three Rivers volunteer coordinator, Deborah Vossler commented that Doug has contributed over 3,000 hours to the park activities and is continually looking for ways to help other people. Doug is involved in a number of volunteer organizations and says they all have been very rewarding. As part of the award Doug presented a Cargill donation of \$2,500 to the

Wonder Scholarship Fund, which pays fees for underprivileged children to participate in Park activities.

Cargill selects 25 CCVA awards worldwide each semester and recognizes the employee or retiree for their volunteer work and provides a \$2,500 contribution to the nonprofit organization.

We encourage all retiree volunteers who have worked with a volunteer organization for 3 years or more to consider submitting an application for CCVA. Forms are available on the CCR website and can be reviewed together with Doug Engen ([engen.d@gmail.com](mailto:engen.d@gmail.com)) for questions on what information to provide.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*By Rich Peters*



On September 15th, Ken Moritz passed away at the age of 93. Ken was one of the founding members of Cargill Cares Retirees (SPICE) in 1985 and had been on the CCR Board until the date of his death. In fact, his last Board meeting he attended was in August. Ken was instrumental in getting

CCR organized with the support of senior management in Cargill. He spent 26 years with CCR in numerous capacities, including President, and will be missed by the CCR organization.

Starting this month CCR will be sponsoring a free lunch discussion with soon-to-be retirees at Cargill. We want to help employees smooth their transition into retirement by discussing issues that will be facing them upon retirement. Members of the Board will be at these lunches to talk about their experiences in retirement as well as the Cargill Cares Retirees organization and what opportunities are available. We are testing this process to enable us connect with employees before they retire. We have found the communication process after retirement to be very difficult with present privacy laws in the U.S.

Also, we will soon be getting reports from Cargill advising us of people who have filed for retirement. We have been working on such a report for years but have been unable, for various reasons, to get this information from HR. This will allow us to contact perspective retirees concerning the CCR organization prior to retirement.

Are you interested in attending a musical at the Chanhassen Dinner Theater? Watch your mail for a sign up for the March 7 afternoon production of *HairSpray*. Performances had been scheduled to end on February 28 but has been now extended until June, 2012. It has been a while since CCR has sponsored a production at the Chanhassen Dinner Theater so we look forward to having a large lively group!!

Sincerely,

Rich



## Cargill Giving Garden

*By Kirsten Norman*

This year, Cargill sponsored its first-ever Giving Garden, which was created through a partnership between the Cargill Cares Twin Cities, Working on Wellness and Facility Services teams. The garden was located at the Corporate Office location and consisted of 19 individual plots sponsored by 15 business unit and function teams, including a Cargill retiree team.

The Cargill Giving Garden was created to bring volunteers together to plant, weed and harvest produce that will be donated to local non-profit organizations, including Second Harvest and Open Arms Minnesota. The Giving Garden was officially opened during a groundbreaking ceremony on May 19.

Over the course of the growing season, more than 150 volunteers joined the effort to care for the garden. By September, more than 600 pounds of vegetables were harvested and donated to local organizations.

"The new Cargill Giving Garden presented a great opportunity for us to work with and get to know more local Cargill employees," said Gene Gross, lead of the retiree team. "It is wonderful to know that our efforts have provided local families in need with fresh produce through the summer and fall months."

Additional retiree team members included Shirley Anderson, Elaine Brown, John Loken and Lois Tolentino. Together, they grew more than 80 pounds of cucumbers and radishes for area food shelves.

# Compatible Technology International Volunteer Opportunity

## Tinkers and Inventors Wanted

*By Doug Engen*

Cargill Retirees, here is an opportunity to join a team of people in the Twin Cities who help identify and/or develop very basic technologies that can assist people in developing countries provide better food supplies or safer water supplies. Read about it here and see if you would like to help them out:

Compatible Technology International (CTI) is a non-profit celebrating its 30th anniversary providing low-tech solutions to food and water issues in the developing world. It is largely operated with volunteer input and rollout for projects in Africa, parts of Asia, and Central America. Main office and workshop is located here on the west side of St. Paul.

