

QCCA NEWSLETTER

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Psst, I heard some gossip. The latest news from your President

We have *huge* excitement bubbling over at the Expo Center, and we finally get to share it with you! If you haven't stopped by since last show season, get ready — because the transformation is already underway, and it's impossible not to feel the energy in the air.

We're beyond thrilled to announce that we've partnered with a brand-new building sponsor, and they've hit the ground running. Their plans aren't just big — they're *building-shaking* big. Fresh paint throughout the entire building, a beautifully updated women's restroom, improvements to the café, and a long list of upgrades still to come. The facelift has officially begun!

We've also been in discussions with another sponsor for major floor improvements — leveling, crack repair, and structural updates. After careful consideration, the E-Board decided to pause additional sponsorships until next year so we can finalize a polished sponsorship letter and contract process. This ensures every future partnership is clear, consistent, and beneficial for everyone involved.

Best Regards,

Matt
QCCA Board President

And now for the announcement we've been bursting to share... We have officially changed our name to **QCCA Event Center!** No more confusion — just a fresh identity that reflects the exciting new chapter we're stepping into.

Press releases will be rolling out soon, and we're taking you along for the ride. We'll be sharing photos, updates, and behind-the-scenes progress as the transformation continues. Trust us — you're going to love what's coming.

I can't wait to see you soon and celebrate all these incredible changes together!

Upcoming Shows & More The latest Show and Birthday News

-----STEPH GENOVA

Upcoming Shows/Volunteers Needed:

Aug 8 – Quince 4p- 11p
Aug 12 – Volunteer Show signup 6p - 7p

Looking Ahead (Save the date):
Sept 19 – Roller Derby 4p- 930p
Oct 17 – Roller Derby 4p -930p

Birthday Corner July Birthdays

Evan Bolt – 7/1
John O'Neill – 7/20
Sharin Peterson – 7/20
Rob Harrington – 7/29
Joe Dittmer – 7/31

August Birthdays

Zach Sodofsky – 8/3
Frank Juarez – 8/8
Boo Wendt – 8/10
Alan Classen – 8/12
Neil Miller – 8/12



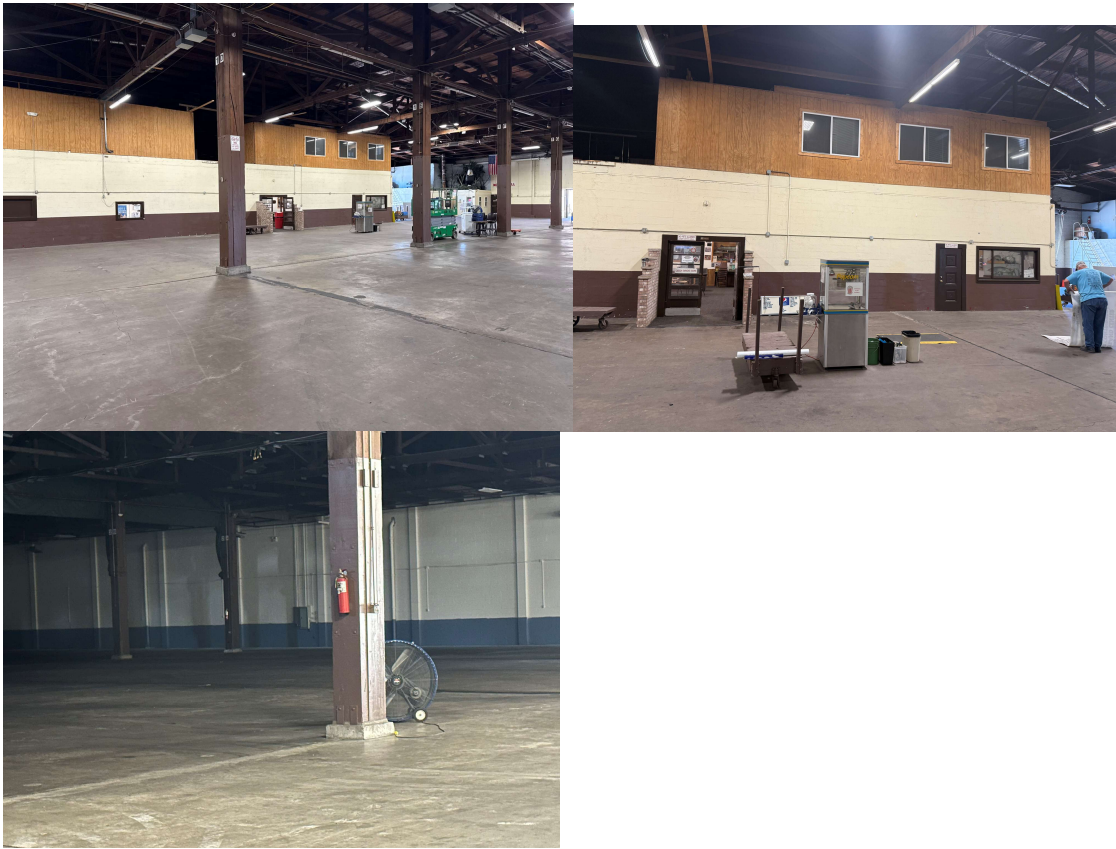
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Know anyone that would like to Volunteer, bring them or have them call me!

