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**American
Red Cross**

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**Greater Kalamazoo Area Chapter
of the American Red Cross**

Serving Allegan, Cass, Kalamazoo & St. Joseph Counties

Jean Peterson's death leaves a big hole in the hearts of countless Red Cross volunteers and colleagues locally and beyond. Jean started work with the Kalamazoo County Chapter as a fulltime youth services coordinator in fall 1981.

For many years she led Red Cross' efforts in the coordination of the VolunTeen program in conjunction with the Volunteer Center, provided staff support to our Elementary Leadership Council and spear-headed other youth-oriented activities. Jean was one of the first national Red Cross instructors of diversity and conducted many diversity trainings across the country for several years.

Jean loved people and as a result, people loved her. One of Jean's special talents was working with folks who were struggling with their life, often because of some bad



*Jean Peterson
1941 - 2008
Colleague and Friend*

choices, bad luck, no positive role models to encourage them, or an emotional or mental disability. We saw this in externs from Everest Institute, Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency young adult referrals, court placed volunteers and with volunteers who considered Jean their confidante. She valued and respected them as individuals and made them feel their work with the Red Cross was an important contribution to the well-being of the community.

Following are testimonials from some of the many people Jean touched in her Red Cross career. We proudly dedicate this issue of Crosslinks to Jean and her 26 years of dedicated service to the people of the Greater Kalamazoo Area Chapter and the American Red Cross.

"I wouldn't be where I am today without Jean's belief in youth, and the empowerment of young girls."

Karuna Dewan, American Red Cross National Youth Council and former Greater Kalamazoo Area Chapter board member, Youth Services Chair & VolunTeen. *Karuna is now 25 and will graduate from Northwestern University's Feinberg school of Medicine in 2009.*

"Jean was like family. She always had time to listen to my troubles and helped me sort things out. Jean will always live in my heart and she will never be forgotten." **Paul Bostic**, Health and Safety Coordinator

"Jean was one of the most ardent advocates of volunteerism I have ever met. She believed in the power of volunteerism to change lives. She was a positive role model and mentor to youth and especially young women. She will be missed here at KAVA and in the community." **Ann McCreary**, Kalamazoo Association of Volunteer Administrators

Jean was my "bud" we belonged to a mutual admiration society. We laughed together and cried together, but mostly laughed. Jean was a beam of light, she attracted people with her laugh, love and interest in people. She would go for her daily walk and come back with a new volunteer, they were like strays looking for a friend, they found one in Jean. She was devoted to her family and was always interested in my family too. We did a skit once for Halloween; we were, "Me and My Shadow". I was all in white and she was all in black, what fun we had! I am sad she is gone, I miss her. **DeVon Swiat**, Red Cross volunteer and former employee

I met Jean when my daughter volunteered for the Red Cross in High School. She still talks about the wonderful training she received working with Jean. When I began working at the Red Cross myself I found out what a caring individual she was. Jean was for real, she impacted my life. Jean lived this: Be nice to people, all people, even when you don't have to be, all people are important. **Lenora Webster**, Chapter receptionist

The following individuals made a memorial contribution to the Kalamazoo Chapter in honor of Jean. (as of 3-10-2008)

American Red Cross-Chapter Staff
Carl & Pat Benson
Dick Burnham
Martha Cohen
Karuna Dewan
Vicki Eichstaedt
Francine Kryger
Robert & Ann Perkins
Marie Stevens
Joyce Stout
DeVon & Leo Swiat
Gail & George Turner
Ed & Louise Smith
Marilyn Vineyard
Terri & Lyle Vought
Carrie & Marc Webber
Lenora Webster
Jacob & Johnell Weintraub

Jean was very optimistic. With a smile she frequently pointed out the "good" in a bad situation. **Erin Tarnutzer**, Training Coordinator

We all miss Jean's smiling face.



Amanda Torrens
*Fund Development,
Grant Writer*

Writing has always come naturally to me," says twenty-one year old Amanda Torrens, "I thought that grant writing would be an excellent addition to my education." Amanda is a senior at Western Michigan University, completing her grant writing internship at the Chapter. In April, she will receive a Bachelor's degree in Organizational Communication with minors in Practical Writing and Nonprofit Leadership. After college, she hopes to find work as a youth coordinator in the nonprofit sector. Her most recent success as a grant writing intern includes a \$1,500 grant from the Three Rivers Area Community Foundation to aid disaster relief operations in Saint Joseph County. "The most rewarding part of working in Financial Development is knowing that the money we raise helps further the Red Cross mission by saving lives."

I grew up in Cleveland, OH and Syracuse, NY. At 18 I became an Eagle Scout, and joined the Fire Department. I was in the fire department for 5 years.



Tom Sivak
*Director, Emergency
Services*

I attended Marquette University and studied Criminology and Law. I completed a year with AmeriCorps in a suburb of Chicago working with inner city students. At the age of 23 I was raising teenagers! My last position was volunteer coordinator with the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland and NW Indiana. I worked with families in crisis staying at the house while their child was in the hospital. I am finishing my Masters of Science, Public Service with a concentration in Disaster Management.

