



# **Another Serving**

## Meals and More...

Newsletter for Volunteers and Staff of Twin Cities Meals on Wheels, Inc.

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## May 2020 - Important Dates

May is National Meals On Wheels month Donation Jars Fundraiser Canceled

May 7<sup>th</sup> – National Prayer Day

Mon May 25th Memorial Day No Meals Served

Wednesday June 10th 12:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting

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#### STEPPING UP FOR SAFETY

We want to thank everyone for stepping up and helping us change the way we do business. In the wake of Covid-19 we have made numerous changes to keep all of us safe and make sure that our clients are safe too. We no longer have coffee hour out front but we are hoping

it will return later date. And of course we all know the assigned times, bags for delivery, masks and gloves, but did you know how hard Connie and Jeremy have been working to keep us safe? They are bleaching the floors, sanitizing tables, chairs and any other surfaces they can reach. Last weekend all of the hot bags were taken apart and washed – the coolers are sanitized regularly. So once again THANK YOU and if you get a chance tell the two in the kitchen thank you for all they have done!

#### COORDINATOR'S CORNER -



This has been really hard to write this month – as a matter of fact the whole month has been hard. We have been as an organization faced with some almost unthinkable decisions lately.

On one hand we serve some of very needy people and on the other people that I have come to know and love are out risking their health to serve others. Both Mayors and both counties have called to make sure that we will remain open during this. I only hope and pray that the decisions we have make during this keep everyone safe, both clients and volunteers alike. There are no words to express how much your service in our community means to us. So THANK YOU, stay safe and see you next month.

Pam

#### **Presidential Comments**

So who remembers reading Charles Dickens' A Tale of Two Cities in junior high English? "It was the best of times it was the worst of times". I'm pretty sure that I can say that we're not living in the best of times, and I also don't know if it's the worst of times. What I do know is that it is so amazing and gratifying to see how we as an organization and as individuals have stepped up. I don't know where to start so bear with me, and if I leave someone out...please forgive me. And while I'm at it and in case you weren't aware of it, Twin Cities Meals on Wheels is the last and only independent Meals on Wheels in Niagara County that hasn't been folded into Feed More of WNY. Sorry...No offense meant. Please know what the biggest reason for this is that the other MoWs (Lockport, Niagara Falls, Niagara County) simply ran out of volunteers and were unable to continue serving. Kudos to ALL OF YOU reading this, because you are the

embodiment of this outstanding organization. Thank you.

So where do I start, let me start where every day we're open begins...the kitchen. I think we'd all agree that for someone who only became the head cook just a few months ago that Connie has superbly grown into the role. And Jeremy has become for lack of a better expression a cleaning whirling dervish, which is so very important with the virus situation being what it is and the need for exceptional cleanliness. And lest I forget, I want to change Pam's title to Queen of Adaptability. Please tell me what she hasn't done lately. Those that I'm aware of are; kitchen helper, driver, server, in addition to managing the addition and distribution of 50% more meals than what we normally do, and dealing with scheduling and the barrage of phone calls.

So you've heard me say (and I'm not alone) that there's no such thing as too many volunteers of too many / much donations. By the way, we've not had the benefit in the kitchen of the BOCES or People, Inc .crews that normally helps in the kitchen several days of the week.

And on the subject of donations and fundraising, we've obviously lost the May jar program as well as hot dog sale opportunities. But fear not, all is not lost as a couple of good things have happened through the efforts of a couple of volunteers who have stepped up. We have received a very generous donation from the North Tonawanda Housing Development Corporation in cooperation with Niagara University. Eileen Britton is managing the paperwork for a grant from the East Hill Foundation, and Curt Gaume is heading up the efforts to secure one of the federal SBA loans that don't have to be paid back in addition to dealing with Albany on the long

overdue state grant that was secured by Senator Rob Ortt.

So in closing...stay safe, be well, practice social distancing and common sense, and let's look forward to things returning to some sense of normal.

Karl Bauer



# Can't Come In OnVolunteering Day??

To cancel your day to serve or drive, call Pam Hill <u>at home</u> on her Cell Phone 418-5424 the night before so she can get a "sub" for you.