Suggestions for this publication are always welcome, so email or call Steph with them.

PLEASE EXCUSE OUR MESS

WHILE WE RENOVATE



Renovation Sneak Peek - A Fresh, Modern Future Ahead!

----- Steph

We'll be sharing photos as renovations happen and trust us, the Expo is getting a major facelift. The fresh paint already looks incredible, with light blue along the bottom and crisp white on top. The columns will be finished last to complete the clean, modern look.

We also replaced the entire back half of the roof after heavy rains caused water damage, and it's already making a huge difference. These upgrades aren't just cosmetic — they're creating new potential for future shows and bringing the building up to a fresh, modern standard.

As the building evolves, so will the opportunities we can offer to vendors, clubs, and guests. Here are some pictures of the progress so far!



Volunteer Registration is now open.



Our online volunteer sign-up through **Signup Genius** is officially ready to go! You'll find the link below; you'll just need to create an account the first time you use it. After that, simply sign in and choose all the shows you'd like to volunteer for this season. At the end of this newsletter, I've included step-by-step instructions for anyone who wants a little extra guidance. Signup Genius will also send you automatic reminders, which makes planning even easier.

I'm also hosting an in-person Volunteer Sign-Up Meeting on **August 12th from 6-7 PM in the Café**. All volunteers are welcome to stop in and sign up for the shows they want to work on.

We're also looking for new volunteers, so if you know someone who might be interested, please bring them along!

They can sign up on the spot and fill out the volunteer application. Volunteers are truly what keeps the QCCA running.

Volunteers do not need to be part of a club — if they prefer, we can list them under QCCA as a whole. That said, I always encourage folks to consider joining one of our fantastic clubs: Fyre Lake, In-Fisherman, Moline, Muskies, or Rock Island. Each club offers wonderful opportunities, from fishing outings to their own special events.

Feel free to share my number with anyone interested in volunteering. And as always, I'm open to suggestions — if you have ideas that could make volunteering easier or more enjoyable, I'd love to hear them.



Sign Up Genius

Here’s a clear, friendly step-by-step guide you can include at the end of your newsletter for volunteers using SignupGenius.

1 Go to the Signup Genius website

Start by opening the main Signup Genius page in your web browser.

Open <https://www.signupgenius.com/> in Chrome, Edge, Firefox, or your preferred browser.

