

# Faith in Action of Edgar County

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## *Monte Reichenberg Resigns from Faith in Action*



Monte performed his final duties as President of the Board of Directors as he submits his resignation at the meeting, Wednesday, May 7th. This special meeting was held at Main Street Café with a breakfast given in his honor. Monte has been a driving force of Faith in Action of Edgar County from the very early days when this interfaith, volunteer, caregiving ministry was a dream for Edgar County. He worked along with the original board members which included Carolyn Sutton, Rich Euberfluss, Kami Miller, Lillie Davis and Carolyn Wilson, to help turn the dream into reality by September of 2003. Since that time Monte has held the office of President of the Board, Chairman of the Special Projects Committee and a Transportation Volunteer. In the early days Monte worked alongside Bob Staley to learn the art of ramp design. He has been the leader of all 346 ramp building projects and has constructed many modified steps and handrails. His determination to help all who are in need, his Godly faith, encouraging spirit, heartwarming smile and cowboy humor will be greatly missed by all who are involved with Faith in Action. Standing along with Monte are current staff and board members, which include: Rita Goodman, Karl Marshall, Monte, Diana Acord, Cindy Soughers, Nila Nugent, Norma Henson, Ron Hensley, Terry Bergdolt, Lillie Davis, Linda White and Judy Benton.

As difficult as it is to say good-by, we wish him well. Monte is leaving to accept the call at the First Presbyterian Church of Moorcraft, Wyoming. He will join his wife, Susan as she ministers at a congregation within the nearby area.

## *Nila's Corner*



It is no secret that this is by far my favorite time of year! This year, Spring has been a little slow in starting but finally we are seeing flowers blooming and trees beginning to bud! Ok, I know we saw a few little snowflakes too....but even so, what a great reminder of God's love for us as we see the ground turn back to green and life made new! Faith in Action is also in a major phase of growth, change and renewal! We have been blessed in so many ways and with those blessings have come challenges that we must keep our minds and hearts open to see just where God is leading us! It is exciting times and sometimes sad and even hectic times as we do our best to meet the needs of residents who live with chronic illness and/or physical limitations. We are very much in need of Volunteers to help us meet many of these needs. With Monte seeking new challenges we are left with some pretty big shoes to fill! If you like to work with wood and feel comfortable measuring and designing the builds for wheelchair ramps, steps and handrails....WE NEED YOU! Ramp building and driving our residents to medical appointments are two of our greatest services that are requested. If you have ever thought about joining our crew of volunteers....now's the time!! You will see how very easy it is and volunteering demands no more of your time than you would like to give! It truly is rewarding! Give us a Call (217)466-6388 ☺

*Happy Spring!*

*Nila*

**THANK YOU**

**BELL RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

**Our office was the recipient of an Office Supply Shower! The Bell Ridge Congregation collected office supplies of all varieties and filled our shelves! What a neat idea and blessing this is for the ministry of Faith in Action!**

*Here We Grow Again!*  
*Mike Step and Susie Hiddle*

It is exciting to watch Faith in Action GROW! We welcome Mike as he has shared a desire to help in the areas of transportation and special building projects. Since he joined, he has had the opportunity to recognize the great need we have in both areas! Susie has joined us in the area of transportation. She has also been active in helping get our residents to doctor's appointments. We are so happy to have Mike and Susie join us as FAITH in ACTION VOLUNTEERS!

**DID YOU KNOW.....The most priceless gift you can give someone is your time, because you're giving them something that you can never take back! What a beautiful and appreciated gift this is! Right now Faith in Action of Edgar County is in desperate need of VOLUNTEERS, especially in the areas of TRANSPORTATION and SPECIAL PROJECTS. The time required to volunteer is very flexible and rewarding. If you have an hour or two to spare every now and then, you can make a huge difference in the life of someone who would appreciate it so very much. CALL US TODAY TO FIND OUT HOW EASY IT IS TO BE AN FIA VOLUNTEER!**



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*Faith in Action*

*Nila Nugent ~ Program Director*

**Board of Directors**

- Monte Reichenberg President
- Linda White Vice President
- Judy Benton Secretary
- Terry Bergdolt Treasurer
- Lillie Davis
- Rita Goodman
- Ron Hensley
- Norma Henson
- Karl Marshall

**Calendar of Events**

**\*COMING in \* May, June, July\***

- May 7** - Board of Director's Meeting 8:30AM
- May 20-Card Angels Meet at 9:30AM -FIA Meeting Rm
- May 26 -Memorial Day - Office Closed
- May 29-June 3-Bus Trip with Diamond Tours to New York
- June 4** -Board of Director's Meeting 8:30AM -FIA Rm
- June 13 - FIAEC BAKE SALE - Shrine Weekend -
- June 14- FIAEC BAKE SALE - Shrine Weekend -
- June 24 - Card Angels Meet at FIA Meeting Rm -
- July 2**- Board of Director's Meeting 8:30AM
- July 4 - **Independence Day - Office Closed**
- June 28- FIAEC Family Picnic - Noon -  
Lake Ridge Christian Church Pavilion

**LIVE UNITED**



**Support the United Way of Edgar County.**  
**Working together we can**  
**make a difference!**

**FAITH IN ACTION VOLUNTEERS.....ON THE MOVE!**  
**MONTHS OF JAN 14- MARCH 14**

<u>Service</u>	
Transportation	489
Visiting	12
Shopping/Errands	24
Light Housekeeping	11
Yard Work	4
Telephone Contacts	16
Sewing and Mending	0
Laundry	0
Meal Prep	0
Special Events	0
Special Projects	78
Office Assistance/ Board Meetings/Fundraising	<u>107</u>
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>741</b>
<b>Total Miles Driven</b>	<b>5,209</b>

Average Number of Volunteers reporting hours monthly: **23**  
Average Monthly Contacts made with Care Receivers: **80**

**THANK YOU FIAEC VOLUNTEERS!**

If you want to drop your timesheets after hours, use our little mail slot on the inside door.