Bottles & Cans for T.C.C.O.

Put your empty pop & beer bottles, water bottles, pop & beer cans, in the tan and white drum (behind the chairs) in the delivery volunteers' waiting area. Twin Cities Community Outreach (TCCO) has an account with Bottle Junction, 3050 Niagara Falls Blvd., and Wheatfield. TCCO gets the full 5¢ deposit from every bottle.

If you choose to take your "empties" directly to **Bottle Junction**, just tell them that TCCO should get the credit for your bottles.

• Hot Dog Sales – <u>Canceled!!</u>



News of our Volunteers

#### THE 28th ANNUAL

#### TOUR de CURE: 2020

For those who may be interested in donationg to the 2020 Tour de Cure bicycle ride to raise donations for diabeter research, which was originally scheduled for Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, know that the tour has been postponed and rescheduled for Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. More to follow on how to make a donation if you might be interested.

Sincerely,

Steve Ash, Monday Meals on Wheels Volunteer, Route 8, Driver & Server.

(Editors note: for those of you who don't know Steve, he has bikes 100 miles for many years - to help a cure for diabetes which his wife Eleanor has. And has been a volunteer for years!)

#### Volunteer News Always Needed --

News that you would like to share with your volunteer friends at TC MoW is needed for "Another Serving

You may want to provide news about:

- vacation trips
- happy events / sad events
- wedding anniversaries (50, 60, 70, etc.)
- new grandchild, great-grand kids, etc.
- injuries / surgeries

Forms are provided (in **blue** pocket) above the plastic rack where you pick up your newsletter. Place the completed form in the **yellow** pocket

When you" retire" from volunteering at TC MoW, do NOT give a MoW shirt to charity (Salvation Army, Goodwill, Am vets, etc.). The shirt could be used as ID for a thief to get into the home of a meal recipient, thinking that the thief was bringing a meal, when actually they were going to rob or harm the meal recipient.

## In Our Thoughts & Prayers



- Pray for the folks threatened by forest fires, floods, severe heat, storms, and hurricanes.
- Pray for **our military** and **personnel** in Afghanistan and throughout the world.
- Pray for world peace and wisdom for government leaders at all levels.

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## Volunteers are always needed—

Perhaps you've noticed the picture in the paper and different articles on this subject. With Spring here (?) and Summer coming which means some regulars may get busy with grandchildren; we are always in need of volunteers.

So --- PLEASE speak to your friends and neighbors about volunteering at TC MoW.

## Bring a friend to see what you do at

**TC MoW** You are encouraged to "Bring a Friend" on the day you come to help at TC MoW.

Your friend would be with YOU as you

- do your tasks as a kitchen helper
- drive to deliver meals
- take meals into the homes of meal recipients

"Bring a Friend" can be at any time. No advance notice required. This may generate interest in future volunteering at TC MoW.



#### April...HAPPY BIRTHDAY-

Each month the names and date are listed for volunteers and staff who are celebrating a birthday during the month.

Jean Boddy	04/01
Roberta Seekins	04/08
Carol Woodcock	04/10
Rosemary Marohn	04/11
John Cahill	04/12
Chris Dunford	04/15
Bill Fadel	04/15
Margaret Smith	04/16
Guy Richardson	04/20
Kaye Brenon	04/21

If your birthday was incorrect or omitted, please give the information to Pam so we can correct it.

# April...Volunteering Anniversaries

We applaud TC MoW volunteers who are celebrating an anniversary of their volunteering this month. The number of years of service at TC MoW is indicated after each name.

Jim Davignon	35
Sharon Davignon	35
Rodney Brown	19
Marilyn Stricker	16
Penny Ferguson	14
D. Jean Ohrum	12
Joan Buckingham	9
Nancy Young	8
Charity Kiszka	6
Carol Butch	6
Deb Fadel	5
Bill Fadel	5
Kathy Ceckowski	3

## May.. Birthdays

Gerald Hodgson	5/7
Richard Granger	5/13
Karl Heilman	5/16
Karl Bauer	5/17
Polly Archibald	5/18
Joseph Wright	5/18
Danny Thaler	5/19
Rodney Brown	5/28

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Richard Stenzel	10
Renee` Lorenz	5
Ruth Hodgson	4
Gerald Hodgson	4
Letty Hollister	3

Thank you for your years of service. (Please report volunteering anniversaries errors to Pam).

