

NFRRS VOLUNTEER NEWSNOTE

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Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service, Box 575, Buffalo, NY 14225 [821-5555]
Studios at 1199 Harlem Road, Cheektowaga *** <http://www.nfradioreading.com>

Happy Birthday To Our Volunteers Born in July, including: Bob Anderson of Cheektowaga * Michael Beebe of Buffalo * Harry Brand of Williamsville * Anna Buckley of Buffalo * Val Derenda of Cheektowaga * Sandra Flake of Fort Erie * Larry Hillebrand of Williamsville * Barbara Hooven of Amherst * Pat Irwin of Buffalo * Mark Jay of Hamburg * Karen Kopper of Buffalo * Joseph Kuziora of Dunkirk * Anne Levin of Williamsville * Jane Marks of Orchard Park * Joyce Murphy of Kenmore * Dorothy Przybyl of Lancaster * Linda Rinella of Orchard Park * Ron Sipos of Buffalo * Juanita Smith of West Amherst * Chip Spencer of Buffalo * Amanda Steinbacher of Buffalo * Shirley Szen of Cheektowaga * Laura Szmania of East Aurora * Ceal Tachok of Buffalo * and Frank Wukovits of Cheektowaga!

Financial Crisis Creates "Summer Break" for NFRRS Readings July 6 - September 7

Because of severe financial hardship, the Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service will take a new "Summer Break" from Monday, July 6 through Monday, Sept. 7.

During Summer Break, while 24-hour-per-day Radio Reading will continue for our blind and print-handicapped listeners, **volunteer recording and live readings will take place only 8am-1:30pm on weekdays and 8am-Noon on weekends.**

Regular afternoon & evening recordings--and the "live" 4pm Buffalo News reading--will resume on Tuesday, September 8.

This year's "Summer Break" will continue morning and early afternoon weekday recordings throughout the summer.

We apologize for any inconvenience, but the economic financial disaster has hit the NFRRS very hard. Many of our traditional funding sources have dried up. Under the most difficult circumstances we have ever faced, we are doing everything we can to continue Radio Reading for our listeners.

We are making every effort to raise needed funds and reduce expenses. This "Summer Break" trial will enable continued 24-hour-a-day programming, while reducing costs, including air-conditioning during the hottest parts of each day.

Volunteers can sign up for available studio time in mornings or early afternoons 7/6-9/7. Please sign up for no more than one recording shift per week. This temporary drastic action is our sincere effort to make the best of a truly difficult situation.

As for our listeners, our 9am-4pm programs will be rebroadcast 4pm-11pm with special programs to be aired 11pm-9am.

Thank you for your patience, understanding and support during these brutal times. Questions? Ask Bob Sikorski (821-5555 or 553-8888) or your Board Operator.

What Can I Do to Help the Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service...?

*** Let other people (individuals, groups, companies, foundations) know that the Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service now urgently needs emergency donations to continue giving the Blind a chance to read (contributions can be sent to: NFRRS, P.O. Box 575, Buffalo, NY 14225).**

*** Collect coins for the "Radio Reading Makes Cents" Coin Drive, And encourage everyone you know to save their coins, too (coins can be dropped off at NFRRS anytime this summer-- and the big "Coin Drop-Off Day" will be Saturday, August 1- 9am-5pm at NFRRS).**

*** Gift Baskets, Gift Certificates, Theatre/Sports Tickets and New Items are Needed for the Nov. 8 Chinese Super-Auction. We will also be collecting bottles of wine & liquor, and unwanted "re-gifted" items for the event. You can bring them in anytime.**

*** People can donate shares of stock, mutual funds or other securities (or money!) to the NFRRS.**

*** Please consider will and/or planned gifts to the Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service.**

*** Place a Reading Radio with a print -handicapped person-- the more listeners, the more friends of the NFRRS.**

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But the Big "Coin Drop-Off Day" is Saturday, August 1 (9am-5pm) at the NFRRS, 1199 Harlem Road, Cheektowaga (between William & Clinton). That day, anyone can drop off their coins to our "Coin collection table" in front of our studios. August 1 will be a great day to drop off coins for a great cause!

Large quantities of coins can also be picked up on request; just call 821-5555.

United Way of Buffalo & Erie County Policy on Agency Promotion stipulates that NFRRS may promote donor designation only until August using only acceptable language, including:

The Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service is a... participant in the United Way of Buffalo & Erie County... Donor Choice program for 2009... You may consider... a gift designated to the Niagara Frontier Radio Reading Service.

Volunteers & friends can join the football fun of the 15th RRSFL- Radio Reading Service Fantasy Football League! Entry forms will be here in August. Fee: \$15; Expertise: None; Win: Big.