

# Cargill Cares Alumni

**Alumni in Action: 1985 - 2023** 



# **Cargill Cares Alumni-Twin Cities**

38 years of community involvement

#### **Mission:**

The purpose of the organization is to promote *volunteer efforts* that align with and support the Cargill vision and mission, plus promote *social* and *educational* activities.





Cargill Vanguard

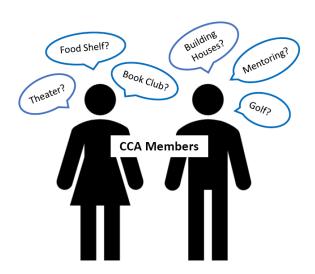
Cargill Financial Wellness Program

2022/2023 Webinar Schedule

## **CCA Benefits: Connections**

What are you interested in?

☐ The CCA helps Cargill Alumni (as well as spouses/partners) reconnect with prior coworkers and help make a difference in our community.



- □ CCA provides a structure for volunteer opportunities, plus educational and social activities.
- ☐ Costs nothing to belong, and is one of the best ways to make connections. Just get signed up and jump in when you see something of interest.

# Membership is Growing



# **CCA Board Members**



President: Phil Deeney

# **CCA Board Members**



Shirley Boyd Volunteer Projects



Terry Garvert New Projects



John Keefe Social/Past President



Wayne Koester
Treasurer



Barb Kula
Communications



Mary Kurth Recognition

### **CCA Board Members**



Colleen Porter
Website



Ceal Regnier
Social Events



Julie Rothstein Vice President



Tom Streit Education



Bill Swift
Immediate Past Pres.



Jan Weisberg Membership

# **CCA Support Team**

### Magic behind the scenes

CCA Admin Support
Debi Hruby Mary Jo Woolf





# Communications – all digital now

- Weekly CCA email announcements
- CCA Website
- Quarterly Newsletter/Latest News

# **Weekly CCA Announcements**

Subject:

CCA Announcement - Monday March 27, 2023

# The Communication Team sends weekly email notices

CCA Announcements - Monday, March 27, 2023

- Tap Connection
- Bridging
- Second Harvest Heartland

<u>Tap Connection</u> - Join us for some suds and fellowship at our <u>for</u> 6 starting at 4 pm. We will meet at Excelsior Brewing in Excelsior,

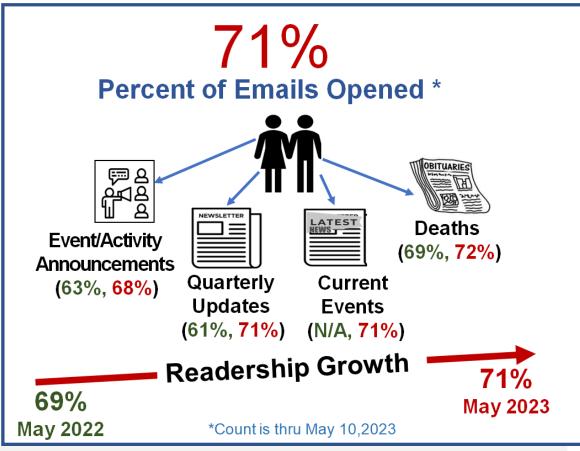
<u>Bridging Opportunities Reminder</u> – Join the Bridging Team to bui site for families transitioning out of homelessness. The session w Connect/reconnect with Cargill employees and CCA members. C register and view the site map for the Roseville Bridging site. Sign up for Bridging on May 17, 1 – 3:30 p.m. at the Bloomington and more information.

Second Harvest Heartland - Join us to pack donated commodities community. Located at their facility in Brooklyn Park. If you haver recently, click here to contact Julie Rothstein for initial sign up in volunteer, click on the links below to sign up for a shift (or go to the website):

April 11<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 AM, click here April 18<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 AM, click here April 26<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 AM, click here

Click <u>HERE</u> to go to the Cargill Cares Alumni website. There you newsletters, etc.

All queries should be directed to the Alumni Office at <u>cargillcares</u> 952.742.6188 to leave a message.



# **CCA Website**

Home Event Calendar Litest News NewsLetter About CCA Member Access

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#### Welcome to Cargill Cares Alumni

We help former Cargill employees connect with other Cargill Alumni, enrich their active lifestyles and serve the communities in which they live.