Worries that keep me awake at nite or Cabin Fever due to not being able to go out.

#### THINGS TO PONDER

If a poison 'use-by date' expires, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous? Which letter is silent in the word "Scent," the S or the C?

Do twins ever realize that one of them is unplanned?

Why is the letter W, in English, called double U? Shouldn't it be called double V?

Maybe oxygen is slowly killing you and it just takes 75-100 years to fully work.

Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty.

The word "swims" upside-down is still "swims".

100 years ago, everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horses.

If you replace "W" with "T" in "What, Where and When", you get the answer to each of them.

# FOUR GREAT UNRESOLVED CONFUSIONS

At a movie theatre, which armrest is yours? If people evolved from monkeys, why are monkeys still around?

Why is there a 'D' in fridge, but not in refrigerator?

Who knew what time it was when the first clock was made?

#### **VAGARIES OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

Why does the word Funeral start with FUN? Why isn't a fireman called a waterman? How come Lipstick doesn't do what it says? If money doesn't grow on trees, how come banks have branches?

If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?

How do you get off a non-stop flight?

Why are goods sent by ship called CARGO and those sent by truck SHIPMENT?

Why do we put cups in the dishwasher and the dishes in the cupboard?

Why is it called Rush Hour when traffic moves at its slowest then?

How come noses run and feet smell? Why do they call it a TV set when there is only one? What are you vacating when you go on a vacation?

Who thinks this stuff up?



# ONE WAY TO ATAIN INNER PEACE!!!!! (author unknown)

I'm passing this on because it worked for me today. A doctor on TV

said that in order to have inner peace in our lives, we should always

finish things that we start. Since we could all use more calm in our lives,

I looked around my house to find things I'd started & hadn't finished.

I finished a bottle of Merlot, a bottle of Chardonnay,

a bodle of Baileys, a butle of wum, tha mainder of Valiuminun scriptins,

an a box of choclutz. Yu has no idr how fablus I feel rite now.

Sned this to all ur frenz who need inner piss. An telum u luvum.

# HOW TO CALL THE POLICE WHEN YOU'RE OLD, AND DON'T MOVE FAST ANYMORE.

George Phillips, an elderly man, from Walled Lake, Michigan, was going up to bed, when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the

bedroom window. George opened the back door to go turn off the light, but saw that there were people in the shed stealing things.

He phoned the police, who asked "Is someone in your house?"

He said "No," but some people are breaking into my garden shed and stealing from me.

Then the police dispatcher said "All patrols are busy. You should lock your doors and an officer will be along when one is available"

George said, "Okay."

He hung up the phone and counted to 30. Then he phoned the police again.

"Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people stealing things from my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I just shot and killed them both, the dogs are eating them right now." and he hung up.

Within five minutes, six Police Cars, a SWAT Team, a Helicopter, two Fire Trucks, a Paramedic, and an Ambulance showed up at the Phillips' residence, and caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the Policemen said to George, "I thought you said that you'd shot them!"

George said, "I thought you said there was nobody available!"

#### CHUCKLES...

What did one pickle say to the other after they fell out of the jar and onto the floor? Just dill with it, okay?

What did the Dalmatian say after lunch?

That really hit the spot!

Why are ghosts such bad liars? Because you can see right through them.

How do you stop an astronaut's baby from crying?
You rocket.

Why was six afraid of seven? Because seven eight nine.

Some clever "word-smithing" humor courtesy of Al Fishman. Make sure to read to the end.

# The American Medical Association has weighed in on the administration's health care package:

The Allergists were in favor of scratching it, but the Dermatologists advised not to make any rash moves. The Gastroenterologists had sort of a gut feeling about it, but the Neurologists thought the Administration had a lot of nerve. Meanwhile, Obstetricians felt certain everyone was laboring under a misconception, while the Ophthalmologists considered the idea shortsighted. Pathologists yelled, "Over my dead body!" while the Pediatricians said, "Oh, grow up!" The Psychiatrists thought the whole idea was madness, while the Radiologists could see right through it. Surgeons decided to wash their hands of the whole thing and the Internists claimed it would indeed be a bitter pill to swallow. The Plastic Surgeons opined that this proposal would "put a whole new face on the matter." The Podiatrists thought it was a step forward, but the Urologists were pissed off at the whole idea. Anesthesiologists thought the whole idea was a gas, and those lofty Cardiologists didn't have the heart to say no. In the end, the Proctologists won out,

leaving the entire decision up to the assholes in Washington.

