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Getting to Know our Team...



Hi, my name is Linda Mueller, and I've been volunteering at the Veterans' Home for a bit over a year. So far I have attended outings and worked in the KX.

Linda Mueller

I have volunteered my whole life, since junior high, starting at the local nursing home in my hometown. I then volunteered as a Pal for the Outagamie County Pals Program (in the 70's). Over the last 45 years I have delivered Meals on Wheels, provided home visits for the elderly, taught an elderly gentleman how to read, taught Sunday school for children and adults, and of course PTA and volunteering in my children's and grandchildren's schools whenever possible.

I am married almost 16 years to my husband Jeff. I have three grown children living in Minnesota, Florida, and Oregon. I have grandchildren in MN, and several step-grandchildren in the Fox Valley area. Jeff and I are retired and live in the Waupaca area.

My hobbies are reading (I started a book club this winter), cooking/baking, gardening, canning, sewing, writing, sketching, and occasionally painting.

My jobs have been reception work, training volunteer receptionists, supervising classes at a senior center, and customer service phone work. I have loved all of it.

I decided to try volunteering at King because we moved nearby two years ago and I love and appreciate all our veterans and their families, and always will. They and their families have sac-

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Message from your Volunteer Coordinator

With St. Patrick's Day quickly approaching, I can't help but have luck on the brain. One of the first symbols of luck that comes to mind is the shamrock — no, the four-leaf clover — wait, what's the difference?

Unlike other good luck charms, the four-leaf clover got its reputation for a pretty straightforward reason. As you probably learned for yourself at some point, especially as a child, four-leaf clovers are really hard to find, and that rarity is why we consider them lucky. They're actually the product of a genetic mutation in the regular white clover plant, but that hasn't stopped humankind from assigning meaning to their unique shape.

A common superstition holds that each of the clover's four leaves represents either faith, hope, love, or luck. The 15th century politician and author John Melton even wrote, "If a man walking in the fields find any four-leaved grass, he shall in a small while after find some good thing." In other words, the four-leaf clover is quite the multi-purpose charm for good fortune.

But whatever you do, don't mix up your average four-leaf clover with a shamrock, a.k.a. a three-leaf clover. Only one of these is associated with St. Patrick's Day — and it isn't the one that's hard to find.

Legend has it that St. Patrick would use three-leaf clovers

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Welcome New Volunteers

Kay Buck (King Rec)

Ron Ostapa ★ Jadyne Schulke

John Turrubiartes

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Author Unknown

*I shall pass through this world but once.
Any good, therefore that I can do
Or any kindness I can show
To any fellow creature, Let me do it now.
Let me not defer nor neglect it,
For I shall not pass this way again.*

King Active Volunteers 356

All-Camp Trips • March

If you are able to assist, or have questions contact:
Terry at 715-258-4247
or Jeff at 715-258-5586 ext. 2239

- March 9, Monday:** Barnes & Noble Shopping: Appleton. Be at the Marden Lobby by 12:15 p.m., return approx. 4:15 p.m. Needing one volunteer to ride the bus to help staff OR one can meet at the store (approx. time 1:45 p.m./2:00 p.m.)
- March 11, Wednesday:** Shopping at Dollar General on Churchill Street, Waupaca. Be at MacArthur Hall lobby by 1:15 p.m., return approx. 3:30 p.m. Can ride the bus or meet there (approx. 1:30 p.m./1:45 p.m.).
- March 13, Friday:** Fish Fry at the Moose Lodge, Stevens Point. Be at the Marden lobby by 3:15 p.m., return approx. 7:00 p.m. Could either ride bus or meet at the Lodge (approx. time 4:30 p.m./4:45 p.m.)
- March 16, Monday:** Wal-Mart Shopping at Plover. Be at the Marden Lobby by 12:30 p.m., return approx. 4:00 p.m. Needing one volunteer to ride the bus to help staff and one can meet at the store about (approx. time 1:45 p.m./2:00 p.m.)
- March 24, Tuesday:** Shopping at Wal-Mart, New London. Be at Ainsworth Hall lobby by 1:15 p.m., return approx. 3:30 a.m. Can ride the bus or meet there (approx. 2:00 p.m.).
- March 25, Wednesday:** Shopping at Wal-Mart, Plover. Be at MacArthur Hall lobby by 8:30 a.m., return approx. 11:00 a.m. Can ride the bus or meet there (approx. 9:30 a.m.).
- March 27, Friday:** Shopping at Wal-Mart, New London. Be at Ainsworth Hall lobby by 1:15 p.m., return approx. 3:30 a.m. Can ride the bus or meet there (approx. 2:00 p.m.).