I have always wanted to work with the Red Cross; when I was offered the position I knew my dream career had begun. I am excited to work with such dedicated people, helping others in times of need.



Sandra Keagle
*Admin. Assistant
Fund Development*

I just relocated from Chicago, where I was working with Make A Wish Foundation. I am originally from Battle Creek but love the Kalamazoo area. Some of my interests are: my church, decorating, the Arts, spending time with my family and friends and of course my dog, Rudy! I admire all the hard work the paid staff and volunteers do to make the mission of the Red Cross successful.



**Culvers Day of Giving
March 5, 2008**

In tandem with March is Red Cross Month, more than 370 Culver's restaurants in 16 states sponsored a "Day of Giving" donating 10 percent of sales on March 5, 2008 to local Red Cross Chapters. The Culver's restaurants at 5143 S. 9th St. in Kalamazoo and at 7262 S. Westnedge Ave. in Portage participated in this fundraiser. Lots of Red Crossers joined Culver's regular patrons to enjoy a meal, deliver food, and just talk about the Red Cross. Mike Duckwall, Vicki Nower and Vicki Eichstaedt were the Noon crew at the Westnedge store, while Leah Barber, Anne Howley-O'Brien, Tom Sivak and Jennifer Woodstock were at the 9th St. store. The event raised over \$180,000 across 16 states. "The Red Cross is vital to ensuring individuals affected by life changing events, such as floods, fires and other disasters, are cared for in their time of need," said Lea Culver, Culver's co-founder and a Red Cross volunteer. "The unity displayed by our franchisees and their guests to make this significant contribution to the Red Cross is truly humbling." Bob Flintrop, owner of the Kalamazoo area franchises was very gratified by the terrific turnout and added a "Give a Pint, Get a Pint" Day to March is Red Cross Month, on March 27, 2008. All presenting donors at the Blood Drive held at the Chapter on March 27 were given a certificate for a free pint of Culver's delicious Frozen Custard. Donors could choose from the popular flavor of the day, chocolate and vanilla. YUMMY! Next time you enjoy Culver's make sure to take the time to thank them for helping serve the Greater Kalamazoo Area Red Cross communities.



Mike Duckwall enjoys preparing to deliver lunch to guests at Culver's in Portage, on Culver's Day of Caring.

Grant Writing Success!

We would like to provide a special thank you to some of the generous organizations in our community for responding to our much needed grant requests! In the last year, the **Three Rivers Area Community Foundation** has provided a total of \$4,000 in grants to support disaster relief operations in St. Joseph County. Additionally, **Wal-Mart in Three Rivers** recently provided a \$200 grant around the holiday season. **The Irving S. Gilmore Foundation** enabled our Chapter to add a new Dodge Caravan to our vehicle fleet by granting a request of \$12,500. **The Junior League of Kalamazoo's** grant of \$851 dollars allowed us to enhance our diversity training program. Our grant writing team has certainly been busy raising funds for the Chapter! A big thank you goes to Amanda Torrens, intern; Cortney Modelewski, volunteer; Sean McCann, Development Director; and of course, Marilyn Vineyard, Executive Director for helping make these grants possible.

Your American Red Cross Today!

What would you tell a friend who asked you, “*What does the Red Cross do?*” If you are a Health and Safety Instructor you would know about the classes we offer, but would you know about what a Disaster Action Team member does? If you work in the Chapter offices entering data for the Office of Volunteers would you know about Blood Services? If you think you might struggle for answers to these questions you are probably like most people in our communities. We know *something* about the Red Cross but are uncertain about specifics.

To educate our communities and reconnect people with the vital mission and services of the American Red Cross; we have begun a new program of one hour lunch meetings here at Chapter headquarters designed to do just that. **Your American Red Cross Today** programs are held the second and fourth Thursday of each month, beginning at 11:45 am and ending promptly at 1:00 pm.

Our guests enjoy a simple lunch with a group of volunteer and paid staff who provide informational and *inspirational* stories about real people impacted by Red Cross Services in each of our four mission areas, Disaster, Health & Safety, Blood Services, and Service to the Armed Forces. We also give them some facts, dispel some myths and share our vision and wishes for the future of the Red Cross in our communities.

If you have not joined us yet, if you have family, colleagues, friends or neighbors that you think would like to know more about the Red Cross please call Sandi Eversole at 353-6180 ext. 121 and make a reservation for one of the sessions listed below.

Your American Red Cross Today!

To learn more about the American Red Cross, Greater Kalamazoo Area Chapter, please join us on any of the following dates for a simple lunch and information session. **For reservations, call 269-353-6180 ext. 0**

Thursday, April 10

Thursday, April 24

Thursday, May 8

Thursday, May 22

Thursday, June 12



**American
Red Cross**

Greater Kalamazoo Area
5640 Venture Ct.
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Lunch provided, every session will begin promptly at 11:45



Do you shop at **Harding's**? Do you want to help the Chapter raise more money? If you answered yes, to the above questions, you should get your very own **Harding's eScrip Community Card!**

Signing up is easy! 1) Visit your local Harding's 2) Pick up a card 3) Register your card by telephone or by visiting www.escrip.com. That's it! A percentage of your purchase will be donated to the Chapter. Stop by a **Harding's** location today!