## Stimulus plan...

It is a slow day in the small Western town of Pumphandle, and streets are deserted. Times are tough, everybody is in debt, and everybody is living on credit.

A tourist visiting the area drives through town, stops at the motel, and lays a \$100 bill on the desk, saying he wants to inspect the rooms upstairs to pick one for the night.

As soon as he walks upstairs, the motel owner grabs the bill and runs next door to pay his debt to the butcher.

The butcher takes the \$100 and runs down the street to retire his debt to the pig farmer.

The pig farmer takes the \$100 and heads off to pay his bill to his supplier, the Co-op.

The guy at the Co-op takes the \$100 and runs to pay his debt to the local prostitute, who has also been facing hard times and has had to offer her "services" on credit.

The hooker rushes to the hotel and pays off her room bill with the hotel owner.

The hotel proprietor then places the \$100 back on the counter so the traveler will not suspect anything.

At that moment the traveler comes down the stairs, states that the rooms are not satisfactory, picks up the \$100 bill and leaves.

No one produced anything. No one earned anything... However, the whole town is now out of debt and now looks to the future with a lot more optimism.

And that, ladies and gentlemen, is how a Stimulus package works.

# We Need to help each other Laugh a little! Smile quarantine \*

\* Half of us are going to come out of this quarantine as amazing cooks. The other half will come out with a drinking problem.

- \* I used to spin that toilet paper like I was on Wheel of Fortune. Now I turn it like I'm cracking a safe.
- \* I need to practice social-distancing from the refrigerator.
- \* Still haven't decided where to go for Easter --The Living Room or Bedroom
- \* PSA: every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pajamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.
- \* Homeschooling is going well. 2 students suspended for fighting and 1 teacher fired for drinking on the job.
- \* I don't think anyone expected that when we changed the clocks we'd go from Standard Time to the Twilight Zone
- \* This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came into my house, told my dog... we laughed a lot.
- \* So, after this quarantine.....will the producers of My 600 Pound Life just find me or do I find them?
- \* Quarantine Day 5: Went to this restaurant called THE KITCHEN. You have to gather all the ingredients and make your own meal. I have no clue how this place is still in business.
- \* My body has absorbed so much soap and disinfectant lately that when I pee it cleans the toilet.
- \* Day 5 of Homeschooling: One of these little monsters called in a bomb threat.
- \* I'm so excited --- it's time to take out the garbage. What should I wear?
- \* I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to Puerto Backyarda. I'm getting tired of Los Livingroom.
- \* Classified Ad: Single man with toilet paper seeks woman with hand sanitizer for good clean fun.
- \* Day 6 of Homeschooling: My child just said "I hope I don't have the same teacher next year".... I'm offended.
- \* Better 6 feet apart than 6 feet under

I am glad this email is Virus-free. I'd hate to get COVID19 from opening an email. -PJB

## The problems a typo can cause...

Let me tell you friends that one simple spelling mistake--even a typo--can make your life hell. I recently texted a short, romantic note to my wife while I was away on a fishing trip, and I missed one small "e".

No problem you might say. Not so. This tiny error has caused me to seek Police protection to enter my own house.

I wrote, "Hi darling, I'm enjoying and experiencing the best time of my whole life, and I wish you were her!"

#### CHUCKLES...

Why didn't the koala bear get the job? They said she was over-koala-fied.

Who was that owl who did all the tricks? Who-dini.

What kind of vegetable is angry? A steamed carrot!

How does the moon stay up in the sky? Moonbeams!

Why isn't there a clock in the library? Because it tocks too much.

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- Volunteer News / Volunteer "Tales"
- Jokes / Wisdom
- Recipes

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Thank you,

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