In an office and workshop we saw how volunteers provide low-tech solutions to issues such as peanut harvesting and shelling, potato storage issues, and grain harvesting and storage. As a couple of examples - in West Africa CTI has introduced a set of hand operated tools that almost double the amount of grain salvaged from the pearl millet harvest, and in India they have tripled the average price obtained from the potato crop by developing storage processes that allows farmers to sell the crop at better prices by holding them until after the rush of the short harvest season. Many devices represent significant time and labor savings.

There are many volunteer opportunities available and they have exciting programs to work with.

1. Technical Committee. This group works with identified issues of crop harvesting, processing, and storage to develop small hand or bicycle powered tools to improve the amount of useful harvested product. Water purification projects are also included. A well-equipped workshop is available to play with and develop new ideas. A staff person is able to assist with product design. This is a great place for someone with an engineering background or who just likes to tinker with new ideas.
2. Africa Committee.
3. Central America Committee.
4. Asia Committee.

These committees meet monthly and work on issues and needs apparent in their region. Committees are all-

volunteer and are comprised of 'native Minnesotans' as well as immigrants from the region, students, and others who have lived in or worked with the countries in these regions. These groups develop new ideas, work with the technical volunteers to work on solutions, and propose rollout plans to the Board. Funding is not available for all projects. Once a project is approved, the committee members work to roll out a solution with training sessions in country. Cargill employees in some parts of the world are already assisting in maintenance of projects once they are started. Our contacts with Cargill volunteers around the world could be useful as they try to involve local organizations to keep projects going once established.

Development Committee. Works on fundraising and developing contacts with local companies and supporters.

1. Market Development Committee. Works on partnerships with other NGOs and local partners. Also charged with developing a process to interface with Microfinance organizations and banks to provide local funds once a project is rolled out.
2. Communications Committee. Works on communication to supporters and coordination of volunteer activities.
3. Special projects. One area with a current need is to provide rollout volunteers with accounting and evaluation formats and training so that benefits can be clearly documented.

Ron Christenson, Cargill retiree, is now vice-chairman of the Board at CTI.

If you have Internet access, their website has information and photos of some of the tools that have been developed and highlights of projects.  
[www.compatibletechnology.org](http://www.compatibletechnology.org)

Email [cti@compatibletechnology.org](mailto:cti@compatibletechnology.org) or call CTI at 651-632-3912 if you are interested in volunteering. Or contact Doug Engen (952-906-3491) or Dane Kern (952-472-4488) from the Cargill Retirees.

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St. Paul, MN 55114

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# Your Volunteer Hours Are Valuable

By Jim Little

Whenever and wherever you volunteer you should feel good about yourself. You are (hopefully) doing something you enjoy, working with an organization you believe in and supporting your community. But did you know that several national volunteer organizations have done studies to estimate the dollar value of a volunteer hour to a non-profit. The charitable organizations often use this value of volunteer time to show the amount of community support they receive from their volunteers. These figures help them better quantify an organization and may help with their grant requests. In 2007 Cargill started using CarePoints to track our volunteer hours to help determine our support of non-profits. We do have some numbers for earlier years. We thought you might be surprised by the estimated dollar amounts.

The attached table shows the Twin Cities volunteering by year. The estimated hourly value is shown in the heading under each year. The body of the report lists the non-profits which are served as a group project (that is having a designated leader or leaders.) The project leader reports all the hours for the volunteers at each work date. Independent Activity hours are reported

by each individual and reflects all the other volunteer hours recorded in CarePoints. The hours are extended by each year's rate to give a dollar value, which is shown in the right column, and by year as a second summary line under the hours. According to the figures we have since 2002, Cargill Retiree total hours have a value of \$1,718,326. As you can see, no Independent Activity hours were reported prior to 2007.

