



Rockwell Collins Craft Club September 2009

**This Month
at a Glance**

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**Wed Sept 16 at 4:30
Main Plant Cafeteria**

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Quick! Summer is slipping away right through our fingers!!

Gotta hurry to soak up the last of the season! Here are the Highlights for the month!:

- ☀ Our craft this month will include a visit from the "Paper Ladies" who will guide us in making unique greeting and note cards.
- ☀ The updated membership form is included here— find a friend or two to join us once a month for crafty adventures!
- ☀ Reminder- our October meeting will not have a craft, but we will have a great time with our Annual Bingo and Pizza Party! Be sure to sign up in advance! (more details to come!)
- ☀ This month's Community Service is the Foundation 2 Crisis Center in Cedar Rapids. See more information and how you can help on page 3.

Just for Fun!

Happy Emma M. Nutt Day! (Seriously! It's on September 1st!)



Get Me
Pennsylvania
6-5000!

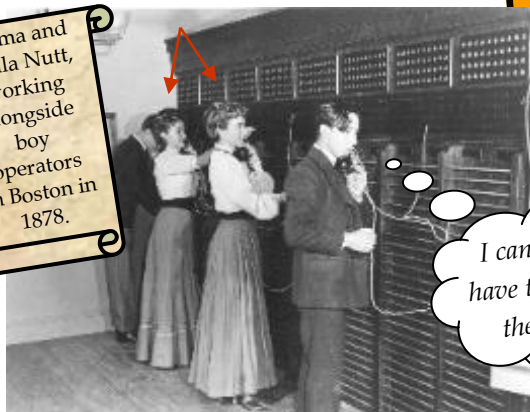
On September 1st 1878 Emma Nutt became the FIRST woman telephone operator in America when she began working for Edwin Holme's Telephone Despatch Co. Exchange at Boston, Massachusetts. By the mid 1880s most exchanges employed women as they were found to be less quarrelsome than men. She began working for the phone company as an attempt to replace the teenage boys who had been used for the job. She ended her career 33 years later. According to Emma, she was "very thankful that my first name was not Imma".

Historical Note: In 1879, there were 98 telephone subscribers listed on the New Orleans Telephonic Exchange. Most were companies (Pullman Palace Car Co.), city officials (Chief of Police), and charitable organizations (Jewish Widows and Orphans Home). A subscriber was advised to use the phone as follows:

Instructions:

To call the Exchange give a long ring with the bell crank and when the operator signals back, remove the telephone from the hook and give the name of the subscriber wanted. When called by the Exchange give a ring back, then remove the telephone from the hook and say Hello! Hello!

Emma and Stella Nutt, working alongside boy operators in Boston in 1878.



I can't believe I have to work with these Nutts!

Interesting Dates in September:

3rd – TV Soap Search for Tomorrow premieres on CBS (1951)

4th - Paul Harvey is born for "...the rest of the story" (1918)

10th - The Sewing Machine is patented!! (1846)

12th – John F. Kennedy marries Jacqueline Bouvier (1953)

30th– Singer Johnny Mathis is born (1935)

In the Spotlight...



Meet Mary Becker!

If you've seen this smiling face at Club time—then you've seen our Mary!

Mary Becker is a farm gal who moved to the big city of Marion in 2007 and was surprised to find that she *loves* it! She has 3 daughters, 5 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren!

Mary worked at Rockwell Collins from 1966 to 1976, when she retired. She got to try her hand in many areas on the floor during her time here. She started out by working with coils and some board assembly. By the time she was ready to retire, Mary was working in the stock room, where she took care of parts, mainly resistors and packing glass transformers.

She has done many, many sewing and craft projects over the years! She admits that if she had to avoid a certain type of project, it would be anything with glue!

("I don't like glue so much... it never seems to go the way I want it to!") And if she had to pick her most favorite of favorites? Quilting! Mary loves to quilt! And although she has experience with both hand and machine quilting, she now sends her projects out to be quilted.... Good idea, Mary! Then you have more time to start a new quilt!

Mary is kind of quiet... I really had to coax her to let me interview her! But if you have a chance, stop her to say hello! She has some great stories to share!



Get ready for Fall with these
Yummy apple recipes!



Caramel Apple Brownies

7 ounces caramels
2 tablespoons milk
1 cup light brown sugar (packed)
1/4 cup vegetable oil
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup sifted flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup pared, chopped apples
1/2 cup pecans, chopped

Heat oven to 350 degrees F.

Melt caramels with milk; set aside.

Mix sugar and oil; add egg and blend well, add vanilla extract. Add dry ingredients, then fold in apples and pecans. Pat half of batter into a greased 8-inch square pan; bake for 15 minutes.

Pour caramel mix on top and then top with the remaining batter. Return to oven for 20 minutes. Cut while warm.

Grilled Grannies

These go well with roast chicken or any spicy meats.

6 cups water
2 tablespoons lemon juice
2 Granny Smith apples

Combine water and lemon juice in a container that can hold all the apple wedges.

