

Coordinator e-News

Sweet Sixteen

On March 15, the Wisconsin state legislature passed a bill permitting 16-year-olds to donate blood with parental permission.

This is a great opportunity for students to step forward and give back to the community, and save a life by donating blood!

We are excited to be able to help these donors start on their journey to becoming a hero. We are encouraging any 16-year-old who would like to start saving lives to request a parental permission slip from their blood drive coordinator.

A copy of the permission slip will be added to your packets. Permission slips can also be obtained at any donor center or bloodmobile. The form must be turned in (according to your guidelines) prior to, or at the time of donation.

In order to make each first donation a wonderful experience, we are asking that you educate new donors on the importance of drinking 12-16 ounces of water and eating a hearty meal prior to registering for the blood drive.

If you have any questions, please contact your Recruiter!

“As of April 30th, we have already seen 222 16-year-old donors.”

Coordinator Of the Month

This month was outstanding in the Northwoods! We had so many exceptional blood drives that it was very difficult to select only one coordinator!

But Judy Bugni and the Mercer Lioness's Club really went the extra mile with their blood drive.

The volunteers made homemade goodies and they had hot cider! Judy and the Lioness's Club also recruited from the high school. They ended up exceeding their goal by 13 donors. Everyone always comes to help out and has a great time.

Thank you Judy, for all your hard work!

Superstar Ideas

★ Pete Mueller and the FFA Club did a great job recruiting donors by having a cookout with brats, Italian sausage, hamburgers, and hot dogs. At 8:00 a.m. donors were greeted by the smell of meat sizzling on the grill!

The sun was shining and it was 68°, which also helped lift everyone's spirits. Many thanks to Joyce Bloch (mother of FFA President Rachael), who cooked for 8 hours! Thanks to all who helped!!

★ Pam Karoliussen, coordinator at Riverside Clinic in Rhinelander had the best turnout ever! She had lots of healthy snacks, such as apples, muffins, and juice. There was also a drawing for a gift certificate to the St. Mary's Hospital Gift Shop. Many thanks for your support!

★ Welcome to two new coordinators: Andy Holmquist from Spirit Baptist Church in Ogema, and Julie Krueger!



Summer Blood Donations

Most of us can't wait for summertime! Did you notice "donating blood" is not on this list of summer activities?

With additional summer activities the average number of lifesaving blood donors decreases. In addition, summertime brings a high number of recreational and auto accidents. Blood needs to be available for those patients when they enter the hospital.

- ✓ **Summer sports**
- ✓ **Picnics at the park**
- ✓ **Family vacations**
- ✓ **Afternoon boating**

Please remember to donate blood during the summer and remind your family, co-workers and friends to donate as well.

For those of you who scheduled a blood drive during these crucial months, thank you! If you are not scheduled and are interested in hosting a summer blood drive, please call your Recruiter.

You've Got Mail!

Even if you aren't using eDonor for online scheduling, you can still use the system to reach your donors! All past donor email addresses can be found in your online blood drive profile.

You can easily create an electronic invitation to your donors with a few mouse clicks. We hope this tool will create another easy opportunity to invite your past donors back!

It's easy! Go to www.save3lives.org/sitecoordinator, enter your username

(first initial and last name, i.e.: Carrie Tucker, username = ctucker) and password (this is simply "password" unless you have changed it).

Navigate to the "Reports" tab and select a donor list to email. The system will take you through step-by-step. For more information, look at pages 12-15 of your "Coordinator Handbook." Contact your Recruiter with questions.

Happy emailing!