Dear Employees, Volunteers, and Friends – Next time you go shopping online, check out the **GoodShop** page! A lot of online retailers, including Amazon, Expedia, and Target, will donate a percentage of your purchase to our Chapter.

It's super easy: Go to <http://www.goodshop.com> (There is also a link to **GoodShop** from the GoodSearch page) **Enter American Red Cross – Greater Kalamazoo Area in the “Who do you GoodShop for?” field.** Search for your store. Click on the link. Start shopping! **You will need to allow pop-ups from the GoodShop site.** Thanks everyone!



COURSE DESCRIPTIONS
Mass Care Overview- Basic information about the mass care function, which provides food and shelter to large numbers of people during disaster operations.

Shelter Operations & Simulation- Prepares participants to effectively manage a mass care shelter and provides an opportunity to practice the skills needed to operate a shelter.

Logistics Overview- Provides basic information about Material Support Services in a disaster relief operation. Provides the opportunity to learn skills needed by Material Support Service workers.

Logistics Simulation- Provides participants the opportunity to practice the knowledge and skills needed to run a successful logistical operation in their chapter.

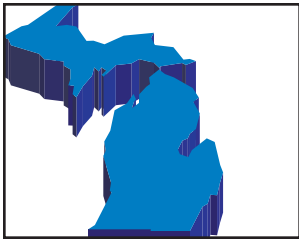
Greater Kalamazoo Area Disaster Training Schedule April-May-June 2008

*Prior to taking any of the courses listed here students must complete the **Introduction to Disaster** course.

Introduction to Disaster is available on-line at www2.redcross.org/flash/course01_v01/ You can complete **Introduction to Disaster** on your home computer, but we recommend that you have a cable, T-1, satellite or other high-speed modem to do so. *A basic dial-up internet connection will be exceedingly slow in handling this presentation. You may come to the Chapter and use our computers, with high speed Internet connection for this class!* To schedule your enrollment in any of these classes, please call Erin Tarnutzer at (269) 353-6180, ext. 113.

<u>Mass Care Overview</u>	Wednesday, Apr. 9	6:00 - 10:00 pm
<u>Shelter Operations and Simulation</u>	Thursday, Apr. 10	6:00 - 10:00 pm
<u>Logistics Overview</u>	Wednesday, Apr. 16	6:00 - 10:00 pm
<u>Logistics Simulation</u>	Thursday, Apr. 17	6:00 - 10:00 pm

*Due to the Michigan Training Institute in June at Calvin College, there will be **no disaster training classes offered at the Kalamazoo location in May or June.***



Michigan Training Institute
 June 11 - June 14, 2008
 Calvin College
 3201 Burton S.E.
 Grand Rapids, MI



*Courses available in
 Disaster Services, Human Resources, Armed Forces Emergency Services and International Social Services
 Course descriptions and offerings at www.greaterkzooredcross.org*

REGISTRATION FEES

Early Bird Registration Fee post marked on or before April 18, 2008 – **\$25.00 payment must be included with registration.** All pre-requisite documentation must accompany registration. Incomplete registrations will be returned to the chapter.

Late Registration Fee – April 19 to May 2, 2008 – **\$75.00 payment must be included with registration.**

Daily Fee for Non-Red Cross and out-of-state participants - **\$35.00 per day payment must be included with registration.**

Daily fee is waived for participants actively involved in Red Cross in Michigan. The waiver is restricted to Michigan residents and is made possible by a grant funded by Proud to Be American Michigan License Plate sales.

Students using the computer lab for on-line classes must have a student ID and password.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

MAY 2, 2008 - REGISTRATION IS CLOSED!

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations received by Friday, May 23, 2008 will receive a \$15.00 refund.

All requests for cancellation must be in writing and received by Friday, May 23, 2008.

Fax to: (269) 353-8657 – ATTN: MTI Registration **OR** E-mail: mail@greaterkzooredcross.org ATTN: MTI Registration
 Refunds will be issued within 8 weeks after the Michigan Training Institute (MTI).

Congratulations, Amanda Grover!

Our own Amanda Grover, April 2008 Western Michigan University graduate, and Chapter Board of Directors member has been selected to participate in The American Red Cross Presidential Internship Program. This is the only paid, summer internship program offered at the Red Cross. The Presidential Internship Program is one of the premier internship programs in the United States. Some the perks for 2008 Presidential Interns include:

- * A roundtable discussion with the Red Cross President and CEO
- * Brown-bag lunches and meetings with senior leadership and executives
- * Housing offered at special rates in nearby George Washington University campus apartments
- * Opportunities to travel to national conferences and areas stricken by disaster
- * Washington, D.C. networking events
- * A career development forum with professionals from the Red Cross and for-profit companies



Encourage High School Seniors to Apply for the Mabel Chase Youth Scholarship

The American Red Cross serving southwest Michigan residents in Allegan, Cass, St. Joseph and Kalamazoo counties will again award the Mabel Chase Youth Scholarship this spring.