Parking Update!

Emergency Services would like to remind all volunteers to park in only areas noted for visitors (this also includes in front of the Marden and lake side parking). Staff & contractors also has been notified not to park in the visitors areas too. I know we all have to be patient during this construction time. If you have any questions or just aren't sure of the area to park, please feel free to call the Emergency Services (715-258-5586 ext. 2220) or myself.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Please take a moment to read these reminders:

- Volunteers must not take any photographs of members during any type of event or activity per HIPAA
- Volunteers shall not transport any members off grounds at any time unless it's with the WVH buildings or All Camp Trips.
- Volunteers, please check with staff before taking any members off of Ainsworth 1st and 2nd floor units unless staff is with you.
- Volunteers should NOT enter a member's room without permission. Please knock and wait for an answer. If you do not receive an answer but you hear some voices, go to the next room. This is their home and we need to treat it like it's our own home.
- Volunteers should only be bringing members store bought food, homemade items are not allowed, and one needs to check with staff if the item is appropriate for the member diet.
- Please report your volunteer hours. It's very important for us to keep showing how important and valuable your volunteering is to our members and staff.
- Volunteers are not permitted to drink alcohol while on outings or visiting with members in Alley 5. Feel free to have a non-alcoholic beverage though!

Volunteer Needs

If you are able to assist, or have questions contact:
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or Jeff at 715-258-5586 ext. 2239

- March 22, Sunday:** Oshkosh Community Stage Band at the Marden Center, assist the buildings with escorting members with activity staff to and from their buildings. Program runs 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., so meet the activity staff in their lobby by 12:45 p.m. Tuggers will be running, so you are more than welcome to use the tuggers with the members.
- March 28, Saturday: St. Mary Magdalene, Mass & Luncheon** (Blessing of Seed, Animals & machinery). Be at the Marden Lobby by 8:45 a.m., return approx. 2:00 p.m. Needing one volunteer to ride the bus to help staff OR one can meet at the church about (approx. time 9:30 a.m./9:46 a.m.)

Upcoming Events • Save The Date

- March 22, Sunday:** Oshkosh Community Stage Band
April 7, Tuesday: Spring Gala "Roaring into the 20's"
April 21, Tuesday: Volunteer Banquet at Par 4 Invites will be sent out in early March to volunteers having 25 hours or more of volunteer time in from April 2019 – March 2020.

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(which are pretty easy to find) to explain the Holy Trinity. This is probably a myth, but that hasn't stopped St. Paddy's Day and the shamrock from being separated linked.

A lesser-known fact about four-leaf clovers is that they aren't the luckiest symbol after all. Irish legend indicates that those who find a five-leaf clover will actually have more luck and financial success than those who just find a four-leaf clover.

However, good luck can be hard to come by if you're only relying on finding a four-leaf clover, let alone a five-leaf clover! The estimated statistical odds of finding a four-leaf clover on your first try is 10,000 to 1, and the odds skyrocket to 1,000,000 to 1 if you're looking to find a five-leaf clover on your first try. (The majority of the clovers you see outside have only three leaves.) So if you have nothing to do this summer – go out and look for some "good luck"!

Finally, whether you are Irish or not, "Wherever you go and whatever you do, may the luck of the Irish be there with you

Terry Heschke, Volunteer Coordinator

In Memoriam



Jim Partridge

On Friday, January 31, 2020, we lost a U.S. Marine Corps Veteran and member from MacArthur Hall, Lynold "Jim" Partridge. Jim attended all the Marine Corps League meetings, volunteered in many different areas and had over 3,750 hours. Jim also had a work therapy job in the Ceramics department and the Café along with helping with the donation office. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all his fellow Marines and his many friends here at King.

