

THE TAPESTRY

The Tapestry Newsletter

What's New

At the January elections , the board elected the following officers for 2012.

- President—Marti Gray
- Vice President—Sally Sova
- Secretary—Rachel Sutcliffe
- Treasurer—Paula Land
- At Large—Janet Evans
- At Large—Teresa Fettkether

The Tapestry would also like to welcome Janine Kirkegaard and Kayla Stevenson to our Board of Directors. Their bios will be available on the website in the near future.

Milestone

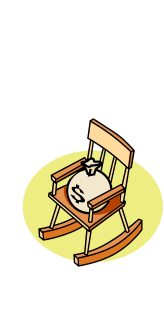
Thanks to the work of Marti Gray and Paula Land, we are excited to announce that we have obtained 501(c)3 tax-exempt status from the IRS. The IRS grants this coveted status upon organizations that meet specific legal requirements and operate under strict conditions with the goal of providing a public benefit. This is a huge accomplishment and will open many doors for The Tapestry.

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April 2012

“Problems are only opportunities in work clothes.”
~H. Kaiser



Think 8, **Save the Date** landed on Easter this April, therefore there will not be a social this month. We wish all of our members a Happy Easter and look forward to seeing everyone at the **May 8th** social which will be at Matthew 25 Groundswell at 5:30pm.

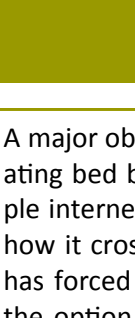
Upcoming Events

- Dining Club**—Thursday—May 24th—Lava Fusion—5400 Edgewood Road NE—5:30pm—We hope you can join us!
- Sports Club**—Wednesday—April 11th—At The Cedar Rapids Bowling Center 265 Blairs Ferry Road NE—5:30pm—The cost is \$3/game and \$2/shoes. Please RSVP by April 10th.
- Eco-fest 2012**—Saturday—April 21st—Downtown Cedar Rapids—Join Us!
- Art/Craft Club**—Saturday—April 28th—At The Epicenter 350 6th Avenue SE—10am-12pm—The activity will be DIY Musical Instruments, Circuit Bending and Contact Mics. Please RSVP by April 26th.
- Health Club and Garden Club**—Coming in May

If you are interested in any of these activities please RSVP to [Teresa Fettkether](#).

The Furniture Bank

The Furniture Bank is online. Items are listed under the “Furniture Bank” tab on our website. Currently we have eleven (11) items available. The cost in time dollars is as follows:



- 10 time dollars** for a sofa, dining suite and bedroom set
- 5 time dollars** for a chair, occasional table, electronic equipment and objects d'art
- 1 time dollar** for individual/unique items that don't fit the above criteria

An Amazing Gift

by David Gray

A major obstacle to the success of The Tapestry Furniture Bank is the risk of proliferating bed bug infestations via donated and refurbished goods and furniture. A simple internet search quickly revealed how wide spread the problem has become and how it crosses all economic, social, and cultural boundaries. The bed bug epidemic has forced many non-profits to discontinue accepting furniture donations. Without the option of donating to their favorite non-profit, many items are simply thrown away. Only two options exist to insure no infestation: Chemical or thermal treatments. Using only electrical energy, the thermal remediation technique is far more environmentally friendly and research shows it to be more effective as well.

The Tapestry Board of Directors felt confident that assuring safe handling was the key to The Furniture Bank success. To provide this assurance, the idea of equipping a trailer modified as a portable thermal remediation device came to mind. With this trailer, donations could be collected as well as treated. We went on a fact finding mission to Minnesota to explore thermal remediation equipment, designed specifically for eradication of bed bugs. We are pleased to report that we came back with much more than just facts!

TempAir, Inc. of Burnsville MN (Minneapolis suburb) was extremely generous. They agreed to refurbish and donate several outdated thermal heaters and two temperature monitoring systems. In addition to providing much of the equipment needed for the trailer, Temp Air's generous donation will also provide equipment for a stationary treatment chamber at a physical location, once the furniture bank secures space. What is even more special about the donated heaters is that these donations were about to be torn apart for salvage and disposal, eliminating competition for their newly designed equipment. TempAir's donation keeps the heaters themselves from the landfill and helps insure many other items will be saved from similar demise.

TempAir also spent nearly a full afternoon helping us refine the trailer design to optimize effectiveness. We learned that the 3 keys to successful eradication are heat, monitoring, and air movement. With the donation of the heaters and temperature monitoring equipment, two of the three key elements have been met. We still need to secure a trailer and air moving equipment (fans designed to operate in high temperature environment) but are well on our way to making this idea a reality.

