



Allen Shay, a member of Mississippi Valley (WI) Branch 100, presents a carnation to a Pigeon Falls Nursing Home resident in celebration of Mother's Day. The branch also donated an aroma therapy diffuser to the facility.



T-shirts and volunteers were provided by New Life Branch 88 in Lake Zurich (IL) for the 2005 Training Camp at Ingleside's Camp Duncan YMCA. Children up through the 8th grade came from several states to attend the camp. During their stay, they learned about good works they can do to benefit others in addition to participating in activities that focus on nature, new crafts, and water safety.



The entire executive board of Wisconsin Valley (WI) Branch 3 presents a check to Chuck and Ellen Haebig (seated). The branch held a major Matching Funds benefit for the couple to help offset medical expenses.



After busing tables, Dean and Sue Loudon, Barbara Schmitt, and Helen Fuchs have fun washing dishes at the Pizza Ranch in Oostburg. The event was just one of several projects organized by Sheboygan (WI) Branch 630 members to raise funds for their annual scholarship program.



Nonperishable food items were collected and delivered to the Loaves and Fishes Interfaith Food Pantry in Luck by volunteers from Indianhead (WI) Branch 828. Pictured left to right are: Jean Kahl (with the food pantry), Edith Osborn, Dale Vlasnik, John Hansen, Bill Osborn, and Mary Ann Sloper.



Oconomowoc (WI) Branch 717 volunteers sort through a collection of Boyd's stuffed animals which will be donated to Oconomowoc Memorial Hospital for children after surgery. Pictured left to right are: Rhonda McKenna, John Wegner, Kathie Mayer (an NMB member and nurse in the hospital's day surgery unit), Roger Mayer, and Joe Popelka.



Members of Menomonie (WI) Branch 927 donated over 70 pies and treats for a pie and ice cream social held at Wilson Park. This annual event, sponsored by the branch, raises money for the Al Kuester & Patricia Wolf Scholarship Fund, which benefits high school seniors going on to college.



Librarian Linda Donnay (left) accepts a Matching Funds check for a book fair held by First Lutheran School in Glencoe. Making the presentation are Michelle Alsleben, a member of Crow River (MN) Branch 302, and NMB District Representative Glenn Gruenhagen.



Madison (WI) Branch 400 volunteers have prepared and are ready to serve a Meals for Madison dinner at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Pictured left to right are: Ann Femrite, Dick Hayden, Helen Sullivan, Vi Bergum, Grant Gintz, Bea Hayden, and Ken LaClair.



How to Apply for the National Scholarship Benefit

The 2006 National Scholarship Benefit program will award up to \$30,000 for the 2006–07 academic year. If you are a college-bound student who enjoys helping others through volunteering, you may be eligible to win a \$1,000 scholarship.

To apply, you must be:

1. A member of National Mutual Benefit under your own life insurance policy or annuity contract;
2. Planning to enroll full-time in an accredited college, university, or technical school;
3. A graduating high school senior in the class of 2006, or a student already pursuing an undergraduate or associate degree; and
4. Age 25 or younger.

Applications are now available. For more information or to obtain an application, go online at www.nmblife.org, contact your local NMB representative, or call the Home Office in Madison at 1-800-779-1936, ext. 6056. You can also e-mail your request to bennyb@nmbfrat.org.

Completed application materials must be postmarked on or before **February 28, 2006**. Scholarships are not renewable, but you may apply each year. An individual member may receive up to two national scholarships.