We need your help to complete this year, however. Through October we've reported only about half of what was reported in 2010, so we know we haven't heard from many of you. Reporting It's easy to do. With Internet access you can access CarePoints through [www.cargill.carepoints.com](http://www.cargill.carepoints.com) or we'll enter your hours for you if you record them in a format similar to the attached form and mail it to us. If you need help or have questions about CarePoints give us a call at 952.742.6188 or send an email to [RETIREESTC@CRGL-THIRDPARTY.COM](mailto:RETIREESTC@CRGL-THIRDPARTY.COM).

We know you are out there working in the community. Please let us know what you are doing and report your hours. We might be able to bring our total value of hours to \$2 million this year. A nice milestone. With your help we can do it.

11/10/2011 CCR Twin Cities Volunteer Hours and Values											
Value per volunteer hour	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	Total value of hours
CCR Board	348	523	448	896	547	406	1,485	1,250	1,150	1,150	144,695
Hours	348	523	448	896	547	406	1,485	1,250	1,150	1,150	
Dollar Value	\$7,433	\$11,171	\$9,341	\$18,144	\$10,672	\$7,621	\$26,789	\$21,938	\$19,769	\$19,251	\$144,695
Animal Humane Society	33	25	26								1,076
Bridging	862	1,113	981	1,011	1,174	455	73				97,453
Calling Tree	322	234	369	581	425						32,749
Emergency Foodshelf	341	343	397	53							16,677
Feed My Starving Children	120	410	395	487	482	307			72	85	44,682
Get Out the Vote		37		36				26		25	2,394
Habitat for Humanity	1,260	821	741	1,025	849	550	787	734	1,028	1,585	151,914
ICA	40	88	19	47							3,228
Loaves and Fishes	59										
Minnesota Zoo	76	213	206	64	96	138					14,604
Mock Jury Trial		97	48	12	36	147	36	78	130	71	12,219
New Vision School	179	144	180	72	240		74				14,304
Salvation Army		146	134	133	112	110	184		121	76	19,527
Second Harvest	628	764	703	716	749	579	523	495	331	20	95,103
Special Olympics	59	112	120	123	12	136	124	128	60		15,687
Store To Door		1,153	707	456	1,032	1,133	1,504	1,312			140,162
Three Rivers Park District	12	10	32								881
United Way	59	62	30	52	240	190	121		29	13	14,141
x Inactive Non-Profits		92	105	112	82	147	175	222	271	446	29,950
Hours	4,050	5,864	5,193	4,980	5,529	3,891	3,601	2,995	2,042	2,321	
Dollar Value	\$86,508	\$125,255	\$108,274	\$100,845	\$107,871	\$73,034	\$64,962	\$52,553	\$35,102	\$38,854	\$706,750
Independent Activity	6,233	13,181	14,682	12,243	1,604						866,881
Hours	6,233	13,181	14,682	12,243	1,604						
Dollar Value	\$133,137	\$281,546	\$306,120	\$247,921	\$31,294						\$866,881
Combined	10,631	19,568	20,323	18,119	7,680	4,297	5,086	4,245	3,192	3,471	
Dollar Value	\$227,078	\$417,972	\$423,735	\$366,910	\$149,837	\$80,655	\$91,751	\$74,491	\$54,870	\$58,105	\$1,718,326

Hours are gathered from Group Project Reporting which started in 2007 for the listed non-profits. Independent Activity hours come from CarePoints. Estimated dollar values are applied to hours and used nationally to determine the worth of volunteer time to a non-profit. The rate is recalculated yearly.

Last Name		First		MI
Address			ZIP	Phone:

Activity Date, period ending, date of event or From To	Non-profit Organization 501(c)(3)	City	ZIP	Activity Description	Hours (Whole)

Summarize your hours by week or month or quarter. Detail is not needed.	CarePoints updated by/date
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Send to: Cargill Retirees CarePoints MS 137  
 PO Box 5723  
 Minneapolis, MN 55440-5723



## EMERGENCY FOODSHELF NETWORK UPDATE

*By John Tschumperlin*

The Cargill Retirees have completed 3 years of volunteering at the Emergency Foodshelf Network in New Hope. We had our first volunteer event there on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Over this time, besides retirees, we have also had retiree spouses, family, friends, neighbors and Cargill employees donate their time to this agency.

