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Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Washington County, Ohio

39th Annual Recognition Dinner “RSVP Heart of America”



This year, the 39th annual recognition dinner brought together almost 200 volunteers, station representatives and elected officials to celebrate the hours invested by RSVP volunteers. During 2011 volunteers logged 48,600 hours of time in Washington County. That time translates to more than 1 million dollars in value.

The Advisory council followed the theme “Heart of America” and the table centerpieces were filled with American flags. The Lafayette Hotel set the tables beautifully, the meal was wonderful and the service was excellent. Dennis Morris, our oldest living charter member was in attendance and kept his table quite lively.

Six volunteers were added to the Presidential Service award list for serving 4,000 lifetime hours and their awards were presented by the commissioners. They are pictured above and their names and lifetime hours are listed below.

Tim Irvine and Lisa Valentine both spoke about the new direction RSVP is heading this year and some of the new projects like “Senior Wheels”. Another one of those projects is the Supplemental Commodity box distribution which takes place each month in cooperation with Hocking, Athens, Perry Community Action. Joe Kurtz and Garry Bonnette are the two volunteers who have stepped up to head up this station. Garry was unable to attend, so Joe alone was crowned the “King of Cheese”. These men have committed 3 days each month for at least 16 hours each to make sure this project is a success. Cora Marshall encouraged the volunteers with a personal story of a volunteer who made an impact on her life.

Thank you to all our volunteers! Your selfless dedication of your time and resources is what makes our community a great place to live. We really cannot thank you enough.



2012 Presidential Service Awards

PEGGY BROOKER	4,175	VIRGINIA GRANT	4,184
KENNETH FINKEL	4,480	TESS HUCK	4,002
ANDREW FRANCIS	4,375	CHARLOTTE POWELL	4,113

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hello again...

by Lisa Valentine, Director

Wow! That was my ninth Volunteer Recognition Dinner! Of all the things we do here at RSVP, the dinner is my favorite event. It is a night for all of you to sit back and relax while we take care of things.

In May of 2004, Judy Grize hired me as the new program assistant. The Recognition Dinner was scheduled for the end of June. In addition to learning my new job, there were numbers to pull together, invitations to send out and a program to design. There were reservations to take and table decorations to make. It was overwhelming, but I loved every minute of working alongside Judy and the Advisory Council to get everything done. I remember feeling humbled and amazed by the thousands of hours of volunteer service.

It was a history making night for RSVP. In addition to being my first Recognition Dinner, 2004 was the first year that Presidential Service Awards were offered. Seventeen RSVP volunteers met the milestone of 4,000 hours of lifetime service and they were presented with the President's Call to Service Award that night. Charter member Dennis Morris, at age 97, was in that first group to be honored.

Now here it is 2012, nine dinners later. At age 105, Dennis is still keeping his tablemates entertained. And forty-nine volunteers have joined the elite group of Presidential Service Award recipients.

I'm still counting my blessings that I have a job I love, working with greatest people on the planet. Public speaking is frightening, but standing at the podium the other night, it was like talking to friends – friends who inspire and move me with their dedication and service. I thank you all for that. What can I say? I'm a lucky, lucky woman.

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!



***RSVP will be Closed
Wednesday, July 4, 2012***

IMPORTANT UPDATE - REQUIRES YOUR ATTENTION

In an effort to lessen our impact on the environment, we are offering our newsletter in your email. If you are interested in receiving your Retired & Senior Volunteer Program "Volunteer Voice" newsletter and your Volunteer time sheets electronically instead of printed, please send an email to: shill@rsvpwc.org or use the form below.

We must have a valid email address in order for you to receive it. You can also view the current newsletter and several prior issues at our website anytime. The website address is: www.rsvpwc.org We also post it on our facebook page when each new issue comes out.

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We "thank you" in advance for helping us move toward being more environmentally savvy.

Name _____

Email address _____

SEND TO MY EMAIL ADDRESS

I WILL PICK UP AT RSVP OFFICE

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MARIETTA OH 45750**

Medication Take Back Day

Lt. Thorpe of the Washington County Sheriff's Office reported that during the April 2012 Medication Take Back day serviced by RSVP volunteers at 6 different locations, 250 lbs. of medication was collected. "Thank you" volunteers for your service in this important endeavor to keep our community a safe place to live!

As a reminder, the Sheriff's office has a permanent secure drop box in the lobby of the Criminal Division office located at 309 Fourth Street in Marietta that can be accessed any day of the week.

Senior Wheels Ramping Up

The small Senior Wheels pilot program is coming to an end. With the recent training of seven new volunteer drivers, RSVP will be ramping up for full service throughout most of Washington County. Unfortunately, we cannot provide services in New Matamoras, Cutler and Barlow-Vincent, as we do not yet have drivers residing in those communities.

Special thanks to Margaret Lanning in Beverly, Gary Worstell in Reno and Frank Schilling in Marietta. They were the drivers for the pilot study (the guinea pigs) and the three of them helped us work the bugs out of the system.

The response from people using Senior Wheels has been phenomenal. A family member from one rider said, "The support of your transportation program is very valuable for families whose loved ones are too far away to receive a family's attention. Please inform the RSVP Driver that we appreciate his help and assistance for our brother. This service is invaluable! Thanks again."

The driver was Frank Schilling and the comments from the family member shine a light on the impact that just one person can make. Frank made a ripple...together we can make a wave. Volunteer to be a driver today. Call Susan and she will make sure that you are notified about the next Senior Wheels Driver Training.

NALC "Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive 2012

The National Assoc of Letter Carriers #154 reports that 14,000 lbs. of non-perishable food was collected here locally in response to the bags and cards assembled by RSVP volunteers in early May. This year the project took 127 hours and 11 volunteers to complete. The Letter carriers say "thank you" noting they always have a better response when RSVP volunteers help them out.

Change on Volunteer Time Sheets

All volunteers, please notice that your time sheets included with this newsletter mailing have changed. The basic form is still the same, just a few minor, yet important changes. At the top of the form you will print your name, then your signature goes on the very next line, no longer at the bottom of the form. Your time sheet is invalid without your signature. Any questions, please feel free to call us. 740-373-3107

Volunteer Opportunities

Franciscan Community Meals

A Scheduler is needed to help coordinate delivery routes and volunteer shifts. Flexible, you can work at home, or in the office.

O'Neill Adult Day Care

Is in need of an individual to work Thursdays 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., helping with clients as they arrive, serving snacks and lunch.

Marietta Community Food Pantry

Volunteers are needed to help fill summer vacancies on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information call 373-3107

COMING SOON!

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Glenwood RSVP 5K Race
Sat., September 22 ~ 9 a.m.
O'Neill Center

With a new twist this year!

Call our office to find out how you can help.



Tai Chi schedule

O'Neill Center:

Learning Forms	Mondays	10:00 a.m.
Practicing Forms	Tuesdays	10:30 a.m.
<i>(Monday & Tuesday class - restarting in Sept.)</i>		
6 Adv. Movements	Thursdays	5:15 p.m.
<i>Open to Tai Chi students ready to move into the next set of forms</i>		

All forms taught at these locations:

Marietta YMCA:	Tues. & Thurs.	12:30 p.m.
Belpre Center:	Mondays	11:00 a.m.
Lighthouse Baptist	Wednesday	10:00 a.m.
Cutler Community:	Thursdays	7:00 p.m.

Enjoy your summer, full schedule will resume in Sept.

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