The Tapestry is extremely appreciative of TempAir's generous donation. I'm excited to be part of this endeavor for our community, what an amazing gift!

New Members

WELCOME

- Alan Varela
- Amy Barker
- Carrie Jefferson
- Char Cox
- Janet Ault
- Jared Bennett
- Mumsy Baker
- Patty Bascom
- Stacie Yenter

Offers

Member Teresa—I am available to help you set up your garage sale by marking items and placing on tables. I won't be able to help you during the sale but if you would like to donate any unsold items I will box them up and give to The Tapestry Furniture Bank.

Member Diego—I would like to offer my help with home painting projects and minor carpentry/construction.

Member Jordan—I would like to spend time with others to work on fitness and exercise.

Member Matt—I am able to help with your garden/yard work.

Requests

Member Jeff—I need help cleaning and organizing my home I would also love to have someone teach me how to play the piano. I have my own piano.

Member Sally—I would appreciate someone to help me with sewing projects and/or possibly loan me a sewing machine.

Member Alan—I would like someone to teach me how to play the guitar.

More offers and requests are available online! Please log in to your Community Weaver account at <http://www.tapestry.timebanks.org> to view them. You don't have an account? [Join Today!](#)

Help your Time Bank!

Bring donated items to Stuff Etc.

Bring in your gently used, unwanted items and donate them to The Tapestry's charitable store account (consigner #15471). As they sell, we raise money to use to support our mission. Donor can receive a tax donation receipt for 50% of the value donated.

Make a monetary donation.

Please support our mission and help to offset costs associated with running The Tapestry (like rent).

Please send a tax deductible check payable to:
The Tapestry
601 2nd Ave SE #4
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401

Do you have fundraising ideas or would like to help us organize an upcoming social? Contact The Tapestry at 319-573-1744 to help.

Photos from Past Events



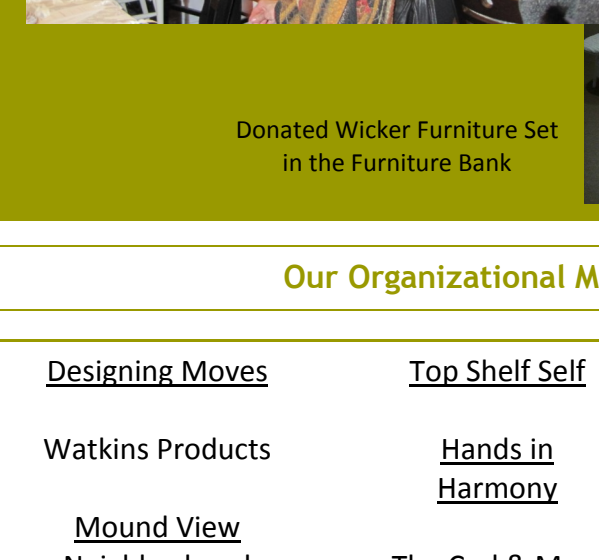
Salsa Dancing at the February Social



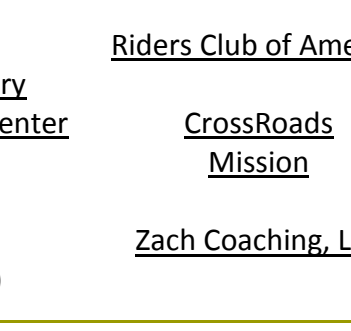
“Growing Up in Soviet Prague” with John Opatrny



A great time was had by all at The Tapestry Tea held at [Tatyana's Coffee Shop and Cafe](#) in Hiawatha.



Donated Wicker Furniture Set in the Furniture Bank



Our Organizational Members

Designing Moves

Watkins Products

[Mound View Neighborhood Association](#)

[Turning the Wheel Cedar Rapids](#)

Top Shelf Self

[Hands in Harmony](#)

[The Carl & Mary Koehler History Center](#)

[Ecumenical Community Center \(ECC\)](#)

Young Parents Network

[Matthew 25](#)

[Riders Club of America](#)

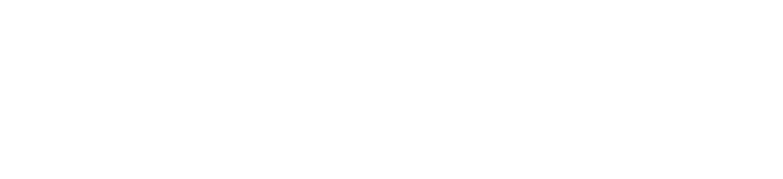
[CrossRoads Mission](#)

[Zach Coaching, LLC](#)



Notice: Community Weaver will be down for maintenance April 5th 10pm to 3am.

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