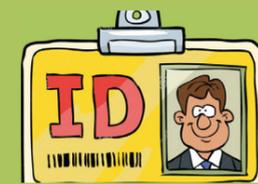
Volunteer Opportunities

If you are able to assist, or have questions contact:
Terry at 715-258-4247

- Tugger Desk:** The tunnel transportation department is in need of some assistance with answering phone calls and occasionally push patients to and from appointments on MH 1st floor. This area has a lot of member contact and great opportunity for visiting while members wait as well. Anyone interested in this position will need to be able to do the following:
- Answers the phone and alert tugger staff of any issues or appointment changes, (Occasionally)
 - Push patients to and from the tunnel to MH first floor utilizing the elevator.
 - Needs to be stable on their feet periods of times
 - Needs to be able to push a variety of sizes of wheelchairs.
- Days and Hours of needed: Mondays, Tuesdays, & Wednesdays: 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Church Services: Every other Sunday mornings at MacArthur Hall, 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Escort members to and from church services with staff.

Ramp Bowling: Monday afternoons in March. Assist with MacArthur Hall bowlers at Marden Alley at 1:15 p.m.



Volunteers Photo ID

It has been noticed that some volunteers need to have their ID photo taken. If you are one of those volunteers, please contact Terry or Jeff. They can walk you over to security to take a very professional "mug shot". Just

Sign-In Stations

Reporting your volunteer hours and who you are visiting in a timely matter is very important. Each Sign-In Station has a volunteer box for your hour slips, feel free to e-mail them to me, or do it on-line.

Ainsworth Hall-Outside the MPR doors to the right.

MacArthur Hall-Outside the Activity office.

Stordock Hall-Information center near the dining room.

Olson Hall-Outside the activity office on the first floor.

When you sign in, it lets us know who is in the buildings at any given time in case there is an emergency or we need to get ahold of you (which has happened). Please be sure you stop at the sign-in stations and sign in before going to your post.

For Your Information

Volunteer Annual Education Forms

...along with the 4 Year Updated Background Check (if needed one) have been sent out! If you haven't received yours, please let me know, otherwise, please drop them off at the office or mail them.

Stordock Hall Members Have All Been Moved!

This process was completed late January and members and staff are doing well with the transition. Our new normal census will be 521. Thank you to all the volunteers who spent many hours volunteering for our Stordock members.

Moses Building

Construction continues and it is still on track for completion in Fall of 2021.

Work Therapy Program

In an effort to be consistent with the other two Veterans Homes in the state, we will be moving the member work therapy program towards a volunteer program. This program will continue to provide our members with a sense of purpose that is so important to all of our well-being! Many of our work therapy members will be joining our volunteer team so they can accumulate hours by helping out around campus!

HAPPY Birthday!

Happy Birthday from the Staff of King
May your day be wonderful and richly blessed!

March 1 Duane Miskulin	March 15 Tom Neilitz	March 28 Necia Kesler
March 4 Debbie Manthey	March 19 Elaine Nelson	March 29 Noritha Voigt
March 6 Alice Bentley	March 20 Mary Berg	Will "Twiggy" Johnson
March 7 Diane Rusch	March 23 Iris Otto	James Schneider
March 8 Gordon Harmon	March 26 Lisa Lebouel	Lynda Taylor
March 8 Willis Pope	March 26 Brandon Welch	Nellie DeBaker
	Bill Kettenhofen	March 30 Leonard Blank Jr.
		Margery Metzger

If you have a birthday this month and your name isn't listed, please contact the volunteer office: 715.258.4247 volunteerservices@dva.

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rificed so much for our freedoms.

Volunteering here is so fulfilling. It isn't always easy, it can be strenuous and at times emotional, but these souls are very worth the effort. I appreciate them all.

Doesn't Hurt to Remind Everyone

...we're in full swing of the Cold / Flu Season!

Let's make sure to keep following all of the infection control procedures. Hand washing is very important to protect yourself and our members. There are masks and hand sanitizer available in each building if you wish to protect yourself during cold and flu season visits.

We are also in the mandatory time frame to wear a mask when on campus if you have not received a flu vaccine.

I will also keep providing an email each morning I am in the office indicating when a hall/floor has been put on restrictions or please feel free to give the home a call. This will save you time from coming in only to find out the area you were going to is on restrictions.



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Marden Center Donations

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