



Time to register for free Christmas dinner

The 22nd annual free Christmas Day dinner provided by Christmas Day Inc. is approaching quickly, and now is the time to register.

It is important to RSVP because the caterer needs to know the number of people who will be attending, and how many dinners have to served. The RSVP deadline is Dec. 22.

Last year, 1,250 dinners were served by LaVilletta Restaurant at the Elks between nine locations in Kankakee County.

In 1995, a missions committee for The Grace Community United Methodist Church brainstormed on what could bring people together during the holiday season while serving the less fortunate. After months of discussion, it was decided Kankakee County would serve a Christmas Day dinner for those who would be home alone.

Each year, a benefit golf outing is held at Oak Springs Golf Club to raise money for the dinner.

This year's dinner locations will be Central Christian Church in Bourbonnais; Quality Inn & Suites in Bradley; Community Center in Grant Park; Civic Auditorium in Kankakee; Lisieux Pastoral Center in Kankakee; Leo Hassett Center in Manteno; First Baptist Church in Momence; Northlake Villa Senior Center in St. Anne; and the Sun River Terrace Community Center.