Our Vision
To serve the elderly with presence, compassion and advocacy.

Our Mission
With respect and recognition of the dignity and value of each human being, the Senior Companion Program enhances quality of life for older adults through friendship, socialization and advocacy.

About the Senior Companion Program
SCP is a sponsored ministry of the Racine Dominicans

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The Bells of Christmas – The Call and the Challenge
by Sister Brenda Walsh, SCP Volunteer

We hear the bells of Christmas, reminding us of songs of old, calling for “peace and good will to all.”

We hear the bells of bounty, reminding us to look beyond our own needs, and see the pain and suffering and despair of so many people struggling for hope and a way to survive.

The call is to share the blessings we enjoy with faith, hope and love and to praise and bless the giver and receiver of the bounty we enjoy.

We hear the bells of hope in our time and place, calling us to welcome God’s presence, and to work to banish war and greed and replace them with justice and peace.

May the bells of beauty ring out and help us see God’s love and goodness all around us, lighting the world with HOPE.
A little about myself...I have been married for 29 years to my husband John. We have lived in Mount Pleasant all of our married life. We have two wonderful daughters. Both girls attended Catholic elementary school and graduated from St. Catherine’s High School. Our older daughter graduated from Bellin College of Nursing and is currently working as a surgical nurse at Aurora Hospital. Our younger daughter will graduate in May with a Master’s Degree in Communicative Nursing and is currently working as a surgical nurse at Aurora Hospital.

A Glimpse of Laurie
by Laurie Radewan

Since I began in late August, I have had the pleasure of meeting many wonderful people connected with our program. I am very happy to be here assisting Sister Joyce. A little about myself...I have been married for 29 years to my husband John. We have lived in Mount Pleasant all of our married life.

Ring in hope, ring out depression!
Ring in joy, ring out loneliness!
Ring in peace, ring out strife!

Breathe in hope, joy and peace every day of 2013!

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So now, ring in, welcome the presence of Laurie Radewan, SCP Assistant Director.

SCP Stats

The STATS for the fiscal year of September 2011 to August 2012 are now all tallied. We have recorded:

- 2,430 phone calls
- 1,607 visits
- 2,168 cards/letters/newsletters

The number of hours that our volunteers have contributed is remarkable and deeply appreciated. Time was spent in the following ways:

- Visiting, calling or writing: 3,383 hours
- Tasks in the office: 174 hours
- Transportation: 192 hours

Total volunteer hours: 3,749

We, as well as the recipients of these hours, are grateful and blessed with such dedicated and faithful volunteers.

Donations Received

September 1 to November 15, 2012

- Fr. Joseph Cox
- Kristi L Kurklis-Ohristad
- Luella Ottelin
- Willard Widmar
- Calvin & Marilyn Sustachek
- Marcia Meacle
- Jane Schumann
- Imogene Johnson
- Faye & Steve Endres
- Mary Anne Smith
- St. Rita Christian Mothers
- St. Lucy Altar Society
- Catherine & Douglas Gundlach
- Mary Jane & Ralph Lorentzen

Merry Christmas in Other Languages

Armenian – “Shenoraavor Nor Dari yev Pari Gaghand”
Bohemian – “Vesele Vanoce”
Dutch – “Vrolijk Kerfeest en een Gelukkig Nieuwjaar”
French – “Joyeux Noel”
German – “Froehliche Weihnachten”
Greek – “Kala Christouyenna”
Irish – “Nolaig Shona Dhuit”
Italian – “Buone Feste Natalizie”
Polish – “Wesołych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia”
Spanish – “Feliz Navidad”
Welsh – “Nadolig Llawen”
Yugoslavian – “Cestitamo Bozic”

Companionship Develops into Friendship

Receiving the following message from one of our many faithful volunteers gives us delight.

Jane writes, “Rosemary and I continue to share two hours together every week. She has become a very dear friend to me and my whole family!”

Wish she lived closer!”

Websites of Interest

Home Instead Senior Care - www.homeinstead.com/427
Comfort Keepers In-Home Care Services - www.comfortkeepers.com/racine-wi
ITNRacineCounty - Dignified Transportation for Seniors www.ITNRacineCounty.org

Tips for Staying Healthy During Flu Season

- Get plenty of rest.
- Cover your mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Stay well hydrated.
- Eat plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables.
- Keep moving!

Winter Cider Recipe

Ingredients:
- 2 cups water
- 6 cups apple juice or apple cider
- 1 12 oz. can frozen apple juice concentrate
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 1 medium apple, peeled and sliced
- 1 cup fresh or frozen cranberries
- 2 medium oranges, peeled and sectioned
- 2 cinnamon sticks

Directions: In a 5 qt. slow cooker or a large pot, combine all ingredients. Cover and cook on low for at least 2 hours. Discard cinnamon sticks. If desired, remove fruit with slotted spoon before serving. Yields approx. 10 servings.

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Dignified Transportation for Seniors

Please visit our website for more information about SCP’s services and how you can get involved.

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