Here are some impressive numbers to look at after our first three years. Forty-five Cargill retirees have contributed their valuable time. Some volunteer almost every month. Total hours volunteered are 1,134. The total amount of food packaged, which is disbursed to EFN's member foodshelves and agencies, was enough to serve 114,885 individuals.

EFN is a full service food bank, providing quality, nutritious food and support services to over 200 hunger relief partners, including food shelves, on-site meal programs and Fare For All sites, throughout the state.

We volunteer at EFN the first Wednesday of every month from 9 – 11 a.m. If interested in adding your volunteer time to this agency you may contact John Tschumperlin at [tschump@aol.com](mailto:tschump@aol.com) or phone (952) 472-4465.

Rich Peters, President  
Frank St. Lawrence, Editor

The *CCR* newsletter is published quarterly in spring, summer, fall and winter, and is distributed to Cargill retirees throughout the Twin Cities metropolitan area. Submit items of interest to the *CCR* office (Community Relations/137).

For additional information about *CCR* volunteer activities, call the *CCR* office at 952/742-6188 or email [RETIREESTC@CRGL-THIRDPARTY.COM](mailto:RETIREESTC@CRGL-THIRDPARTY.COM)

### *CCR* Management Committee

Shirley Anderson	Jim Guyre	Jim Little	Ty Thayer
Elaine Brown	John Keefe	John Loken	Lois Tolentino
Doug Engen	Dane Kern	Barbara Luke	John Tschumperlin
Joe Fournier	George Kubera	Rich Peters	
Gene Gross	Mike Lilly	Frank St. Lawrence	

### *Retirees* E-Mail Directory

If you are not currently receiving email updates from the Cargill Cares Retirees office and would like to be added to the *CCR* Email Directory, please send your name and Email address to [RETIREESTC@CRGL-THIRDPARTY.COM](mailto:RETIREESTC@CRGL-THIRDPARTY.COM).



## CARGILL RETIREES AND EMPLOYEES TEAM UP FOR THE FALL BUILD

*By Mike Lilly*

On September 12<sup>th</sup> the first team of employees and retirees gathered in Crystal, MN to start building a single family home for a needy family with 6 children. The Habitat for Humanity project began with only a concrete foundation and ended eight weeks later with a nearly finished house with roof, siding and dry wall in place.

Cargill retirees served 730 meals to the construction crews. Recently retired Roger Wherry and Andy Byrnes supervised crews of volunteers with all aspects of the building process. Roger and Andy demonstrated their building talent along with long-time volunteer Don Biorn to build stairs to the basement and entry ways. Other retiree crew members pitched in with framing, siding, drywall and exterior finish. The retiree fall construction crew includes:

Andy Byrnes	Don Biorn	Shari Erickson
Mike Farmer	Jim Kane	John Loken
Mike Lilly	Gene Moen	Frank St. Lawrence
Roger Wherry		

To qualify for a Habitat for Humanity house a family must qualify with 25 to 50% of the median income for metro Twin Cities. The family needs a solid credit history to qualify and parents must invest sweat equity to cover the down payment. Children raised in Habitat homes benefit from a safe and stable home and better schools.

If you would like to volunteer for Habitat for Humanity call or e-mail Mike Lilly (763-546-9665 [mjlilly@comcast.net](mailto:mjlilly@comcast.net)).



## “A Celebration of Sorts”

By Barbara Luke

Silly? Suave? Sinister? Spooky? Have you ever been perplexed about what to wear for Halloween? The Greater Twin Cities United Way and Arc’s Value Village came to the rescue by organizing their largest annual volunteer event to provide costume seekers with lots of options.

On September 20, 500 volunteers worked in three three-hour shifts, donating 4500 volunteer hours to sort and tag a mountain of 75,000 donated Halloween items. In addition to a few actual “costumes,” you might have found green satin trousers, a fringed jacket, graduation robes, a hospital gown, sequined tops, wedding dresses, disco garb and even a shirt emblazoned with a pattern of Twinkies. Did you ever have anything like that in your closet?