Core and peel the apples. Cut each apple into about 8 thick wedges. Submerge wedges in the lemon-water bath until ready to use. Since the lemon juice prevents browning, you can prepare them a day ahead of time.

Get the grill hot. Using tongs, place the apples on the grill. Cook until dark lines sear the apples. Turn and cook until the apples are warmed through but still firm, about 1 to 2 minutes per side.

Happy Birthday!

September

6th-Janice Berridge

15th-Thelma Goetsch

29th-Betty Schott

October

2nd- Sue Viall

7th- Janet O'Brien

9th- Darlene Ozburn

16th- Marlene Simon

20th- Suzanne Baxa

23rd- Michelle Bell

25th- Riquie Knipfel

August is "International Square Dancing Month"!

(Does Hallmark make a card for that?)



Remember in high school when the gym teacher announced, "Today we are going to learn square dancing!"? You picked out a partner, usually of the same sex, and then the teacher went on to teach you the commands, also known as calls, such as "dosado" and "swing your partner". Eventually, the teacher would put on a record of country music and test your square dancing skills by yelling out the calls in random order. You and your partner would watch each of the other three couples in your group, also called a square, perform the same thing.

Square dancing has evolved into the contemporary form known today as western-style square dancing. The calls have been standardized so that the dancing can be done anywhere in the world. Square dance organizations can be found in Australia, Germany, and Japan, to name just a few. Local square dance clubs or callers usually offer lessons.

The square dance caller is an integral element of square dancing. The caller provides the music and directs the dancing.

He directs the dancers through calls to a background of music, and a singing call, usually to a popular song in which the caller sings the lyrics, interspersed with square dance calls. During a singing call, the ladies progress from one partner to the next until they get back to their starting position, called home.

Traditional square dance clothing is optional in most areas. The traditional clothing consists of square dance skirts/blouses or dresses with petticoats and pettipants for the women, and dress pants and western-style long-sleeved shirts with bolo ties or western-style scarves for the men. Though many dancers still wear these costumes, the dress code has relaxed to include prairie or western-style skirts for the women (no petticoats or pettipants) and dress jeans for the men.

The best part about square dancing is the people you meet. Square dancers are children, singles, married couples, the elderly, and the wheelchair bound. The common denominator is friendliness and fun. Give it a try!



Services

The Mission of Foundation 2 is to be a trusted, compassionate resource for people in crisis offering counseling, safety, and support during difficult times.

Foundation 2 believes:

- People have the potential for positive change.
- People have a right to services to help them cope with crisis.
- The definition of crisis may vary with each individual.
- People of all ages, backgrounds, and orientations have the right to be treated with compassion, respect, and dignity.
- People are entitled to a safe environment.
- Conflict is best resolved through peaceful, non-violent means.
- Services should be provided in the least restrictive environment that meets the need.
- Most suicides are preventable.
- Ultimate responsibility for decisions rests with each individual.

Who We Are

Foundation 2 is a not-for-profit human service agency that offers crisis prevention and intervention programs to people of all ages. We are committed to positive youth development, suicide prevention, and helping build the foundation for stronger and healthier families and safer communities for everyone.

What We Do

Our services include a 24-hour crisis hotline, a youth shelter, individual and family counseling, and outreach and after-school programs for vulnerable youth.

Counseling
Support Groups
Food Pantry
Youth Shelter
Suicide Prevention

Click here to [visit](#) their site



A very excited Christy Martensen, After Hours Pantry Manager/MCO Counselor, provided us with a wish list for the center. She wrote, "I really appreciate your interest in Foundation2 and your compassion in helping others."

I'm attaching our wish list and there are stars by the much needed items. Our extreme needs are protein items such as canned meats (chicken, pork, beef stews, salmon etc.). We also need side items such as instant mashed potatoes, rice dishes, pastas etc.

We have recently received an increase in demand of hygiene items. We need deodorant, shampoo, toilet paper, women's feminine items, paper towels etc. Also, we need dish/laundry soap, and other cleaning supplies. In addition, any baby items would be greatly appreciated-diapers, wipes, lotions, etc.

Nonperishable Items:

(canned/package)

- Soups
- Meats (chicken, ham, salmon, and tuna)
- Chicken/Hamburger Helpers
- Chili
- Canned Spaghetti/Ravioli
- Beef Stew
- Peanut butter
- Pancake mix & syrup
- Spaghetti & sauce
- Rice
- canned beef hash
- refried beans
- Velveeta chunk cheese
- chow mein & noodles
- Diabetic food items
- pop top canned goods
- *zip lock baggies-all sizes
- *Any protein item

Toiletries:

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- *Feminine Products(pads/ tampons)
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Kleenex
- *Toilet Tissue
- *Deodorant
- *Diapers of all sizes
- *Baby wipes
- Baby Lotion/Powder

***Our clients are in need of can openers, especially those that are homeless!**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. My hours are Mon/Thurs. 5pm-Midnight. You can also just email me. I'm looking forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Christy Martensen