This \$300 scholarship is made possible by a bequest made by Mabel Chase's son to the local Red Cross Chapter. She was a Red Cross volunteer who thoroughly enjoyed her work as a volunteer and felt it was a very positive influence on her life. Honoring her son's request that a portion of his bequest be used to create a memorial to his mother, the local Red Cross Board of Directors established a scholarship fund for youth and a training fund for adult Red Cross volunteers.

The Mabel Chase Youth Scholarship (\$300) will be awarded to a high school senior who plans to attend college or trade school and who has shown a strong commitment to both academics and his/her community.

The scholarship deadline is April 30, 2008. The scholarship winner will be announced at the Red Cross annual meeting June 24, 2008.

A copy of the application is available on our website at: www.greaterkzooredcross.org.

The application may also be available through your high school counseling office. If you have any questions, send an e-mail to mail@greaterkzooredcross.org or call the American Red Cross at 353-6180.



Marilyn Vineyard, Bob Perkins and Ted Hartridge at the January 2008 presentation of a Perkins Family Flag and Memorial Plaque.

The flag that draped his brother Ron's casket on his final trip home to the US from the Orient in 1969 and a beautiful plaque commemorating American Red Cross Service to the Armed Forces, and all who have and continue to serve in the US Military were given by the Perkins Family at the January 8, 2008 Board of Directors meeting. Bob was accompanied by his wife Ann and their son Scott.

Bob Perkins is a dedicated and tireless champion of the Red Cross. Bob has served on the Board of Directors for a total of eight years, Leadership Volunteer in Fund Development in 2007 and has served the Great Lakes Service Area in the area of Board Development and Public Service. Bob's expertise and knowledge has been invaluable to the Communications and Community Relations area - *the editor of Crosslinks counts on his advice and counsel on many projects!*

The gifts are proudly on display at the Chapter in the front lobby display cases. ***Come see them.***

Kalamazoo County -- April 2008

Wed., Apr. 2	9 am-2:45 pm	State Farm Insurance, 5564 Portage Rd. <i>(closed to public)</i>
Thurs., Apr. 3	Noon-5:45 pm	“O” Drive @ ARC Chapter, 5640 Venture Ct. Appts.: 353-6180, ext. 0
Fri., Apr. 4	11 am-4:45 pm	Kalamazoo Valley Comm. College, 6767 West O Ave.
Mon., Apr. 7	Noon-5:45 pm	Gilmore Center. for Health Ed.
Thurs., Apr. 10	Noon-5:45 pm	ARC Chapter House, 5640 Venture Court. Appts.: 353-6180, ext. 0
Fri., Apr. 11	Noon-5:45 pm	Borgess Health/Fitness Center, 3025 Gull Rd. Appts.: 552-2200
Mon., Apr. 14	Noon-5:45 pm	Portage Community Center, 325 East Centre Ave.
Tues., Apr. 15	Noon-5:45 pm	Kalamazoo Missionary Church, 5045 E. Michigan Ave., Comstock
Wed., Apr. 16	12:30-6:15 pm	Oshtemo Township Hall, 7275 West Main St.
Wed., Apr. 16	9 am-2:45 pm	Natl.City Bank, 1 National City Lane, Bldg.C, <i>(closed to public)</i>
Wed., Apr. 16	2:00-7:45 pm	Kalamzoo Christian High School, 2121 Stadium Dr. <i>(closed to public)</i>
Fri., Apr. 18	1:30-7:15 pm	Winchell Elementary, 2316 Winchell
Mon., Apr. 21	Noon-5:45 pm	Borgess Health/Fitness Center, 3025 Gull Rd. Appts.: 522-2200
Mon., Apr. 21	Noon-5:45 pm	Westwood United Methodist Church, 538 Nichols Rd.
Tues., Apr. 22	8 am-1:45 pm	Gull Lake High School, 9950 M-89, Richland
Thurs., Apr. 24	1:00-6:45 pm	ARC Chapter House, 5640 Venture Ct. Appts.: 353-6180, ext. 0
Wed., Apr. 30	2:00-7:45 pm	Portage North Middle School, 5808 Oregon

Kalamazoo County – May 2008

Thur., May 1	8 am-1:45pm	Galesburg/Augusta High School, 1075 N. 37th St., Galesburg
Thur., May 1	Noon-5:45 pm	“O” drive @ ARC Chapter, 5640 Venture Ct. Appts.: 353-6180 ext. 0
Mon., May 5	Noon-5:45 pm	Gilmore Center for Health Ed., Appts.: 353-6180 ext. 0
Tues., May 6	8 am-1:45 pm	Portage Northern High School, 100 Idaho St. <i>(closed to public)</i>
Thurs., May 8	8 am-1:45 pm	Comstock High School, 2107 North 26th St.
Thurs., May 8	Noon-5:45 pm	ARC Chapter House, 5640 Venture Court. Appts.: 353-6180 ext. 0
Fri., May 9	8 am-1:45 pm	Kalamazoo Central High School, 2432 N. Drake Rd. <i>(closed to public)</i>
Mon., May 12	Noon-5:45 pm	Portage Community Center, 325 E. Centre St.
Mon., May 12	Noon-5:45 pm	Parkview Hills Clubhouse, 3707 Greenleaf Circle
Tues., May 13	8 am-1:45 pm	Eaton Corporation, 40th St., Galesburg <i>(closed to public)</i>
Fri., May 16	1:00-6:45 pm	Lakeland Reformed Church, 10442 Sprinkle Rd., Vicksburg
Mon., May 19	Noon-5:45 pm	Westwood United Methodist Church, 538 Nichols Rd.
Thurs., May 22	1:00-6:45 pm	ARC Chpater House, 5640 Venture Ct. Appts.: 353-6180 ext. 0