Membership is open to all former Cargill employees and their spouses/partners.

Click to Join Us

Member Login:

**1** Email

■ Password

Forgot password

Log in

Volunteer

### Google - Cargill cares alumni

Click on the Event

Calendar to keep up-todate on CCA volunteer,
social and education
events.



Work with fellow Alumni on projects that help those in need and make a difference in the communities we live.

Go to Volunteer Projects for details and schedules for each activity.

#### Connect



Join fellow Alumni in social activities such as theater performances, tours, and sporting events.

View general info on our annual Social Events

#### Learn



Update your knowledge on technology, health, financial and other current topics. View upcoming Cargill and Vanguard-sponsored financial wellness webinars.

View the <u>Event Calendar</u> for a full listing of events by month. CCA members are also encouraged to participate in Cargill-affiliated activities. Scheduled events are on CCA's Calendar and included in weekly CCA email announcements. Check the <u>Latest News</u> on the menu to view the most recent Newsletter and other news!

#### Volunteer Opportunities

#### SECOND HARVEST HEARTLAND

03/14/2023 9:00 AM • 7101 Winnetka, Brooklyn Park 55428

#### SECOND HARVEST HEARTLAND

03/21/2023 9:00 AM • 7101 Winnetka, Brooklyn Park 55428

#### SECOND HARVEST HEARTLAND

#### Social Events

General info on annual and upcoming events on the <u>Social Events</u> page

#### CCA BOOK DISCUSSION -BECOMING - MICHELLE OBAMA

03/15/2023 1:00 PM • Zoom link to be sent to those registered on March 13

#### sent to

View an informative seminar on Fraud/Scams

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**Educational Events** 

Save the Dates!! Click on

the link to view upcoming

Cargill and Vanguard-

sponsored financial

wellness webinars.

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Cargill Cares Alumni May 2023

### **CCA** calendar

Month: April 2023

Color-coded by type of event.

Scroll forward to see what's coming up next!

Week Month	n Year		< Previous Month Toda Next Month >			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	9:00 AM Second Harvest Heartland	30	BestPrep eMentor Program - Spring Session (Reply by March 31)	Apr 1
2	3	9:00 AM Feed My Starving Children	9:00 AM The Food Group	6 4:00 PM CCA TAP Connections - Excelsior Brewing in Excelsior	7	8
9	1:00 PM Bridging - Dresser Build with Cargill Management Team	9:00 AM Second Harvest Heartland	12 ews with Achieve	11:30 AM Webinar: Retirement Income Planning  Twin Cities	14	15
16	17	9:00 AM Second Harvest Heartland	11:00 AM The Prom at Chanhassen	20	21	22
23	24	25	9:00 AM Second Harvest Heartland	27	28	29

# **Quarterly Newsletter/Latest News**

# New digital format on the website



Home Event Calendar Latest News NewsLetter About CCA Member Access

Click on links below to read the newsletter articles. ....Or click on **Spring 2023** Newsletter to view the full document.

**Reconnect, Re-energize:** After a pause due to COVID, reconnect at the 2023 CCA Annual meeting! Dave MacLennan, retired CEO of Cargill, is our keynote speaker. Click to read the *Feature article*.

President's Corner: Phil Deeney -- click to read more from Phil

Use Your Skills to Address Hunger: No matter your education, work background or years of experience, all of our Cargill alumni have much knowledge and experience to offer! Partners in Food Solutions (PFS) offers opportunities to use your knowledge and experience in helping to reduce food insecurity, improve economic development and improve access to healthy food in Africa. To learn more about this skills-based volunteering, click here.

**Cloud Coach - eMentoring Program a hit:** The winter session helped mentor Washburn High School students. Want to give students the benefit of your experience? The next program starts in April. Learn more <u>here</u>.

**Make Your Choices Known** — **Update your Member Profile:** We will now be using CCA Member Profile information to understand your interest areas and target communication about activities that fit your profile. The profile takes only a few minutes to complete. Click **Profile** for the step-by-step process.

**Almost Tee Time**: Despite what you see outside, Golf Season is coming soon. Click *Golf* for more info.

Want to view past Newsletter? Members can log on and Click here.

# Cargill Cares

Alumni Newsletter Spring 2023

Click link for more info on upcoming **Social Events** 

Click <u>Volunteer Projects</u> for info on CCA activities.