After Hours Pantry Manager/MCO Counselor

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ROCKWELL COLLINS CRAFT CLUB REGISTRATION FORM FY 2010

(DO NOT SEND CLUB MEMBERSHIP MATERIAL (DUES, REGISTRATION FORM) THROUGH COMPANY MAIL
(CHECKS FOR MEMBERSHIP SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO: ROCKWELL COLLINS CRAFT CLUB)

RETURN TO: Pat Little
3685 28th Ave.
Marion, IA 52302

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON USE ONLY

Check # _____ Cash _____

PLEASE PRINT

PLEASE PRINT

Participant Name: _____

Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

(Zip + 4)

e-Mail Address: _____

May we send the monthly newsletters electronically to your email address? Yes No

If working: Ext. _____ Mail Station _____

Birthday – Month _____ Day _____

Rockwell Collins Association: (Choose the **one** that fits your situation)

CHECK		FILL IN	AMOUNT DUE
<input type="checkbox"/>	Working	Year of Hire?	Fee \$12.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Retired	Year Retired?	Fee \$12.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spouse	Name?	Fee \$12.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spouse Retired	Year Retired?	Fee \$12.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contract	Agency?	Fee \$12.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other		Fee \$12.00

Activity: ROCKWELL COLLINS CRAFT CLUB Participation fee _____

RELEASE:

I understand that the above named activity is sponsored for recreational purposes only. I also understand the nature of the activity including its possible risks and voluntarily register for participation.

I hereby release Rockwell Collins, Inc., from any claims, demands or damages because of injury or death, other than customary and reasonable medical expenses under the existing company medical plan, resulting in any way from participation in this activity.

Signature: _____ Date _____

*Subsidized participants are defined as current employees, retired employees, and spouses of the above. All other participants must pay an amount equivalent to the companies per person subsidy plus individual fee established for this activity. Inclusion of non-subsidized participants will be subject to each individual program's concurrence.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Total amount received _____
Date _____ Signed _____

THE SPOILED UNDER-30 CROWD!!!

When I was a kid, adults used to bore me to tears with their tedious diatribes about how hard things were. When they were growing up; what with walking Twenty-five miles to school every morning.... Uphill... barefoot.... BOTH ways Yadda, yadda, yadda

And I remember promising myself that when I grew up, there was no way in hell I was going to lay a bunch of crap like that on my kids about how hard I had it and how easy they've got it!

But now that... I'm over the ripe old age of thirty, I can't help but look around and notice the youth of today.

You've got it so easy! I mean, compared to my childhood, you live in a damn Utopia!

And I hate to say it, but you kids today, you don't know how good you've got it!

I mean, when I was a kid we didn't have The Internet. If we wanted to know something, we had to go to the damn library and look it up ourselves, in the card catalogue!!

There was no email!! We had to actually write somebody a letter - with a pen!

Then you had to walk all the way across the street and put it in the mailbox and it would take, like, a week to get there! Stamps were 10 cents!

Child Protective Services didn't care if our parents beat us. As a matter of fact, the parents of all my friends also had permission to kick our ass! Nowhere was safe!

There were no MP3's or Napsters! If you wanted to steal music, you had to hitchhike to the damn record store and shoplift it yourself!

Or you had to wait around all day to tape it off the radio and the DJ would usually talk over the beginning and @#*% it all up! There were no CD players! We had tape decks in our car. We'd play our favorite tape and "eject" it when finished and the tape would come undone. Cause - that's how we rolled, dig?

We didn't have fancy crap like Call Waiting! If you were on the phone and somebody else called they got a busy signal, that's it!

And we didn't have fancy Caller ID either!

When the phone rang, you had no idea who it was! It could be your school, your mom, your boss, your bookie, your drug dealer, a collections agent, you just didn't know!!! You had to pick it up and take your chances, mister!

We didn't have any fancy Sony Playstation video games with high-resolution 3-D graphics! We had the Atari 2600! With games like 'Space Invaders' and 'Asteroids'. Your guy was a little square! You actually had to use your imagination!! And there were no multiple levels or screens, it was just one screen... forever!

And you could never win. The game just kept getting harder and harder and faster and faster until you died! Just like LIFE!

You had to use a little book called a TV Guide to find out what was on! You were screwed when it came to channel surfing! You had to get off your ass and walk over to the TV to change the channel! NO REMOTES!!!

There was no Cartoon Network either! You could only get cartoons on Saturday Morning. Do you hear what I'm saying!?! We had to wait ALL WEEK for cartoons, you spoiled little rat-bastards!

And we didn't have microwaves, if we wanted to heat something up we had to use the stove! Imagine that!

That's exactly what I'm talking about! You kids today have got it too easy. You're spoiled. You guys wouldn't have lasted five minutes back in 1980 or before!

Regards,

The Over 30 Crowd

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It's going to be Election Time soon! Start thinking now about where you could make a difference in Craft Club!

