



# the Lantern

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A newsletter of the Presentation Lantern Center, Dubuque, Iowa  
Sponsored by the Sisters of the Presentation, Dubuque, Iowa

## Lantern Center receives \$18,800 gift

Presentation Lantern, a drop-in center for adult immigrants sponsored by Dubuque Presentation Sisters, was selected as a recent recipient of a \$18,800 gift by the local charitable organization 100+ Women Who Care Dubuque.

On February 16, Carolyn Gantz, co-founder of 100+ Women Who Care Dubuque, with several members of the group, presented a 'large check' to Board of Trustees members and Executive Director Sarah Gieseke. The check represented the individual \$100 and \$200 checks given by the women members of the organization.

Presentation Lantern is the fifth non-profit recipient since the 2016 establishment of the 100+ Women Who Care.

Each non-profit selected is asked to present at the next meeting how the donation has impacted their organization and how funds were used.

### About 100+ Women Who Care

As stated in the organization's social media, the mission of 100+ Women Who Care Dubuque is to meet four times per year, raise \$10K or more in one night for a charity with 501(c)3 status, located within 15 miles of Dubuque, as voted for by the members of the group.

Members meet for a strict one and one-half hour meeting quarterly, prepared to write a \$100 check. They listen to three randomly chosen Dubuque charities present their needs. Then a vote of all present is held and the winner gets all the contribution checks.

"It's Impact Donating: \$10,000 to one local charity in one night," the women state on Facebook. Members must make donations whether they attend or not. Everyone is welcome at any meeting.

For more information, see the website [www.100womenwhocaredubuque.com](http://www.100womenwhocaredubuque.com)

### LANTERN CENTER

## Welcome



by Sarah Gieseke, Executive Director



Presentation Lantern Center established its Service Award in 2009 to honor volunteers who offer a lantern light of hope to new immigrants.

Our volunteer tutors share with their immigrant adult students knowledge of the English language and American culture, essential understandings to thrive in the United States.

Sister Mary Martens, a Dubuque Sister of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, received the 2016 Service Award in December for her dedicated service to the center. (See page 3.) She is an experienced and highly qualified educator who has the needs of her students at heart. She has volunteered at Presentation Lantern since 2014 and has logged over 366 hours working with several individuals.

Mary is dedicated to the students with whom she works. I have witnessed with her most recent student from Mexico that Mary develops special lesson plans that build her student's particular skills. These lessons are geared toward increasing the student's English proficiency while at the same time providing skills that are essential for a blossoming educator to possess. Mary's young student hopes to become a teacher "just like Mary" who has been a teacher and a mentor to her student.

My sincere thanks goes out to all of our volunteers, including tutors, board members and Sr. Beth Kress, our professional communicator for the hours they donate to make our programs continue. Like our volunteers, our donors and grantors keep us succeeding in our common endeavor to welcome the "stranger."



Left to right, Lantern Center board members Sr. Hermann Platt, Mary Lou Mauss, Kevin Deeny, Brad Kane, Carolyn Gantz from 100+ Women Who Care Dubuque and Sr. Marilou Irons gather for the presentation of the gift from 100+ women philanthropists.

# Friends of the Presentation Lantern Center



Presentation Lantern Center is sponsored by the Sisters of the Presentation. We are deeply grateful to all who partner with us in this ministry of providing hospitality, educational opportunities and advocacy to newcomers from across the street and around the globe. We appreciate your generosity and remember you in our daily prayers. The following two pages report gifts given in 2016.



Tutor Linda Ronek (left) and student Taylor (South Korea) studied together and worked very hard. In 2017 Taylor passed the U. S. citizenship test and took the Oath of Allegiance as a new citizen.

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## 2016 Service Award Recipient, Mary Martens, BVM

"I've tutored students at the Lantern Center and have enjoyed working with a variety of immigrants. Our mutual sharing of time and cultures has enriched my life even as I hope it has enriched theirs. The opportunity to teach eager learners in such a welcoming environment is a bonus," shares Sister Mary Martens.