Kalamazoo County – June 2008

Mon., Jun. 2	Noon-5:45 pm	Gilmore Center for Health Ed., Appts.: 353-6180 ext. 0
Mon., Jun. 2	1:00-6:45 pm	West Michigan Cancer Center, 200 N. Park St. <i>(closed to public)</i>
Thurs., Jun 5	Noon-5:45 pm	“O” drive @ ARC Chapter, 5640 Venture Ct. Appts.: 353-6180 ext. 0
Mon., Jun. 9	Noon-5:45 pm	Portage Community Center, 325 E. Centre St.
Tues., Jun. 10	1:00-6:45 pm	Portage Free Methodist Church, 1715 W. Centre St.
Thurs., Jun. 12	Noon-5:45 pm	ARC Chapter House, 5640 Venture Court. Appts.: 353-6180 ext. 0
Fri., Jun. 13	Noon-5:45 pm	Borgess Health/Fitness Center, 3025 Gull Rd. Appts.: 522-2200
Wed., Jun. 18	12:30-6:15 pm	Oshtemo Townshp Hall, 7275 West Main St.
Mon., Jun. 23	Noon-5:45 pm	Borgess Health Alliance. Lawrence Ed. Center., 1701 Gull Rd.
Thurs., Jun. 26	1:00-6:45 pm	ARC Chapter House 5640 Venture Ct., Appts.: 353-6180 ext. 0

Allegan County – April 2008

Tues., Apr. 1	9 am-2:45 pm	Martin High School, 1556 Chalmers <i>(closed to public)</i>
Tues., Apr. 8	1:00-6:45 pm	Martin United Methodist Church, 969 E. Allegan Rd.
Tues., Apr. 8	8:30am-2:15pm	Haworth, 640 River Street, Allegan <i>(closed to public)</i>

Blood Drive Schedule For Apr. May Jun. 2008

Schedule
subject
to change.

Please call
(269) 353-6180 or
(800) 382-6382,
or visit our
web site to
confirm dates,
times & locations.

Web site:
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Allegan County - April 2008 *continued*

Thurs., Apr. 10	Noon-5:45 pm	Christian Reformed Church, 6591 Old Allegan Rd., Saugatuck
Fri., Apr. 18	8 am-1:45 pm	Fennville High School, 4 Memorial Drive, Fennville (<i>closed to public</i>)
Tues., Apr. 22	Noon-5:45 pm	Otsego Church of God, 112 Kalamazoo St., Otsego
Wed., Apr. 23	11:30-5:15 pm	Allegan General Hospital, 555 Linn St., Allegan
Thurs., Apr. 24	Noon-5:45 pm	Hamilton Reformed Church, 3554 M-40, Hamilton
Thurs., Apr. 24	Noon-5:45 pm	Plainwell Community Center, 798 E. Bridge St., Plainwell
Fri., Apr. 25	Noon-5:45 pm	Open Door Reformed Church, 1683 142nd Ave., Dorr.

Allegan County – May 2008

Mon., May 5	8 am-1:45 pm	Wayland High School, 870 East Superior, Wayland
Sat., May 10	9 am-2:45 pm	Hopkins Elementary School, 400 Clark St. Hopkins
Tues., May 20	11 am-4:45 pm	First Baptist Church of Wayland, 3514 12th St., Wayland
Thurs., May 29	Noon-5:45 pm	Griswold Auditorium, 401 Hubbard St., Allegan
Sat., May 31	8 am-1:45 pm	Sandy Pines, 2745 136th St., Hopkins

Allegan County – June 2008

Tues., Jun. 3	1:00-6:45 pm	Martin United Methodist Church, 969 E. Allegan Rd., Martin
Thurs., Jun. 5	Noon-5:45 pm	Borgess Pipp Hospital, 411 Naomi, Plainwell
Tues., Jun. 10	Noon-5:45 pm	Douglas Community Church, 6780 Wiley Rd., Douglas
Wed., Jun 18	11:30-5:15 pm	Allegan General Hospital, 555 Linn St., Allegan
Thurs., Jun.19	Noon-5:45 pm	Hamilton Reformed Church, 3554 M 40, Hamilton
Fri., Jun. 20	Noon-5:45 pm	Open Door Reformed Church, 1683 142nd St., Dorr
Thurs., Jun. 26	Noon-5:45 pm	Plainwell Community Center, 798 E. Bridge St., Plainwell

Cass County - April-May-June 2008

Fri., Apr., 25	Noon-5:45 pm	Holy Maternity of Mary Catholic Church, 210 N. Front St., Dowagiac
Mon., May 19	1:00-6:45 pm	Edwardsburg American Legion Post, US 12, Edwardsburg
Tues., May 27	1:00-6:45 pm	St. Ann Catholic Church, 421 North Broadway St., Cassopolis
Fri., Jun. 27	Noon-5:45 pm	Holy Maternity of Mary Catholic Church, 210 N. Front St., Dowagiac

