

From the desk of your Publisher..... *Dianne Dufuga*

The month of November presents a wonderful opportunity for you to not only give thanks for all that you have but to **Give** from your heart to help those who do not. To quote from last year's November issue, which I personally think summarizes up what needs to be said is, "that most of us are fortunate to have stable jobs (or adequate retirement), a beautiful place to live and a wonderful community to live in. However, many Warren Township families and individuals are hanging on, struggling at this time of year with perhaps a job loss, home foreclosures, and the constant struggle with the economic up's and down's!"



For the next six weeks, the HeatherRidge Umbrella Association will be collecting non-perishable food and paper products to donate to our own Warren Township Food Pantry. If you can get your donations over to the main office, we can get them to the Food Pantry. Those who live in the condo buildings, why not collectively get together and put a container in the lobby where residents can put their donations? You may also make a monetary donation. Anything you can give is appreciated!!!

Community Food Drive - November 1 - December 19th **Donate from your Heart!**

MONETARY \$\$\$ AND NON-PERISABLE FOOD ITEMS

Canned soups, fruits, veggies, meats/tuna, salmon, cereals, crackers, nutrition bars, cookies, single-serving juices, non-refrigerated snacks, pasta, sauces, noodles, rice, and paper products such as toilet paper, towels and plates/bowls. Don't forget dog/cat food for our needy furry friends too. \$\$ You may also make a monetary donation. These food \$\$\$ are truly appreciated, making funds available for greater purchasing power from the Northern Illinois Food Depository.

Make checks out directly to the Warren Township Food Pantry.

PLEASE DON'T DONATE ANY FOODS
BEYOND THE EXPIRATION DATE!

Drop off Monday through Friday from
9 am to 5 pm
at the HeatherRidge Umbrella Office
5864 Manchester Drive or call 847-816-9300



*One more thought - while many of us are able to celebrate the wonderful holiday of Thanksgiving with our family and dear friends, there are many people who do not have close family around, perhaps do not have any friends to share the day with. Look around at your acquaintances, people who touch your life, your neighbors.... is there anyone that you think might be alone? This is not always a season of happiness and for someone alone, regardless of the circumstances, a warm invitation to share in your celebration could mean the world! Count your blessings as I count mine each and every day, for family, friends, for all the abounding opportunities that come our way! Be ready for them, open your hearts to them, and give thanks for them! *Dianne**

Don't let your hearts grow numb. Stay alert.
Albert Schweitzer
Humanitarian/Philosopher