

The Connector



The Washburn Area TimeBank Newsletter

The Washburn Area TimeBank was launched through an Otto Bremer Foundation grant.

“Happening’s”: TimeBank Updates

by Deanna Yost

On a surprisingly warm day in January people who like to think about community made their way to the top floor of the Washburn Cultural Center to help us seek solutions about the Washburn Area TimeBank.

Why? Because while everyone believes Timebanking is a GREAT idea there is a member deficit and an exchange and activity deficit. First we asked: ““who can we get to help us think about these questions?””

With excellent facilitation by Christine Kelly we dug into our own psyches to discover our hesitations about joining and exchanging. Next we considered what will it take to get ‘you’ who have *not* joined, to join? What will it

take to get ‘you’ who *have* joined, to actively exchange?

Prior to the event we prepared a “Menu” based on strategies from Timebanks around the world and what might work. We were able to use the group’s ranking to begin to future plan for 2016.

Find the results of our “Big Think” on page 3.

In February we completed our Bremer Foundation grant and sent in our report.

In March we got a call from community builders in Cable inviting us to have a community conversation around Timebanking for their area. Ku’u’lei and I were your representative presenters.

We also learned that Timebank Member Jan has raised



Resource Store Discount 10% off at the Resource Store throughout the month of May for TimeBank Members.

more than \$100 for Habitat for Humanity selling her delicious homemade chocolate chip cookies. See page 2.

At our last Member Meeting and Potluck we viewed the in-progress you-tube video and offered feedback to Jonas, our videographer. We hope to have the video completed by our April meeting.

Washburn TimeBank
Member Count—40

TimeTraders North
Member Count—96

Hours Exchanged 2016—181

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Special points of interest:

- Meeting dates first quarter
- Jan P follows through on her idea from her heart
- Ideas to connect with community and with each other
- Help needed with the Timebank

Great hosts!

Thank you to John & Donna Kramolis for hosting our winter meetings.

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Member Meeting & Potluck Schedule

Keeping the ‘Social’ in Social Change

We’ve made a change in our standing meeting time to avoid conflict with an ongoing writer’s group.

Here is the next three month schedule. All are welcome and we encourage current members to bring friends as well as a dish to pass.

Dates and Locations:

Tuesday, **April 26th, 5:30**
Washburn Public Library

Tuesday, **May 24th, 5:30**
Washburn Public Library

Tuesday, **June 21st, 5:30**
Washburn Public Library

If you want to host the meeting please contact Deanna Yost at 715-373-5000.

Hosts set up chairs, put out dishes, put out the sign, greet members and clean up.

“Habitat Cookies” From the Heart

by Deanna Yost

When Jan Peterson sets her mind to something she takes action. Last May Jan attended a Habitat for Humanity Community Meeting and signed up to volunteer.

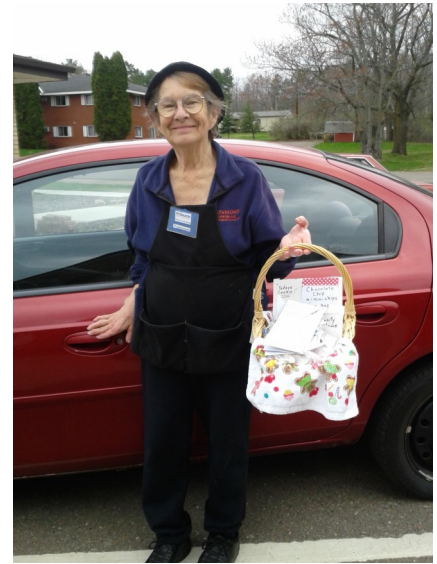
While she was willing to help clean and pick up around the site, she wanted to do more. She was aware of the need to raise money for Habitat. Living on a limited income did not enable her to donate money out of her own budget. She would need to find another way to contribute.

This fall, as the Habitat House poured its foundation and began to raise walls, her

plan began to take shape as well. She started to bake and sell “Habitat Cookies.” At first she put a few cookies in a baggie for a buck. Then she began to improve her packaging and honed her sales pitch.

When I caught up with Jan in January she had already had sold \$50 worth of her wares to sweet-toothed friends and to those who found they could not say ‘no’ her enduring persistence.

Although the baking and selling are perfect for Time tracking, Jan insists she will not count it. “This is a labor of love,” she says.



Jan also helps out at the ReSource Store by pitching in with much needed cleaning.

Current Offers and Requests



This list can also be viewed on the Exchange Site.

Offers: (new in bold)

- **Variety—please take a look**
- **Computer**
- **Friendly visits**
- **Grocery shopping**
- Movie Buddy
- Weed and spruce up
- Play board games
- Visit
- Pet sitting/pet care (3 different offers)
- Cooking
- Child care
- Rides
- Help with light housework
- Communication supports (for person with disability)
- Grocery Shopping
- Recycling pick up
- Perform a baptism
- Help with canning and baking
- Putting up/taking down Holiday décor
- Community Transport (with van)
- Help with group projects
- Community event volunteer
- Light yard work
- Housekeeping, chores and organizational assistance
- Dog walking
- Newsletter help
- Interior painting
- Budgeting assistance for young and old
- Candid photography
- Communicating with young children
- Background music for next event
- Very beginning piano lessons for adults
- Cheesecake baking
- Window washing
- Transport in NW WI and NE MN
- Personal Futures planning
- Computer gadget and iPad tutoring
- Office services, editing, transcription

Requests: (new in bold)

- **Game and card playing pal**
- **Sewing**
- **Muscle to help me with a stump grinder this spring**
- **intermittent cat care**
- **iPad help**
- Organize my basement workspace
- Hikes, walks
- Two young men w/pick up to haul away TV
- Buckthorn eradication
- Geriatric Cat Rx
- Yard work
- Would love to learn to play the guitar
- MacBook Air laptop help needed
- Reader for low vision person
- Beginning violin
- Basic carpentry
- Lawn mowing
- Split wood
- Car cleaning
- Leaf removal



Washburn Area TimeBank Menu (Big Think—2016 and Future Goals)

Special Offerings

Seek doctors, dentists, massage therapists, etc., who will agree to exchange time for their services.