You’ve heard of whistling while you work. Well, these volunteers didn’t just whistle; they had fun keeping

time to music, dressing up in costumes and snacking on treats while they worked. For added excitement, four Vikings players, two cheerleaders and the Vikings mascot stopped by for a brief visit. At the end of the day, the items were transported to Arc’s Value Village Thrift Stores and Donation Centers at four metro locations to be sold at the Halloween Boo-tique™

“A Celebration of Sorts” started in a tent in the parking lot at Arc’s Value Village in Brooklyn Center with about 200 volunteers. After three years, it moved to the Southdale Shopping Center and this year relocated to the Minnesota State Fairgrounds Education Building. This was the largest volunteer event of the year for the Greater Twin Cities United Way’s Caring Connection. Since its inception eight years ago, over 3500 people have participated, volunteering over 31,500 hours.

Bob Bridges and Barbara Luke (Cargill retirees) joined 10 Cargill employees and teams of other volunteers from Twin Cities companies and community groups and saved Arc Value Village’s staff hours of work, which translated into completing one month’s work in one day! Cargill, 3M, Medtronic, MTS Systems Corporation, US Bank and Wells Fargo were some of the companies who returned to “A Celebration of Sorts. “

It’s a green Halloween when you shop Arc’s Halloween Boo-tique™. It’s good for the environment to reuse or repurpose items for your unique costume and the proceeds support The Arc’s programs and services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

## Old Log Theater

by Shirley Anderson

Seventy-one retirees and guests enjoyed a delightful play, “Everybody Loves Opal”, and an excellent lunch at the Old Log Theater on Thursday, October 13th. The main character, Opal, was an eccentric New Yorker who lived in a run down mansion, along with her cat, Tanner. The mansion was filled floor to ceiling with relics that Opal picked up on the streets of New York in her little red wagon. Along came three petty thieves who needed a place to hide from the police. They thought Opal was an easy mark and planned to do away with her for the “treasures” they thought existed. The tables were turned on them due to Opal’s generosity and her ability to see good in everyone.

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Committee meetings are currently set at the times below – however these can change and anyone interested in attending any of the meetings or getting involved should contact Megan at 651-632-3912.

Technology – 3rd Saturday of the month. 8:30 to 10:30

Africa – 2nd Tuesday at 4:30-6:30

Asia – 4th Monday at 4:30-6:30

Central America – 2nd Monday at 4:30-6:30

other committees - contact Megan.

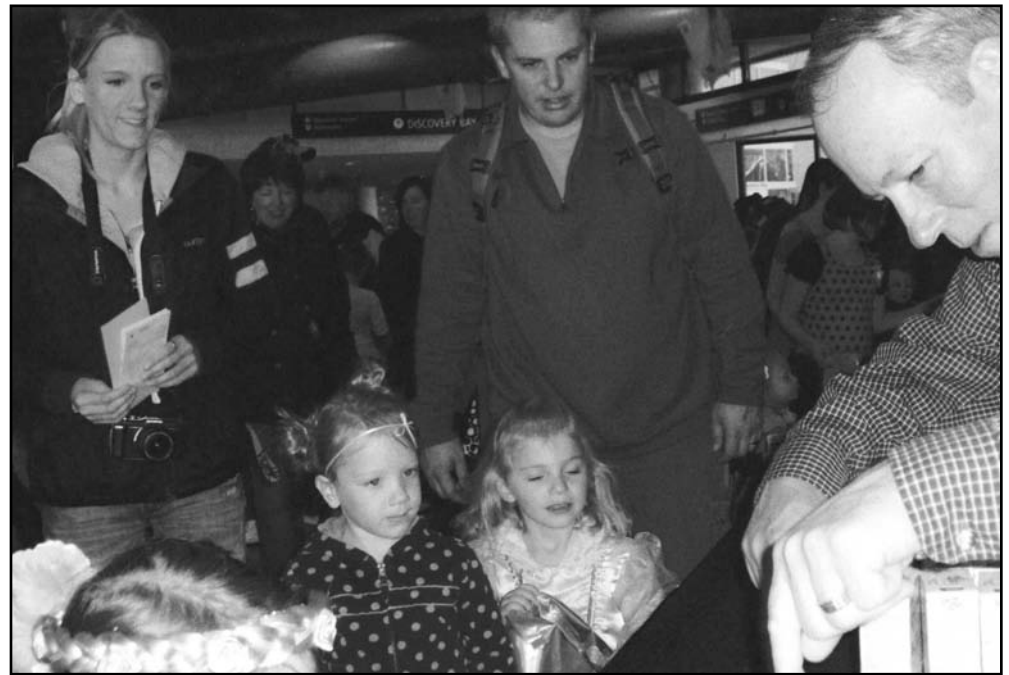
It is easy to get started by attending one or more of the committee meetings above to determine where your interest and experience can be put to good use. There are many exciting opportunities here.

