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

Outstanding Service Honored

by Sr. Corine Murray, PBVM

The Presentation Lantern Center mission speaks welcome through many individuals. In December, Board of Trustee members Frank Reinert and Sister Carla Popes, PBVM, received Presentation Lantern Service Awards at the annual Appreciation Dinner. Both Frank and Sister Carla served three consecutive three-year terms. From the very beginning, they have been strong supporters of the mission of the center.

As Sister Carla visited with family, friends and benefactors she utilized the skills of a storyteller, linking the legacy of Nano Nagle, foundress of the Sisters of the Presentation, and the mission of the center: hospitality, educational opportunities and advocacy. She has a great interest in the stories of the people who come for services and a deep appreciation of the struggles that they face each day. The benefits the center experienced because of her enthusiastic support cannot be overstated.

"My involvement with the Lantern Center changed my world," reflects Sister Carla. "It

is my hope that the vision of Jesus and the legacy of Nano Nagle will continue to direct all future board decisions."

As a member of St. Mary's Parish and the parish St. Vincent de Paul Society, the other award recipient, Frank Reinert, brought extensive knowledge of the neighborhood and its needs. With his ever-present smile he was a phone call away to move air conditioners and furniture or to do any other special task. His ability to use his connections in the community to anticipate the needs at the center proved immensely helpful. When the center relocated to its current location in December of 2010, Frank was there with helpers and his truck.

He shared, "Membership on the Lantern board was a great learning experience. I am very happy and proud to see how the center helps people learn English and participate in the civic life of the community." Although Frank has completed his term on the board, he and his wife, Bev, continue to serve and support the center.



Above, Sr. Corine Murray, right, congratulates Sr. Carla Popes for her nine years of outstanding service to Presentation Lantern Center as a board member and three years as board president.



Above, Mary Jean Gregory, right, presents Frank Reinert a lantern for his nine years of outstanding service to Presentation Lantern Center as a board member and all-around volunteer.

LANTERN CENTER

Welcome

by Sr. Corine Murray, PBVM, Executive Director



"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world," stated Nelson Mandela recently. Over two hundred years ago, Nano Nagle,

the foundress of the Sisters of the Presentation, had the same insight when she started schools for disadvantaged children in Cork, Ireland.

At the Presentation Lantern Center, kindred spirits also place a high value on education. The Sisters of the Presentation, the Board of Trustees, the volunteer tutors, benefactors and friends recognize the importance of education. Our students work so hard on their English skills.

In this issue of our newsletter, we recognize individuals, churches, and other organizations who value education and support those for whom English is a new language. During the past year through donations, in-kind gifts, and gifts in honor of and/or in memory of individuals, benefactors have touched the lives of our students in direct and powerful ways. To find one's voice in a new language is to have a new life.

We thank all of those who partner with us to advance our mission, to offer hospitality, educational opportunities and advocacy especially to women and their children. Together we are welcoming newcomers and touching and changing lives.

SUPPORTING THE MISSION

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 hospitality, educational opportunities and advocacy to newcomers from across the street and across the globe. We appreciate your generosity and remember you in our daily prayers.

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Loras College students gave several hours of service on a Saturday morning to make the Lantern Center shine.



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Left to right, Tutor Tom LoGuidice and Imam Ali Said (Egypt) examine a papyrus that Ali brought to the center. The papyrus is made with the same procedures used by the ancient Egyptians.



Congratulations, Sr. Corine



Sister Corine Murray, Executive Director of Presentation Lantern Center, was named the recipient of the Ruby Sutton Humanitarian Award at the 23rd annual NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet, November 18.



Left to right: Helen Cox, Mary Jean Gregory and Sr. Corine Murray celebrate Corine's honor from the NAACP.

Honored for her ministry at Presentation Lantern Center in Dubuque, Sister Corine acknowledged the many persons and groups who partner in carrying out the mission of offering hospitality, education opportunities and advocacy to visitors.

The Ruby Sutton Humanitarian Award is named in honor of the woman who has been instrumental in the development and success of the Dubuque NAACP chapter.

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Throughout the year we pause to celebrate events in the lives of people at the Lantern Center. Mina (Mexico) became United States citizens this past year. Congratulations, Mina.

Many Share in the Mission



by Sr. Beth Kress

This past fall a beautiful sign was added to the front yard of Presentation Lantern Center to help visitors find 1584 White Street.

The bright green and blue lantern and letters on white stand out well to identify the center and welcome all who enter.

Tutor Dianne Ludovissy Harris, whose mother June Ludovissy was also a tutor at the center, responded to the idea that the board of trustees wanted to purchase a sign, so she gave a memorial toward it in honor of June.

Sister Corine Murray's mother, Dorothy Murray, passed away last summer and the Murray family specified funds as a memorial to Dorothy.

Jerry and Sibyl Wang came back to Dubuque as part of their honeymoon trip in the United States. Before leaving to continue their journey, they gave a donation toward the sign.

Hospitality is central to the mission of Presentation Lantern. Visitors, friends, volunteers, those coming to the center for the first time experience the spirit of welcome.

Lunch and Learn at the center is a monthly event that welcomes guests from the community

to learn about Presentation Lantern Center in person. Board members, Presentation associates and visitors gather at the table and to share food and stories.



Contributions from several families helped purchase the sign that stands in front of Presentation Lantern Center. Tutor Dianne Harris is pleased to have been a donor.

All who are connected to Presentation Lantern Center — friends, donors, visitors, volunteers — carry out the mission of Presentation Lantern: to be a place of welcome offering hospitality, educational opportunities and advocacy to adults, especially women and their children, who are striving to better their lives.

Since the center opened in 2002,

people from five continents and 42 different countries have benefited from the services.

During the calendar year 2011, 90 individuals received 2,916 hours of tutoring. Small children who came with a parent were at the center about 150 hours. Over 80 tutors volunteered 2,726 hours. Tutors ordinarily volunteer for a two-hour session once a week and work one-on-one with a visitor. Occasionally, they work in groups of two.

All are welcome in this place!



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The Presentation Lantern Center is a drop-in center offering hospitality, educational opportunities and advocacy to women and their children 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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PHOTO GALLERY

Life at the Center

Sharing stories and learning together, staff, visitors, families and volunteers make things tick at Presentation Lantern Center.

Left to Right: TOP LEFT, Volunteer Vince Vanden Heuvel trims the hedge in the front yard. TOP RIGHT, Board members Mary Jean Gregory and Frank Dunn share ideas on development with guest speaker Sharon Scully (center). BOTTOM LEFT, left to right, Presentation Associate Becky Derr, Sr. Jessi Beck and Associate Molly Olberding give a helping hand in cleaning on a Saturday morning. BOTTOM RIGHT, Teresa (Mexico) and tutor Thelma Sbarra take a break from studies.

