

Silver Center Scene
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Need a Lift? Come Volunteer.

By Jan Almon

This Thursday evening at 5 pm members of the Silver Center will gather to recognize the efforts of our volunteers. There would not be a Silver Center without them and a single event to honor what they do seems insignificant in the face of their efforts.

Volunteer recognition month is in April, but we never get them recognized then. So many other area organizations schedule events at the Center to honor their volunteers, that our staff and helpers are overwhelmed helping honor others.

“If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else.” It is a Booker T. Washington quote that succinctly states the fact that the volunteer frequently benefits as much or more than the recipient from the action. Entire self-help books have been written on the premise.

A misconception about volunteering at the Silver Center is that you have to be a senior to do it. There are no rules to say you have to be a member to volunteer, that you have to be over 50 or 60 or that we only let you in the door if you have a cane.

In fact, the young people who show up, generally in the company of their parents or grandparents, find they can learn quite a bit from the seniors when they hang out with them. It can actually be fun. Seniors have more than a few things to offer ... still. Seniors certainly enjoy the younger faces. Face it, the younger generations move a little faster too. The work goes more quickly.

If you read this column regularly, you know the Silver Center has been undergoing a lot of changes. As a result, we need many new volunteers. Some of our programs are growing and changing. We need help in the kitchen and in the Thrift Shop and new staff members need additional assistance as they get their feet on the ground and new processes in place.

We need help. Your help. Regardless of your age, your skills or the amount of time you have, we can probably find a place for you help out. We can give you a lift, while you give a lift to our members and our organization.

At the Silver Center, we often multi-task and we're doing so Thursday. We are combining Volunteer Recognition with our Annual Meeting where we will report on the past year and elect some new Board of Directors members. Showing up would be a good way to meet some current volunteers and learn more about the organization. Only members can vote, but you can join if you would like.

You can get more information by calling the Center at 830-303-6612, stopping by at 510 E. Court St., visiting our webpage <http://www.silvercenterseguin.com/>, or on our Facebook page. We hope to meet you Thursday, Sept. 24 at 5 p.m. #####