St. Joseph County - April 2008

Tues. Apr. 1	Noon-5:45 pm	Centreville United Methodist Church, 305 E. Main St., Centreville
Fri., Apr. 4	Noon-5:45 pm	Mendon United Methodist Church, 320 West Main St., Mendon
Mon., Apr. 7	Noon-5:45 pm	Sturgis Wesleyan Church, 907 N. Nottawa, Sturgis Appts: 800-382-6382 ext. 0
Wed., Apr. 9	9 am-2:45 pm	Burr Oak Tool & Die, 405 West South Street, Sturgis. (<i>closed to public</i>)
Thurs., Apr. 10	9 am-2:45 pm	Burr Oak Tool & Die, 405 West South Street, Sturgis. (<i>closed to public</i>)
Tues., Apr. 15	8 am-1:45 pm	Centreville High School, 190 Hogan St., Centreville
Thurs., Apr. 17	8 am-1:45 pm	Abbott Laboratories, 901 N. Centreville Rd., Sturgis. (<i>closed to public</i>)
Tues., Apr. 22	Noon-5:45 pm	Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., 1365 S. Washington St., Constantine.
Wed., Apr. 23	11:30-5:15 pm	JoCo Center, 805 Wood Street, Three Rivers.

St. Joseph County - May 2008

Wed. May 7	11:30-5:15 pm	Light & Life Wesleyan Church, 15765 Hoffman Rd., Three Rivers
Thurs., May 15	8 am-1:45 pm	White Pigeon High School, 410 Prairie St., White Pigeon

St. Joseph County - June 2008

Wed., Jun. 4	9 am-2:45 pm	Burr Oak Tool & Die, 405 West South Street, Sturgis. (<i>closed to public</i>)
Thurs., Jun. 5	9 am-2:45 pm	Burr Oak Tool & Die, 405 West South Street, Sturgis. (<i>closed to public</i>)
Fri., Jun. 6	Noon-5:45 pm	Mendon United Methodist Church, 320 West Main St., Mendon
Mon., Jun. 9	Noon-5:45 pm	Sturgis Wesleyan Church, 907 N. Nottawa, Sturgis Appts: 800-382-6382 ext. 0
Wed., Jun. 25	11:30-5:15 pm	JoCo Center, 805 Wood St., Three Rivers

Chapter Telephone List

To help reduce our expenses for an outside, after-hours answering service and to take advantage of the full capabilities of our phone system, the Chapter relies on the system to route callers to the appropriate staff member without going through our front desk receptionist.

But, you need to know who you're calling and his/her extension to reach them quickly.

So, here is the current staff roster, listed by department. Whenever possible, please use the extension to connect directly with the staff member you're trying to reach. **You can dial the person's extension as soon as your call is "answered" by the phone system.**

If you're not sure which staff member you need to speak with, dial ext. 0 to reach the receptionist.

Administration

Marilyn Vineyard	Executive Director	Ext. 123
Vicki Nower	Executive Assistant/HR	Ext. 124
Cindee Schiebel	Receptionist	Ext. 0
Lenora Webster	Receptionist	Ext. 0
Nancy Wilson	Special Projects	N/A

Blood Services

Karen Ford	Blood Services Coordinator	Ext. 131
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Communications & Community Relations

Vicki Eichstaedt	C & CR Coordinator	Ext. 169
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Emergency Services

This Department covers Disaster, Service to Armed Forces, and International Services.

Tom Sivak	Director	Ext. 110
Russ Papworth	Field Services Coordinator	Ext. 126
Kay Ensfield	Casework Coordinator	Ext. 111
Anne Howley-O'Brien	Casework Coordinator	Ext. 112
Jennifer Woodstock	Operations Associate	Ext. 160

Disaster Services Message Line – Ext. 4

Report DAT or DSHR availability, ask questions, etc. (push "4" when system answers)

Health and Safety

Paul Bostic	Health & Safety Coordinator	Ext. 114
Erin Tarnutzer	Operations/Training Coord.	Ext. 113
Claire Torp	Health & Safety Authorized Provider Coordinator	Ext. 163

Also call Claire in the Allegan Office: (269) 673-8640

Kristen Schwannecke	Equipment Maintenance/ Security	Ext. 150
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Health & Safety Message Line – register for classes, ask questions, etc. (push "3" when system answers) Ext. 3

Finance, Facilities & Technology

Dan Crouch	Director	Ext. 125
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Fund Development

Sean McCann	Director	Ext. 122
Sandi Eversole	Special Projects	Ext. 121
Sandra Keagle	Administrative Assistant	Ext. 165

All-House Ring: Ext. 503. Using this extension causes all the phones in the Chapter to ring. Please use it ONLY when you know someone is in the Chapter building to pick up the call. Do NOT leave a message at extension 503.

Great Lakes Blood Region Employees

These persons are employees of the Great Lakes Blood Services Region, not the Greater Kalamazoo Area Chapter. Their office hours may not coincide with regular Chapter office hours.