Sister Mary Martens, right, is joined at the December Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner by her student from Mexico.

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## Annual garage sale Come and shop!

Presentation Lantern Center is a designated beneficiary of the 2017 Annual Presentation Garage Sale, April 27-29 and May 4-6, to be held at 2360 Carter Road, Dubuque. For the past 11 years, many of you have helped support the sale and Presentation ministries through donations of money, sale items, baked goods and time. Can we count on you again this year? Please come and shop. Thank you!



## Lantern Center exhibits at Community Showcase



The Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque held a Showcase at the Mystique Community Ice center on February 3, 2017, to introduce local nonprofits to the public. Top, left to right, Hannah Grove, volunteer, gives participants a mock citizenship test. Bottom, left to right, Jim Theisen, Sarah Gieseke and Tim Moothart visit at the Lantern Center exhibit. Bottom right, Mary Lou Mauss, right, invites visitors to consider volunteering.

# Student to student: UW-Platteville Service Learners

Presentation Lantern Center hosted six service learners from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville last fall. Each learner provided twenty unpaid hours by tutoring English with international graduate students from China and Taiwan. These are Asian Master of Business Administration (MBA) candidates at the University of Dubuque.

The service learning is part of a course requirement for the “Ethnic and Gender Equity in Education” class at the UW-Platteville.

The service learners, primarily Education majors, taught from various books at the center and based lessons on the individual goals of each of their international students.

The service learner tutors were able to connect one-on-one with their Dubuque students and taught according to their needs, offering more in-depth explanations of American culture and even teaching specific English “office lingo” to ensure success in future jobs. The tutors learned many useful strategies in communicating with English as Second Language (ESL) speakers – lessons that they will take with them into their careers.

Being exposed to different languages and other nationalities helped the tutors become more culturally sensitive.

Jessica Wagner, one of the tutors, remarked, “My student would try to find the words to



Left to right, UW-Platteville students Jessica Wagner, Justin Havel and Sabrina Leibfried were enriched in the university’s service learner program last fall.

say what was on her mind and I would read her body language to help her vocalize her thoughts.”

Working with different cultures opened the service learners’ eyes to the wonderful diversity of the world. As tutors they noted their English learning students often did not know how to express exactly what they wanted to say.

“Never give up trying and learning” was Sabrina Leibfried’s advice to English language learners. She noted that adult immigrants can receive help to improve their English and find out about American culture for free at the Lantern Center.

Justin Havel said, “I would recommend the Lantern Center for any college student who needs service learning because it was a fun and a rewarding experience for me.”



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The Presentation Lantern Center is a drop-in center offering hospitality, educational opportunities and advocacy to adult immigrants, especially women, who are striving to better their lives. Sponsored by the Sisters of the Presentation, Dubuque, Iowa, the center is a non-profit organization.

## HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
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May 11, 2017

Get Ready, Get Set ... GIVE!



Help us to shine the lantern light

**Presentation Lantern Center** is excited to take part in Great Give Day, May 11, 2017, the fourth annual 24-hour, online day of giving! Great Give Day is hosted by the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque as a community-wide celebration of Northeast Iowa’s spirit of generosity and support of the work of non-profits.

This 24-hour online event will help Presentation Lantern provide programming, such as hospitality and welcome, orientation to the community, cultural orientation, English as a Second Language tutoring, citizenship exam preparation and more.

Giving is easy! Visit [www.GreatGiveDay.org](http://www.GreatGiveDay.org) on

Thursday, May 11, and make a gift of \$10 or more to **Presentation Lantern**. Your gift goes directly to our organization and will help us qualify for additional prize dollars throughout the day.

From 8 a.m. to 12 noon on May 11, you may call the Lantern Center (563-557-7134) directly—volunteers will be standing by to enter your payment into the Great Give Day website if you desire online help.

To ensure that your gift will be received, you may also schedule your giving ahead of time beginning April 20 at [www.GreatGiveDay.org](http://www.GreatGiveDay.org)

Help promote GGD, like us on **Facebook** and follow us on **Twitter** on May 11! Thank you!