New opportunity at Bridging April 10. Click on <u>Dresser</u>

<u>Build</u> for more info and to register for the event.

View upcoming education-Cargill/ Vanguard webinars: March 16 – Women & Investing April 13 - Retirement Income Planning

# Volunteer Opportunities



- CCA Sponsored Activities
- Supported Cargill/Foundation Events
- Independent Volunteer Activities

# 2022 Volunteer Hours > 14,500 Hours

71% of the hours reported are Independent Volunteer Activities!

Organization	CCA	IVA	Total
IVA - Other		8,876	8,876
Habitat for Humanity	2,065	17	2,082
Second harvest	970	271	1,241
CCA - Admin (Support/Board/Committees)	514		514
The Food Group	404	4	408
Partners in Food Solutions		328	328
Prepare+Prosper/AARP VITA		272	272
Feed My Starving Children	102	147	249
Bridging	37	130	167
Other Cargill/Foundation supported		115	115
Three Rivers Park District	11	95	106
Hope Academy	60		60
The Good Acre	58		58
Best Prep		56	56
CCA – Other	70		70
Grand Total	4,291	10,312	14,603

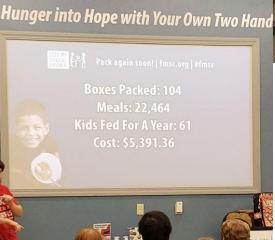
# Report your volunteer hours!

- Provides visibility to Cargill on the Alumni impact in our communities
- If you participate in CCA-sponsored events, the Project Leader reports your volunteer time
- For Independent Volunteer Activities email hours to CCA Admin for input

# Volunteers in Action

# **Addressing Food/Nutrition**







□ Focus: Second Harvest Heartland is one of the nation's largest, most efficient and most innovative food banks.



CCA volunteers provided 1,241 hours of service this past year to process food for the needy









Quote from a SHH volunteer coordinator:

"CCA is one of our most consistent volunteer groups. Each week, our team knows to prepare for the 9-11 a.m. shift as CCA always comes ready to work! In 2022, CCA volunteered over 800 hours of service to Second Harvest Heartland."

Second Harvest's annual report highlights CCA volunteering; 3 times per month for 20 years





□ **Focus**: The Food Group is focused on using nutritious food to strengthen the community in 32 counties in Minnesota and Wisconsin.



The Food Group since 2008. In the past year, CCA volunteers devoted 408 hours to TFG



☐ Focus: Feed My Starving Children provides nutritionally complete meals specifically formulated for malnourished children around the world.





CCA volunteers committed
249 hours to reduce the
number of starving children
throughout the world



# The Good Acre - New CCA Project

□ Focus: Connect and strengthen farmers, food makers, and communities through good food.