# Halloween at the Minnesota Zoo

by Shirley Anderson

On Saturday and Sunday, October 29 and 30, forty (40) Cargill retirees and employees volunteered at the Minnesota Zoo. Five stations were set up at the Zoo with our group handing out the various treats to the children from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on both days. The Minnesota Zoo had 4,200 visitors on Saturday and 3,000 visitors on Sunday. Everyone enjoyed seeing the children all decked out in their Halloween finery!

The volunteers were Shirley Adler, Elaine Brown, Jana Brown, Brad & Cindy Cross, Carly Danielson, Shari Erickson, Bill Ferguson, Ron Feldman & Sharon Harvey, Gary & Mary Joan Geist, Wilfred Gerhart, Bev Johnson, Dane Kern, Tom & Kay Klason, Dean & Lois Larson, John & Bev Loken, Barbara Luke & Bob Bridges, Jim & Von McDougall, Fran McNamee & Sandra Kenny, Sue & John Rau, Alex Slichter & Cathy Cozad, Lois Tolentino and Maria, Kimberlee & Kenton Horbal, Sharon Weise, Mary & Rachel Wiley, Christine Zani & Matthew Collie, Shirley Anderson.



## For The Record

### Deceased

Dorothy Columbus  
Adeline Dahl  
Jerry Grund  
George Jones

Nickolas J. Kellen  
Sherman Kolstad  
Cargill MacMillian Jr.  
Ken Moritz

Jo Pantoplas  
Robert Post  
Stanley Ramos  
Fred Saltvold

Harold (Bud) Smith  
Alton Teske  
James Thompson  
Michael Urbanic





# Annual Golf Tournament Is Huge Success!

*By Joe Fournier*

The CCR annual golf tournament was held August 4th at the Timber Creek Golf Course in Watertown. The weather was perfect, temps in the 80's with sunny skies. Most importantly the venue offered a perfect opportunity for old friends and former business associates to gather together and enjoy a fun afternoon.

The tabulated scorecards showed Bob Bridges won low gross honors. Jim Kane and Joe Fournier tied for low net score.

Prior to presentation of the golf competition awards and door prize drawings all attendees dined on delicious steak or chicken dinners which was prepared and served by the Timber Creek staff.

Again this year Rush Creek Golf Club donated golf course passes which were awarded in two grand prize drawings. Ernie Micek and Peggy Johnson were the lucky winners each winning two passes.

If you didn't receive an invitation to the August 4th tournament but might have an interest in attending next year's tournament please call me at 763-420-6720 or email at [fournier\\_joe@hotmail.com](mailto:fournier_joe@hotmail.com).



# Feed My Starving Children

*By Lois Tolentino*

Eagan was the site on Monday, November 21st where 35 Cargill Cares Retirees packed bags of food to be sent overseas. We along with a group from Siren School and US Bank provided enough food to feed 62 kids for one year. We packed 104 boxes, which is 22,464 meals. The total cost for the ingredients was \$5,391.

The Siren School Honor Society had a fund raiser and collected \$300 which was given to FMSC that day. Donations are always needed.