- Type **signupgenius.com** into the address bar and press **Enter**
- On the homepage, click the **Create** button in the upper area of the screen
- This will begin the process of setting up your account so you can sign up for shows

2 Create your SignupGenius account

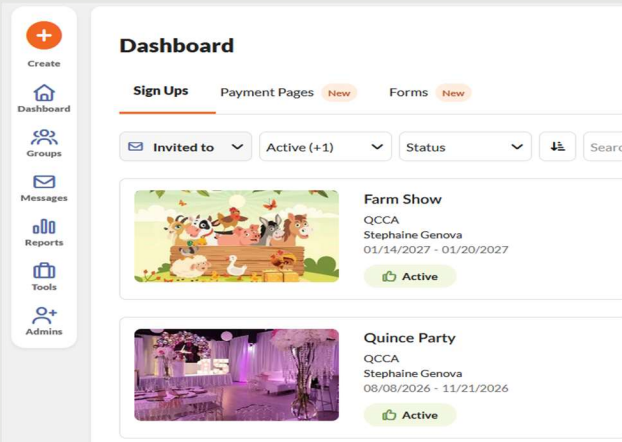
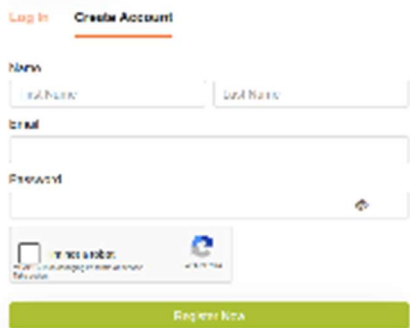
You’ll need a free account so you can sign up for volunteer slots and manage your choices.

- Fill in your **name** in the Name field
- Enter your **email address** (this is where confirmations and reminders will be sent)
- Create a **password** you will remember and type it in the Password field
- Check the box to agree to the terms
- Click **Register Now** to complete your account setup

3 Open the invitation email and sign up

Use the email invitation to access the specific volunteer sign-up for QCCA shows.

- Go to your email inbox and look for a message from **Signup Genius**
- Open the email and find the **Sign Up** or **View Sign Up** link
- Click the link to go directly to the QCCA volunteer sign-up page
- Choose the **shows, times, and jobs** you’d like to do for this show season
- Make sure to click **Submit** or **Sign Up** at the bottom when you’re done



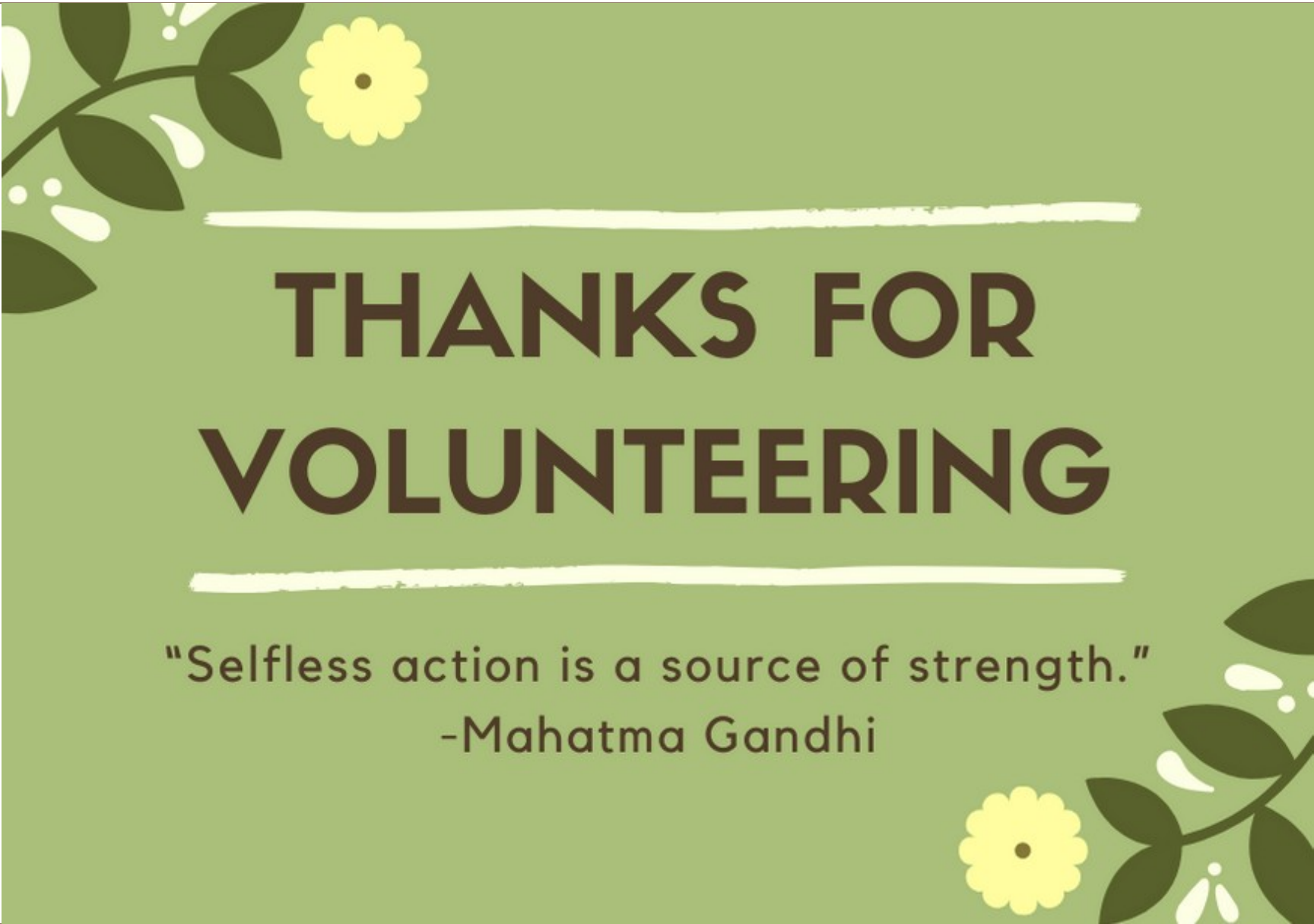
If you have an active email on file, the SignupGenius links have already been sent to you. *Check spam & junk mail.*

