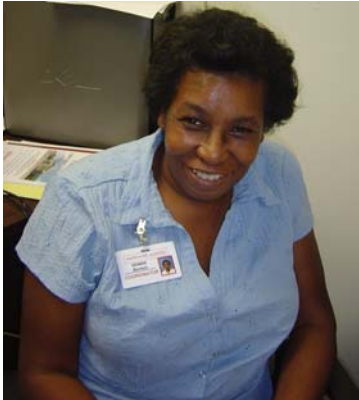


Volunteer Views

The Cultural Center of Charlotte County

March '09
12th Edition



Volunteer Ice Cream Social March 17th Come Meet Denise, your New Volunteer Coordinator

This Tuesday, March 17th is the next Ice Cream Social. All Cultural Center Volunteers are welcomed to come for ice cream and cake at 2pm in the Palm Room. Please take this opportunity to meet the new Volunteer Coordinator, Denise Borrero. Denise, who was a volunteer in The Learning Place will be a great addition to the team, and looks forward to being readily available to help you with all your questions. If you can't make it to the Ice Cream Social, stop by the Volunteer Office, located behind the Information Desk and introduce yourself to Denise.



Kathy Hubbert 2/9
Mary Helen Holland 3/4
Beverly Bacon 3/7
Mildred M. Gehris 3/8
Thomas A. Kiepert 3/9
James Smith 3/10
Genevieve Katyryniuk 3/11
Verna Boose 3/11
Jane Skowronek 3/12
Phyllis Foster 3/13
Dick Bloom 3/13
Neva Asmus 3/15
Victoria L. Hogan 3/18
Gertrude Iverson 3/20
Kathryn Dunning 3/20
Brenda Clark 3/20
Eleanor Gibbens 3/21
Socorro Garcia 3/22
Catherine Olesfskie 3/22
Alice J. Whynott 3/25
Anna Place 3/26
Mary Lou Kirk 3/28
Bette Young 3/29
Judy Westphall 3/30



College Student, and Dedicated Volunteer

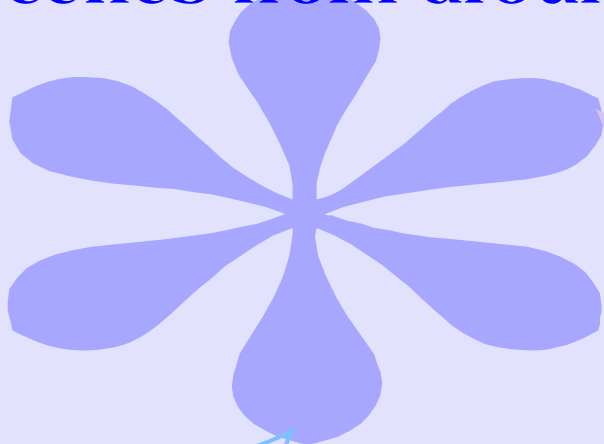
A little over one year ago, I returned home from the Philippines where I served for two years as a Peace Corps Volunteer. Volunteering has been a life-long passion and value of mine, and I wanted to continue my commitment to community service here at home. I heard about the Cultural Center by word of mouth, and have been volunteering in the Administration department ever since. When I reflect on my time at the Cultural Center, I am very proud to be a part of an organization that commits itself so fully to the Port Charlotte community.

I am often asked, why work for free when I could spend the same amount of time earning more money? My response is always the same: the rewards of volunteering cannot be quantified, and the experience is invaluable. Not only is volunteering a great way to be an active, responsible, and informed community member, but it also introduces us to new friends and new ideas. I consider myself fortunate to have found the Cultural Center and its wonderful community of staff, volunteers, and patrons. Each day, I am inspired by the hundreds of volunteers who have committed themselves to service in my new home. Following their lead, I know that whether in the Philippines or in Port Charlotte, whether young or old, whether working aged or retired, volunteering and community service will continue to be a central part of my life.

Katrina Mikitik volunteers 2 days a week in the Administration Office

Thank You for Donating Your Time to the Cultural Center!

Scenes from around the Center



Miss Katrina working with the new event coordinator Linda



Come enjoy the Friday night Fish Fry every Friday from 5p-7p



Miss Nancy loves selling items at the Open Markets on Thursday



Welcome Miss Stella, a new volunteer in the Fitness Salon!



Miss Mary working hard Sorting new donation in T&T

Miss Barbara enjoys the Community Awareness Day, that is held every Wed. in the Fountain Room



Miss Rita working hard serving at one of our recent banquets



Volunteer Views is now online!
Goto www.theculturalcenter.com



Congratulations to Miss Donna for getting moved into her new home!



Miss Netty never rests when sorting the donations given to the Cultural Center



Our Happy Quilters finished a new special ordered quilt!



Miss June creating another plastic canvas masterpiece



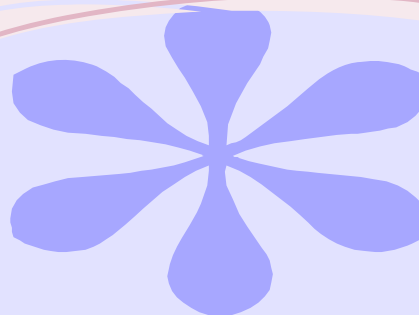
Mr. Fred and Miss Peggy danced the day away at Fun with Music on Mondays

Fred Mack
1918-2009

Thank you for all the memories, and dances. You will be missed



Mr. Kitt and Mr. Warren make the Stamp Corner so much fun! Come visit them every Wed. in Centennial Hall



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Upcoming Events



3/17 Ice Cream Social
 3/17 Irish Themed Luncheon
 3/21 Be Keen on Green & Flea Market
 3/31 Hurricane Expo
 4/8 Polish Theme Lunch
 4/15 Ice Cream Social
 4/3 Dancing with the Charlotte Stars
 4/5 Two Piano Group
 4/21 Ice Cream Social
 4/22 Senior Fun Fest

To Those Who Have Lost Loved Ones
 "There is a place beyond the stars
 where life goes on forever"



IN MEMORIAM
Fred Mack
Ann Kloth
Dorothy Bostwick

To The Sick and Shut-In
 You're missed such a lot
 Everyday that you're sick
 Which is all the more reason
 For getting well quick



Corny Humor— submitted by Gert Iverson

- When high school kids wear rags today, they call it self-expression.
 When I was young, and dressed that way, we called it the Depression

Antique: Something no one would be seen with if there were more of them, but which everyone wants when no one else has any

One way to save face is to keep the lower half of it shut

Despite the cost of living, have you noticed how it remains popular?

Volunteer Opportunities

Trash and Treasure- Cashiers needed for various shifts

Cul-Cen Cafe- 6 volunteers are needed for Cashiering and serving

The Learning Place- Volunteers needed at Front Desk on Wednesdays afternoon

Administrative Office- Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays needed to assist in the Administration Office.

Donations & Development- Volunteer needed with experience in fundraising, donations and development of financial requests

Newsletter- 4 volunteers needed on the 15th of each month for collating the newsletter

Fitness Salon- Volunteers needed on Tuesday & Thursday afternoon

Grant Writer- Experienced Grant Writer willing to help write grants

Membership- Volunteer needed to help sell and promote memberships.

Volunteer Liaison- Volunteer needed to help with volunteer placement, records, and badges

Internet Liaison- Volunteer needed to help grow internet sales

Anyone with interest in any of these positions please see Denise or call (941)625-4175 ext.210

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