The food we packed that week was sent to either Kenya or Haiti.

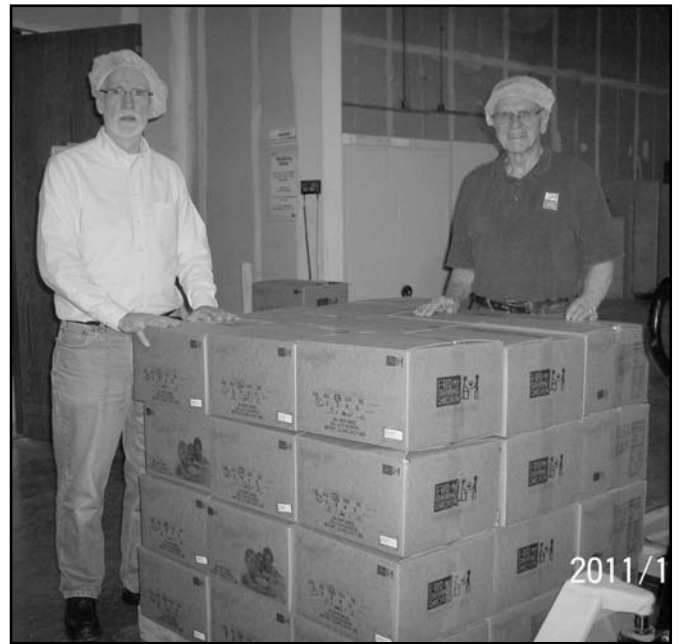


FMSC believes in sustainability—they don't simply send one shipment of food to a country. Instead, they continue to provide their mission partners with the food they need to maintain their feeding programs.

Below is the list of volunteers on the 21st.

Shirley Anderson, Linda Blommer, Elaine Brown, Thaine Dirks, Ron Feldman, Bob Fields, Dick Fulmer, Vi Gaumitz, James Gay, Joyce Gay, Wilfred Gerhart, Ron Habas, Joanne Irish, Len Jacobson, Bev Johnson, Don Knisley, Shirley Koski, Virgil Koski, Delores Lamusga, Reuben Lantto, Dean Larson, Lois Larson, Joel Malmberg, Betty Nelson, John O'Neil, Don Olmstad, Elisabeth Reznicek, Dorothy Selchow, Neil Selchow, Frank St. Lawrence, Lois Tolentino, Sharon Weise, Robert Wheeler, Mary Wyman, Ed Zeische.

Our next volunteer packing will be at Coon Rapids on Thursday, March 22nd, 2012 from 9:30-11:30.



## CCR Levity Corner - Sharing Everything

A young man saw an elderly couple sitting down to lunch at McDonald's. He noticed that they had ordered one meal, and an extra drink cup. As he watched, the gentleman carefully divided the hamburger in half, then counted out the fries, one for him, one for her, until each had half of them. Then he poured half of the soft drink into the extra cup and set that in front of his wife.

The old man then began to eat, and his wife sat watching, with her hands folded in her lap.

The young man decided to ask if they would allow him to purchase another meal for them so that they didn't have to split theirs.

The old gentleman said, "Oh no. We've been married 50 years, and everything has always been and will always be shared, 50/50."

est, the forming of a Cargill sponsored stamp club for retirees and active employees. The advantage of this hobby for senior citizens is the very active use of memory, organization, and planning that goes into the hobby. It is also social and can take up excess time. It is what ever you want it to be. It is historic, geographic, and artful.

The young man then asked the wife if she was going to eat, and she replied, "It's his turn with the teeth."