Targeted Teams

Pre-established targeted teams who agree to collaboratively offer time either as a working partnership or a back-up for one another. Teams might include: Respite Team, Home Improvement Team, Clean House Team, Master Gardner Team, Powerful Tools for Caregiving Team.

Incentive Program

Outreach to area businesses to provide discounts for Timebanking, i.e., 2 hours of timebanking=10% off at ReSource Store.

Group Projects

Timebankers form groups that combine talents for individual and community projects, such as Repair Cafes, Fix it Cafes, Outdoor Movie Nights, Share Fests (many skills available in one place), and Community Stuff Swaps (set up tables to freely exchange stuff or trade time for stuff.)

House Parties

Host house parties where the host invites neighbors, provides food and someone talks about Timebanking with the goal of gaining new members.

Volunteer Tracking

Complement existing volunteer organizations by helping them run volunteer time through the Timebank as a benefit to the volunteers and a way to increase and utilize current offers and requests. Ex: CORE, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, Churches, Faith In Action, ReSource, Habitat for Humanity.

Community To Do List Jar

People who say "someone should" puts this thought or need into a jar (say at the Library). Timebankers look into the jar at Member Meetings and Potlucks and try to tackle the list with the skills and willingness in the Timebank network.

Timebank Exchange Public Bulletin Board

Create a physical bulletin board in a public space for people to see and post Timebank offers and requests. Existing members are assigned as contacts to get back to people.

Timebankers Marketing Campaign

Launch a marketing campaign to increase Timebank exposure in the media. This may include newspaper coverage, an active Facebook page, YouTube video, a twitter account, listserv, etc.

Timebank Office

Maintain a Timebank office with regular hours managed by scheduled volunteers. People needing help to use the online Timebank would come to the office. Office hours would also be used to post to Facebook, update the website, etc.

Washburn Area TimeBank

Physical Office location:
The ReSource Store
30 East Bayfield St
Washburn, WI 54891

Phone: 715-373-5000
(Coordinator)
Phone: 715-373-2003 (ReSource Office)
Fax: 715-373-0544



General Coordinators:
Deanna Yost (Washburn) and Carol Martin (Cable)

Member Coordinators—Needed.

Member Support—Needed.

Outreach Coordinator—Needed.

See article below.

Exchange. Engage.

Contribute. Build Community

Find us on the web:

washburnareatimebank.org

Find us on Facebook

Remember dues beginning in 2016.

Dues will be \$5 per person or \$10 per family.

Make checks payable to the *Alliance for Sustainability*. Bring to any meeting, drop off at the ReSource Store. Or, mail.

If mailing, send to the Alliance For Sustainability, PO Box 141, Ashland, WI 54806. Indicate—TimeBank Dues.

Pay anytime in 2016, but please don't wait until the last minute.

Dues at only \$5 per person covers CIMA Volunteer Insurance, our USA TimeBank affiliation, the weebly website, materials and miscellaneous.

TimeBank Values:

- ◆ Assets
- ◆ Reciprocity
- ◆ Community
- ◆ Redefine “Work”
- ◆ Respect



Our Volunteer Insurance Is Due In July!

Keeping the Timebank Rocking and Rolling

In every movement there are people behind the scenes that keep the wheels turning.

Timebanks USA (TBUSA) has developed a wonderful “software” for Timebanks to use free of charge. In doing so, they have also created four roles to spread the voluntary work around, all of which have “permissions” or user access to the Timebank Exchange Site called Community Weaver. The roles are connected to the technology.

The Four Roles of Maintaining the Online Community Timebank:

1. **The Admin Coordinator** has the role of overseeing the Community Weaver Exchange Site. The Admin Coordinator, also called the General Coordinator can change the look of the Site, access information, create reports,

pages, links and more. This person can also do all of the other roles, if need be. Besides the online duties, the Coordinator also may take on other admin duties, such as arranging insurance, or member meetings. This person is the Point of Contact and usually has the Timebank paperwork in her basement. Currently the “Admin Coordinator” is Deanna Yost. (Carol Martin is her counterpart for the Cable area startup.)

2. **Member Coordinator**—This person meets new members and conducts an Orientation. This person can access member information and is notified through email when new members log-in. **Member Coordinator Needed.**

3. **Member Support**—This person connects members with members if there are offers and requests that are matches. He or she checks in with members and supports membership. **Member Support Needed.**

4. **Outreach Coordinator**—This person posts events, broadcast messages and alerts. They also might get announcements in area papers, update the facebook account and the website. **Outreach Support Needed.**

These roles can also be shared.

Besides the Community Weaver online roles, there is more work to be done to maintain active Timebanks. If you are interested in any of the roles or want to help in another way, please contact Deanna Yost.