Off to a good start, volunteers clocked 58 hours in 2022



# **The Good Acre**







# **Addressing Housing/Home Security**



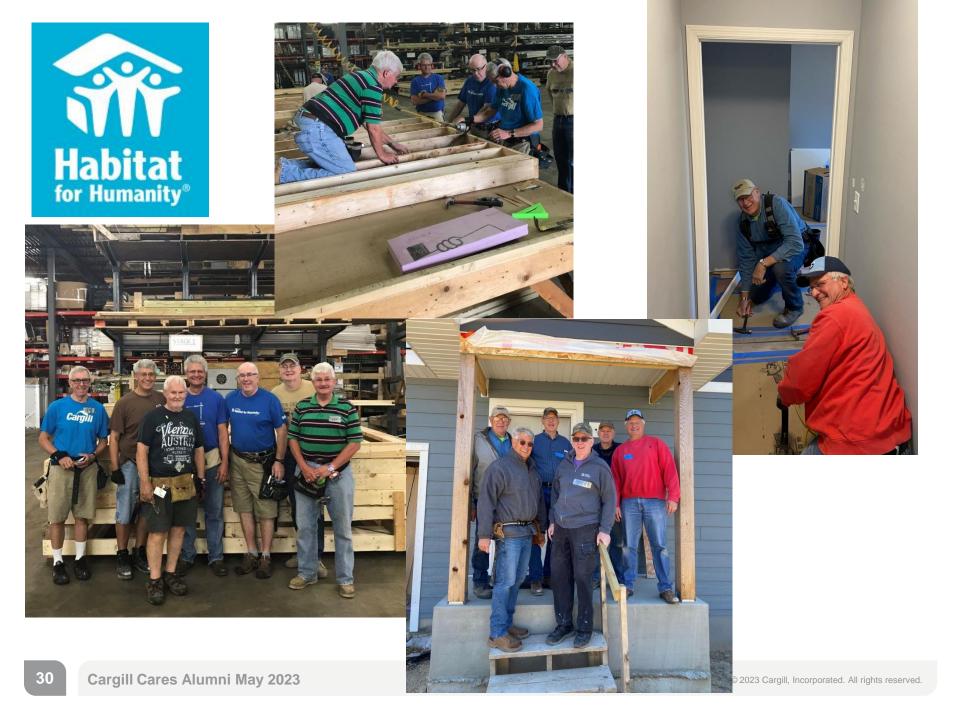


☐ Focus: Habitat for Humanity provides affordable housing to families in need — CCA worked on this house in Chaska





CCA volunteers dedicated 2,082 hours to H4H in 2022, the most for any of CCA's scheduled projects



## **AARP 2022 Volunteer Award**

CCA Member Roger Wherry – accepting the Award; Roger has devoted an average of more than 500

hours/year to H4H







reuses donated items to provide quality furniture and household goods to those transitioning out of homelessness and poverty.



CCA members spent 167 hours in 2022 to help people get basic housing needs







A combined team of 20 Cargill and CCA members built 28 dressers at the April Dresser Build!

# Addressing Economic/ Education Issues



# **Partners in Food Solutions**



PFS offers an opportunity to use your knowledge and experience in helping to reduce food insecurity, improve economic development and improve access to healthy food in Africa.

CCA members devoted 328 hours in 2022





CCA volunteers spent 60 hours to tutor students in preparation for the ACT college exam - in English, science, math and reading

☐ **Focus:** Hope Academy mobilizes educational, business and community leaders to achieve the goal of serving the children of Minneapolis with a remarkable education.

# Best Prep – Cargill Foundation Org



Inspire. Educate. Connect.

Cargill & Washburn

Program Results \* Winter 2023

Program Impact 140 Students



110 Volunteers



1,809 Messages Sent



97% of Mentors would participate again



"I learned a lot about goal setting and how to work towards having the best future for myself. I got input from my mentor and it helped me get a new perspective on my interests."

-Washburn High School Student



56 CCA hours were devoted to Best Prep in 2022

CCA Members and Cargill employees used their experiences to e-mentor high school students

**#bestprep** 

# Prepare + Prosper AARP/VITA

Although it is not a CCA-sponsored Project, CCA members reported 272 hours this past year

☐ Focus: Combining the power of caring volunteers, certified training, and expert advice to assist in preparing tax returns – free to qualified applicants



U.S. Individual Income Tax Return

# **Addressing the Environment**



Various activities, but includes annual tulip pull







□ Focus: Three Rivers Park District promotes environmental stewardship through recreation and education in a natural resources-based park system.

CCA volunteers spent 106 hours maintaining trails in 2022

# Other Cargill Options to Explore

- United Way Action Day –Fill student backpacks
- Achieve Minneapolis
- Junior Achievement BizTown
- Friends of the Mississippi River





Watch for these and other opportunities in the weekly CCA Announcements!

# Social Events

# **Chanhassen Dinner Theater**

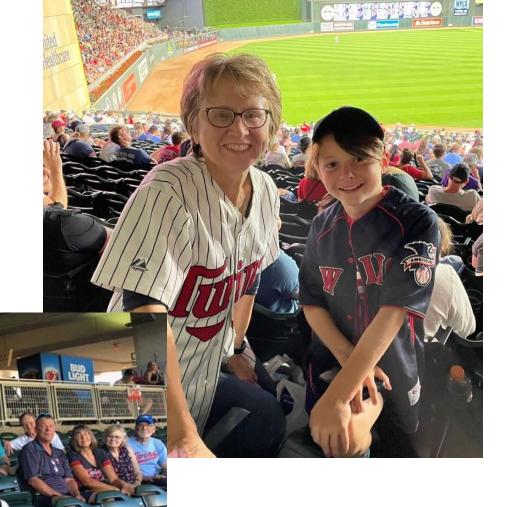


# **Chanhassen Dinner Theater**



# Twins Baseball

**June 2022** 





# Hudson, WI River Cruise – August 2022



# Once Upon a Mattress - October 2022









# **Tap Connections**

Started in January – first
Thursday of the month at
4:00 p.m. – check the CCA
calendar for updates

The social gathering fosters conversation,

laughter and connections.