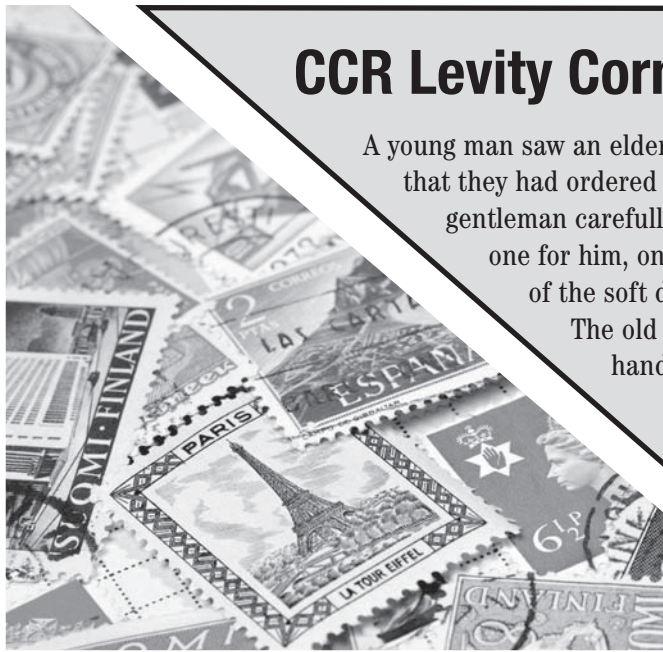
We are available to help in any way decided. Thanks for you interest. Al Sarvi, 763-213-7722, a.sarvi@hotmail.com

## How About Sharing Your Hobby Or Volunteer Activity?

*By Frank St. Lawrence*

In this issue we have an article by Al Savri about his stamp collecting hobby and how he is looking for volunteers to help teach 4th grade school children about stamp collecting.

We'd like to hear of other you, our readers, about your hobbies or volunteer activities. Would you like to share what you do and have it in a future CCR newsletter? If so, either mail to email your article to the CCR office. Thanks, we look forward to hearing what some of you are doing.



## STAMP COLLECTING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

*By Al Sarvi*

STAMP COLLECTING (PHILATELY) I have been involved in the hobby of stamp collecting since I retired from Cargill in 1990. Over the past 20 years I have been involved in many activities, the only one that has been constant is stamp collecting. The hobby is different for each person, and includes post cards and envelopes (covers) as well as stamps. I have changed my direction several times, and the hobby is never boring. It can be a \$100 or a \$100,000 hobby. There is a very extensive stamp community in the Twin Cities consisting of clubs, auctions, shows, and dealers.

We have recently created a non-profit corporation called Northern Philatelic Society. Along with our partner non-profit corporation the Northern Philatelic Library, we are actively promoting the hobby of stamp collecting to youth and senior citizens. We have a youth project in the western suburbs, which brings the hobby to 4th graders in their classroom. We have approached CCR asking for volunteers to help with this program. We need 3 volunteers per session and are asking for 6 or more volunteers with a contact person. It is a one-hour program during the schooldays, helping youth soak stamps off paper, finding stamps for a youth stamp book and mounting the stamps. We will show you how to help in a matter of minutes. We are planning on 1-2 sessions per month starting in January. There is no cost.

We also approached CCR about an introduction to stamp collecting for CCR members, and depending upon inter-



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**Coming Events-Information**

*Compiled by Lois Tolentino*

Contact the CARGILL CARES RETIREE Office for more information, 952/742-6188

**Upcoming events:**

Chanhassen Dinner Theatre  
March 7, 2012-Letter will be sent  
Hairspray

Feed My Starving Children  
Thursday, March 22, 2012  
Coon Rapids, Mn from 9:30-11:30 AM

**Ongoing Events:**

Bridging  
Contact Jim Little @612/338-1872 or  
Don Olmsted @952/941-6122  
Bloomington and Roseville  
1pm-4pm the 1st & 3rd Tuesday

Emergency Foodshelf  
New Hope. 9:00-11:00 AM 1st Wed each month.  
Contact John Tschumperlin @ 952/472-4465

Retiree Golf League  
Contact Joe Fournier 763/420-6720

Second Harvest  
Contact Joe Fournier-763/420-6720  
On the 3rd Tuesday and Last Wednesday each month.

Store to Door-  
Contact Marge Klimmek-763/732-1733

Habitat for Humanity  
4259 Vera Cruz in Crystal  
Contact Mike Lilly, 763/546-9665