David Parkhill	Donor Recruitment Rep Supervisor	Ext. 176
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When calling after-hours, please follow the instructions you'll hear for emergency or non-emergency calls. You can leave a message for a staff member at any time by using his/her office extension.

On-call personnel handle after-hours disaster and military calls. The phone system records the caller's message then sends an alert to the on-call worker that a message is waiting. Emergency and military calls are usually returned within 30 minutes and Disaster Action Team members are alerted as needed.

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Help make your home, your workplace and your community a safer place for everyone!

Take CPR, First Aid or other Red Cross Safety Courses! How about Babysitter's Training for youth ages 11 - 15? Call us at (269) 353-6180, ext. 3, or visit our web site at www.greaterkzooedcross.org for more information or to register. Courses taught at the Chapter Office, 5640 Venture Court, Kalamazoo, MI, unless otherwise indicated.

April, May, June 2008 Health & Safety Classes schedule

First Aid/Adult CPR/AED Courses - \$40

Sat.	April 12	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Sat.	May 17	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Sat.	June 14	9:00 am - 4:00 pm

First Aid/Adult-Infant-Child CPR/AED - \$50

Sat	April 5	8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Tues.	April 8	8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Sat.	April 12	8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Sat.	April 19	8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Sat.	May 3	8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Tues.	May 13	8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Sat.	May 17	8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Sat.	June 7	8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Tues.	June 10	8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Sat.	June 14	8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Sat.	June 21	8:30 am - 5:30 pm

Adult CPR/AED - \$30

Thurs.	April 3	6:00 - 10:00 pm
Wed.	April 16	6:00 - 10:00 pm
Thurs.	April 24	6:00 - 10:00 pm
Thurs.	May 1	6:00 - 10:00 pm
Wed.	May 21	6:00 - 10:00 pm
Thurs.	May 22	6:00 - 10:00 pm
Thurs.	June 5	6:00 - 10:00 pm
Wed.	June 18	6:00 - 10:00 pm
Thurs.	June 26	6:00 - 10:00 pm

Babysitter's Training - \$35

Sat.	April 12	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Sat.	May 17	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Sat.	June 14	9:00 am - 4:00 pm

First Aid Courses - \$30

Wed.	April 2	6:00 - 10:00 pm
Thurs.	April 24	6:00 - 10:00 pm
Wed.	May 7	6:00 - 10:00 pm
Thurs.	May 22	6:00 - 10:00 pm
Wed.	June 4	6:00 - 10:00 pm
Thurs.	June 26	6:00 - 10:00 pm



Infant/Child CPR - \$30

Wed.	April 2	6:00 - 10:00 pm
Thurs.	April 17	6:00 - 10:00 pm
Wed.	May 7	6:00 - 10:00 pm
Thurs.	May 15	6:00 - 10:00 pm
Wed.	June 4	6:00 - 10:00 pm
Thurs.	June 19	6:00 - 10:00 pm

CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers Courses - \$40

Sat.	April 5	8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Sat.	April 19	8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Sat.	May 3	8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Sat.	May 17	8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Sat.	June 7	8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Sat.	June 21	8:30 am - 5:30 pm

RECERTIFICATION for Adult-Infant-Child CPR/AED - \$30

Wed.	April 9	6:00 - 10:00 pm
Tues.	April 22	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Wed.	May 14	6:00 - 10:00 pm
Tues.	May 27	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Wed.	June 11	6:00 - 10:00 pm
Tues.	June 24	9:00 am - 1:00 pm

RECERTIFICATION for Adult-Infant-Child CPR/AED PRO - \$30

Thurs.	April 10	6:00 - 10:00 pm
Thurs.	May 8	6:00 - 10:00 pm
Thurs.	June 12	6:00 - 10:00 pm

Health & Safety Classes Available in Allegan County!

The Allegan County Service Center of the American Red Cross offers First Aid and CPR/AED Training Courses. Call the Service Center at (269) 673-8640 or (800) 382-6382 to register. The courses listed below are taught at the Allegan County Service Center, 425 Hubbard St. in Allegan.

Sat., Apr. 19	First Aid, Adult CPR/AED, Infant and Child CPR	8:30 am - 5:30 pm	\$50.00
Wed. and Thur., May 14 and 15	First Aid, Adult CPR/AED, Infant and Child CPR	6:00 - 10:00 pm <i>both nights</i>	\$50.00
Sat., June 28	First Aid, Adult CPR/AED, Infant and Child CPR	8:30 am - 5:30 pm	\$50.00

Register for more than one class and get a discount on class fees for the 2nd and 3rd classes! The price for one class is \$30; for two classes is \$40 and for three classes is just \$50. Call the Allegan Service Center at (269) 673-8640 and ask about the multiple class discount.

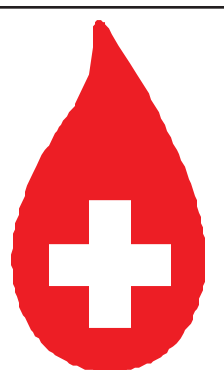
The following persons have made financial gifts to the Chapter in memory of or in honor of someone special from December 1, 2007 - March 10, 2008.