# CCA Book Club – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday (usually)

A variety of topics, genres, time periods



Discussions
via Zoom
(poor weather)
or public
library



# **Upcoming 2023 Social Events**

### **SUMMER 2023**

- Twins Game June
- Saints Game July
- Paddleford River tour September

### **FALL 2023**

 Old Log – October – highly acclaimed "Million Dollar Quartet"

### **WINTER 2024**

Chanhassen – April

### **SPRING 2024**

CCA Annual Meeting – May

### **MONTHLY**

- Tap Connections First Thursday
- Book Club Third Wednesday (usually)

### **CCA Book Club**

Members expanded reading horizons via monthly book discussions; on Zoom during winter, in person in the fall.

### Here's the next books in the line-up:

June - The Carnegie Maid by Marie Benedict

July - The Senator Next Door by Amy Klobuchar

August – **Unbroken** by Laura Hillenbrand

September – <u>Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania</u> by Erik Larson

October – Nothing More Dangerous by Allen Eskens

November – The Body in the Transept by Jeanne M. Dams

# **Tap Connections**

## **Upcoming schedule:**

June 1 at Utepils Brewing Co.in Minneapolis.
Check out their website for more information - <u>Utepils</u>
<u>Brewing - Good Living Comes From Good Brewing</u>

July - Holiday break

August – TBA – Western suburbs

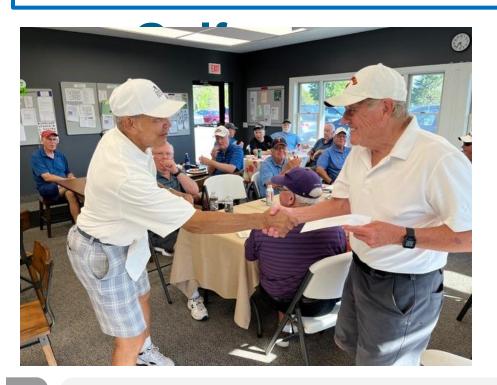
# Golf/Bowling



- CCA Golf schedule started in April
  - √Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. various courses
  - √ Check the website for details; or Contact Joe Fournier
- Cargill Golf League
  - ✓ Brookview, Mondays 5:30 p.m. May 1 August 31
- Cargill Bowling
  - ✓ September March

With a roster of nearly 100, CCA golfers tee off on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m.; Annual Golf Tournament is August 3, 2023





The Cargill League started bowling in September. It is a mixed team of Cargill-affiliated bowlers – men and women

# **CCA Golf**

# **Education Seminars**

# **CCA Sponsored Seminars in 2022**

Medicare Changes
October

Fraud Seminar November

Via Benefits
provided info on
how to prepare
for the 2023
Medicare
changes

The Hennepin County
Attorney's Office presented
an excellent virtual seminar
on Protecting Yourself from
Fraud



PRETEND: Fraudsters pretend to be from a credible organization

How to Spot Fraud



PROBLEM OR PRIZE: Fraudsters will say you're in trouble or won big



PRESSURE: Fraudsters will push you to act immediately



PAY: Fraudsters will insist that you send money through digital means, gift cards, or checks to avoid meeting in-person

# **Education – 2022-23**

# Cargill Vanguard offered informative online seminars

	Monthly Topics:
June	Investing in Volatile Markets Protect Your Financial Data
July	Timeline to Retirement
August	Learn About Social Security
September	Medicare
October	Health Savings Accounts
November	Understanding Your Cargill Retirement Benefits
December	Is Roth Right for You?
January	Budgeting and Debt Management
February	Estate Planning Basics
March	Women & Investing
April	Retirement Income Planning

# **Upcoming Education Seminars**

### **CCA Sponsored Seminars:**

- June Fraud Prevention (Hennepin County)
- October Medicare Changes for 2024 (Via Benefits)



### **Financial Wellness Seminars:**

2023 -2024 Schedules will be posted on the CCA Website – and watch the weekly announcements

# **CCA** is Your Organization

Reconnect

Re-engage

Come on Back!

Contact us:

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952-742-6188

View website:

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