



### JACIL salutes our amazing volunteers

by Roger Deem

Due to the state budget impasse, we were unable to host our annual Volunteer Recognition Party this year. But we want to devote this issue of *JACIL Connections* to honor all those wonderful people who made such a tremendous impact on our mission this past year.

Thanks to the total 54 different people who served us this past year, JACIL received the benefit of over 2000 hours of assistance with our programs and events.

In particular we would like to pay tribute to our top six volunteers (by number of hours contributed):

**STEVE CLEVELAND - 901.50 HOURS**

Worked the front desk Mondays to Fridays

**DAN THOMPSON - 490 HOURS**

Technology tutor two days a week

**STEPHANY DIRKSMEYER - 155.5 HOURS**

Office assistant every Thursday

**TERA HOLT - 59 HOURS**

Front desk in the afternoons

**ANN LAWTON - 40 HOURS**

Newsletter assembly every month

**MARY MULLGARDT - 28.75 HOURS**

Front desk two mornings a week

We were blessed to have many other volunteers over the past year, all of whom helped

JACIL serve people with disabilities in our community. We salute you all!:

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| Araceli Abrego     | ★ | Wanda Jackson   |
| Phillip Baer       |   | Tasha Johnson   |
| Robbie Baker       | ★ | Jean Jumper     |
| April Balance      |   | Jessica Jurgens |
| Brenda Bell        | ★ | Connie Lewis    |
| Sarah Bleazard     |   | Larry Lilly     |
| Tyler Charlesworth | ★ | Ruth Linear     |
| Steve Cleveland    |   | Rick McGinnis   |
| Liliana Costa      | ★ | Ginny Morse     |
| Daryl Darnell      |   | Raji Nijhawan   |
| Samantha Derham    | ★ | Mark Peters     |
| Kathleen Draves    |   | Cheri Reardon   |
| Sarah Elliott      | ★ | Jodi Rees       |
| Ann Ford           |   | Katy Schmedeke  |
| Phil Foxworth      | ★ | Bill Stephens   |
| Dennis Freand      |   | Jim Stice       |
| Brandy French      | ★ | Matt Stockon    |
| Jarred French      |   | Tom Tucker      |
| Marge Griffeth     | ★ | Steven VanCamp  |
| Ralph Hastie       |   | Joe Vieira      |
| Jon Higginbotham   | ★ | Bonnie Watson   |
| Andrew Holtschlag  |   | Barb Whewell    |
| Carroll Jackson    |   | Judy Whewell    |

We also thank all of the current and recently-retired members of the JACIL Board of Directors for their service this past year:

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|---------------|----------------------|
| Mark Arnold   | Ruth Linear          |
| Guy Crumley   | Mary Sager Mullgardt |
| Phil Foxworth | Mark Peters          |
| Brandy French | Penny Smith          |
| Martha Hauck  | Dan Thompson         |
| Matt Lakin    | Wanda Tiffany        |
|               | Joe Vieira           |

Thank you so much to each of you for helping JACIL make a difference.



## Next KIP Café looks at Jacksonville DRS services

The next KIP workshop will focus on the services available at the Jacksonville office of the Department of Rehabilitative Services (DRS).

The event will take place on Thursday, April 28, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

The speaker will be Becky Stevens, administrator of the Jacksonville DRS office. She will be explaining the variety of services

the office provides. It might be more than you thought!

A light lunch will be provided, but reservations need to be made by April 27.

If anyone needs materials in alternate format, contact JACIL by April 21 at (217) 245-8371. A sign language interpreter will be present.

### **QUICK FACTS:**

- When: Thursday, Apr 28
- Time: 11:30-1:30
- Jacksonville DRS services
- Call (217) 245-8371
- RSVP by Apr 27
- Alternate formats by Apr 21
- Light lunch: free
- ASL interpreter: Yes!

### **NAACP honors Ruth Linear**

Past JACIL Board Member Ruth Linear recently received the 2016 NAACP Award for Community Service.



Since about 2000, Linear has been giving programs on African-American history at Jacksonville District 117 schools and the Jacksonville prison.

Linear also has been involved with community service work, including the Jacksonville Area Community Food Center, Doorbell Dinners and Jacksonville NAACP, which she serves as second vice president.

She also serves as assistant secretary of the Jacksonville Area Genealogical and Historical Society and has volunteered as a tour guide at Woodlawn Farm, an Underground Railroad site.

JACIL offers its hearty congratulations to Ruth!



*by Kathy Price*

Each issue Kathy will answer your questions about anything--from household hints to the price of tea in China.

**This Month's Question:** I have paint brushes that I've only used once. After cleaning them, they dry and the bristles are as hard as a carp. What can I do to help keep them soft and more usable?

**Kathy Says:** Add ¼ cup fabric softener to the water used for paint brush clean up to keep brushes soft. Rinse thoroughly.



## APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Fri 1 JACIL CLOSED DUE TO STATE BUDGET IMPASSE
- Thu 7 Knollwood 20/20 support Group - CANCELLED  
Until further notice due to state budget impasse.
- Fri 8 JACIL CLOSED DUE TO STATE BUDGET IMPASSE
- Tue 12 Young Adults on the Spectrum - CANCELLED  
Until further notice due to state budget impasse.
- Thu 14 VisAbility Support Group - CANCELLED  
Until further notice due to state budget impasse.
- Fri 15 JACIL CLOSED DUE TO STATE BUDGET IMPASSE
- Wed 20 People First Aktion Club - 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.**
- Thu 21 Visions Support Group - CANCELLED  
Until further notice due to state budget impasse.
- Thu 21 Friends Helping Friends Action Club - 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.**
- Fri 22 JACIL CLOSED DUE TO STATE BUDGET IMPASSE
- Thu 28 KIP Café - 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**  
**Speaker: Becky Stevens, Administrator - Jacksonville DRS**  
**Topic: *Services from the Jacksonville DRS Office***
- Fri 29 JACIL CLOSED DUE TO STATE BUDGET IMPASSE

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