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Jean Peterson enjoys one of her favorite things...laughing with friends, co-workers and volunteers. Pictured in addition to Jean are left to right, Karen Ford, Judy Sherrod, Valerie Opdyke and George Opdyke.



Reasons to GIVE

***Spring into a new habit,
give blood!***

A bitter winter and an especially cold and snowy February forced the **cancellation of 18 blood drives** in January and February. This equates to the **loss of 890 blood donations**. At drives remaining open during this time, poor driving conditions kept people at home and donations for the period were down over 15%.

The loss of donations affect the delicate balance of the blood supply for many weeks after this kind of downturn. Patients in hospitals and cancer treatment centers throughout our area depend on a steady and consistent supply of blood products to meet their ongoing and emergency needs. It becomes more important than ever for regular donors to donate when they can. Spring is a season of new beginnings, time to start new things; why not become a blood donor? It only takes about an hour to donate and **your single donation can help save up to three lives!** For more information on blood donation call **1-800-GIVE LIFE** (1-800-448-3543) or visit **www.redcrossmichigan.org**.

SPRING IS HERE - SEVERE WEATHER MAY BE NEAR

Tornadoes and other severe springtime weather can be deadly. Data collected over the last 50 years in Michigan indicate that our state experiences an average of 17 tornadoes and four tornado-related deaths per year. Fortunately, there has not been a tornado-related death in Michigan since 1997. Tornadoes and other severe weather can occur almost any time; however April, May and June have been Michigan's most deadly tornado months.

Take the time to plan ahead for disasters such as those caused by tornadoes and other severe weather by following a few simple steps.

- **GET A KIT**
- **MAKE A PLAN**
- **BE INFORMED**

- **ASSEMBLE A DISASTER SUPPLIES KIT** - Your kit should include the following items:

- First Aid Kit include a first aid reference guide.
- Medications, prescription and non-prescription items.
- Non-perishable food and a manual can opener.
- At least one gallon of water per person, per day
- Protective clothing, bedding, or sleeping bags.
- Battery-powered radio, flashlight and extra batteries.
- Special items for an infant, elderly or disabled family member.
- Written instructions on how to turn off electricity, gas, and water (if authorities advise you to do so).

- **TORNADO SAFETY**

- Prepare and Practice a Home Tornado Plan - Select a location for your family to meet in case of a tornado. Preferably, this should be a basement or, if there is no basement, the center of a building, such as a centrally located bathroom, closet, or hallway of the lowest level. Make sure these places are kept uncluttered. Talk about your plan and know your responsibilities as part of your family team. Practice your plan – evacuate your home twice a year. Know and drive your planned escape route and likely alternatives in case of closures.
- Be informed. **Know the Difference between a Tornado WATCH and a Tornado WARNING** -
- A tornado **WATCH** means that a tornado is possible in your area. Be alert of changing weather conditions. Tornadoes are often preceded by a dark, often greenish sky, large hail, and a roaring noise (much like a freight train).
- A tornado **WARNING** means that a tornado has been sighted and may be headed for your area. You should seek shelter immediately. Avoid places with wide-span roofs. Tornado WATCHES and WARNINGS are issued by a county or weather authority: stay tuned to your local radio and TV stations for updated information.
- After the Tornado Passes - Watch out for fallen power lines and stay out of the damaged area. Continue listening to the radio for further instructions.

- **SEVERE THUNDERSTORM SAFETY**

- Before Lightning Strikes - Look for a darkening sky. Listen for the sound of thunder. Listen to NOAA Weather Radio, or turn to the TV for latest weather information.
- When a Storm Approaches - Find shelter in building or car. Avoid convertibles. Remember that telephone lines and metal pipes conduct electricity. Do not use appliances.
- Protect Yourself Outside - If you are stuck outside during a thunderstorm, quickly find a low-lying area away from trees, metal objects or poles. Remember to make yourself as small as possible. Put your hands on your knees with your head between them. Never lie flat on the ground; this will only make you a larger target for lightning!
- Know What To Do if Someone is Struck By Lightning - Remember that after a person is struck by lightning, they carry no electrical charge. They are safe to handle. First, call for help. Have another person dial 9-1-1 or your local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) number. Next, check the victim for burn marks, they will have one where the lightning entered the body, and another where the lightning exited. Third, give the person First Aid. If an adult has stopped breathing, begin CPR. If a child has stopped breathing, begin rescue breathing. Finally, if the person is conscious, breathing, and has a pulse, look for other areas of injury (lightning may also cause broken bones, loss of hearing and loss of eyesight).

If you are not trained in CPR and First Aid, see page 9 of this edition of Crosslinks for a schedule of classes!





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DON'T MISS IMPORTANT INFORMATION! This Red Cross Newsletter contains:

- * Memorial to Jean Peterson, Coordinator of Volunteers**
- * Your American Red Cross Today Luncheon Schedule for Apr., May, Jun. 2008**
- * The First Aid, CPR, Babysitting and Disaster Training Classes Schedules for Apr., May, Jun. 2008**
- * The Blood Drive Schedules for Kalamazoo, Allegan, Cass & St. Joseph Counties.**

You also can find those schedules on-line at www.greaterkzooredcross.org

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