by Peg Davey, Co-Chair

Members:
Peg Davey and Christopher Kleinhenz, Co-Chairs
Dale Burke, Chère Gibson, Kay Simmons, and Ann Wallace, Executive Director

Purpose: to encourage and support volunteering among our membership

Activities during the past year included the following:

Information in The Sifter, on UWRA website
- Contributed articles in The Sifter (1) about how to get connected to volunteer opportunities in the community, (2) from our members about their volunteer projects, and (3) encouraging volunteering and contributing to Midvale, our partner school.
- Expanded volunteering information on web site.

Communication with campus leaders
- Developed communication and materials for communication from Provost Deluca to deans, directors, department chairs and department administrators, encouraging consideration of retirees as volunteers. (November)

Collaboration with Morgridge Center for Public Service
- In spite of both our and Morgridge staff efforts, there has been little interest in the Badger Volunteer program. We have promoted frequently in The Sifter, and Morgridge staff have set up times for retirees to sign up, created a separate web site section for retirees, and developed posters for us to distribute. We agreed that there is no sense continuing to try to recruit at this level.
- Aside from the Badger Volunteer program we will periodically remind members in The Sifter that they can go to the Morgridge web site to explore opportunities for volunteering on campus.

Partnership with Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery (WID)
- Articles in The Sifter about volunteer opportunities at WID, including one by current volunteers Pat and Chuck Henrickson.
- Coordinating with WID staff to recruit volunteers for Science Festival September 26-29, 2013. Event has grown, many volunteers needed from welcomers to scientists.

Support of Partnership with Midvale School
- Continued to encourage members to volunteer at our partner school, Midvale Elementary.
- This spring we made a matching grant of $1,000 to Midvale thanks to reported gifts to Dane County schools of over $1,000 by our members.
Planning group volunteer events
- Our spring 2012 garlic mustard pull for board members was a success and we have been looking for other opportunities for group volunteer activities for our members.
- We plan to schedule a get-together for our volunteers during the Science Festival in the fall.

Selecting Volunteer of the Year
- In May of 2012 we awarded our first Volunteer of the Year award to James Hamre.
- We will again make this award at the UWRA annual meeting in May.

Surveying UWRA members about volunteering activity
- Chère Gibson designed a survey about volunteer activity that was publicized in The Sifter. We also asked for suggestions for our Committee.
- Responses are being reviewed for ideas that might inform our efforts.

Planning for expanded food pantry donations
- The Committee and Board agreed to expand our food pantry collections to events planned by the Committee on Financial Matters in Retirement and the Retirement Challenges Committee (and others to be determined) in addition to the luncheons.
- We put together a process for selecting pantries, collecting checks, and informing our members.
- Pending Board approval in April, the plan will be implemented in the fall.