If you didn’t receive them, just let **Steph** know and she’ll make sure you get the correct link right away.

Once you sign up, SignupGenius will automatically send you reminders for your scheduled shifts.

If you signed up for a position and later decide you’d prefer not to do it, simply reach out to Steph and she’ll remove it for you — no problem at all.

We’d also love to hear your thoughts on the new scheduling system. Please let Steph know what you think and if there’s anything we can improve.



Volunteer Spotlight

Celebrating 20 Years of Dedication: Honoring Rich Miller

A Legacy Built on Heart, Hard Work, and Community

For two decades, Rich Miller has been one of the strongest pillars of the Expo Center. His leadership, his work ethic, and his unwavering commitment helped shape the Expo into the vibrant, welcoming place it is today. Rich didn't just serve as President — he lived the Expo Center. He poured his heart into every show, every project, and every volunteer effort, always leading by example.

Rich raised his children here, teaching them the value of giving back and showing them, firsthand what community service looks like. Many of us watched his kids grow up volunteering right beside him, learning the same dedication and pride that Rich carried into every event. The Expo wasn't just a place Rich worked — it was part of his family's story.

Rich's leadership carried the Expo Center through some of its greatest moments, pushing it to new heights and helping it grow year after year. But he also stood strong through the hardest times — including the challenges brought on by COVID. His perseverance, calm guidance, and ability to rally volunteers kept the Expo moving forward when uncertainty was everywhere. His knowledge of the building, the shows, the volunteers, and the community is unmatched. Rich has always been the person who could fix anything, solve anything, and make everyone feel confident that the Expo was in good hands.

This year, Rich made the heartfelt decision to pass the reins to a new board and step into a well-earned retirement. While he won't be leading the Expo Center day-to-day, he plans to stay involved by helping with facility projects and lending his expertise whenever needed. The Expo will always be part of him — and we're grateful he'll still be around.

Rich and his wife Sandy are looking forward to traveling in their motor home, enjoying more time together, and doing the things they love. After 20 years of service, they deserve every moment of adventure and relaxation ahead.

A Thank You from All of Us

Rich, your heart, your perseverance, and your incredible wealth of knowledge have shaped the Expo Center in ways that will last for generations. Your dedication will never be forgotten, and your impact will always be felt.

From all of us at the QCCA Event Center: Thank you for your leadership. Thank you for your guidance. Thank you for 20 years of passion, commitment, and service. We are better because of you — and we are honored to continue building on the foundation you helped create.