

SPRING 2011



RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

REACH

Welcome Spring!

Are you excited that Spring is finally here? This is a great time to take advantage of this time of renewal and increased energy to participate in activities that allow you to look forward, create healthy distractions from stress, and give you more balance in your life.

As RSVP volunteers, most of you look forward to our big Spring event...the annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon. Information about the luncheon and the reservation form can be found on page 5 of this newsletter. Please complete the form, make your menu selection, and return to our office at the address shown on the form.

If you have reported 30 or more volunteer hours during 2010, you may attend the luncheon free of charge. If you have reported less than 30 hours you will be responsible for the cost (\$13.50) of your lunch. You may also bring one guest at the cost of **\$13.50**. Payment must be submitted with the registration form. Please make the check payable to RSVP Senior Corps.

This year's event will feature the VC Bell Choir at 11:30 a.m., followed by the luncheon and award ceremony.

The theme for this year's event is **RSVP Volunteers Make A World Of Difference**. And that is so true. I hope that all of you will be able to attend this event and allow us to recognize and thank you for your volunteer service.

As always, thanks for all you do and I'm looking forward to seeing you at the **RSVP Volunteers Make A World of Difference** recognition luncheon on April 26.



Monica Kelley
RSVP Project Director



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

National Volunteer Week is being celebrated earlier this year in order to avoid conflicts with religious holidays. Established in 1974, National Volunteer Week has grown exponentially in scope each year since, drawing the support and endorsement of all subsequent U.S. presidents, governors, mayors and other respected elected officials. During National Volunteer Week, Venango County RSVP will be recruiting new volunteers and encouraging people to seek out imaginative ways to engage in their communities.

OAM 2011



Older Americans:
connecting the community

MAY IS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

In 1963, The U.S. Administration on Aging designated May as Older Americans Month. This year's theme – Older Americans: Connecting the Community honors the many ways in which older adults bring inspiration and continuity to the fabric of our communities. To learn more, including the history of this special celebration, visit the Observances section of the U.S. Administration on Aging's web site at www.aoa.gov.

Made in Venango County

RSVP works with several cooperating agencies to provide handcrafted baby blankets and jackets to Venango County newborns. 26 RSVP volunteers crochet or knit these items using yarn provided by the nonprofits or donated from individuals. The yarn used is medium (4) worsted in pink, blue, white, or multi. The program is always looking for more yarn, and anyone wishing to donate yarn can bring it to the RSVP office at the Human Service Complex at 1 Dale Avenue in Franklin, or call us at 814-432-9723.



Volunteer Opportunities . . . Volunteer Opportunities . . .



Out of County Transportation

RSVP is always in need of drivers to transport consumers to out-of-county medical appointments.

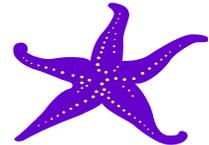
Friendly Visits

Volunteers are needed to call and provide telephone reassurance to identified clients/consumers. Also needed are those who are willing to spend a little time with nursing home residents who don't receive visitors.

Volunteer Ombudsman

Advocate for residents of nursing and/or personal care homes by listening to concerns, bringing information and helping to find answers.

Training begins in May.



Apprise Counselors

Counsel consumers on Medicare, Medicaid, supplemental insurance, and other public and private insurance options. Training provided.

Bridge Builders Community Foundation



The Bridge Builders Community Foundations are donors who help the community. Their main purpose is to develop, manage, and distribute funding to meet present and future needs of our community. A volunteer is needed a few hours a week to do deposits, copying, and filing. Their office is located at 213 Seneca Street in Oil City, on the third floor (with no elevator).

Venango County Fair *August 8—13, 2011*****

Volunteers needed on the first day of the fair to register entries, and for other various jobs throughout the fair days.

**Please contact Karen Cramer at 814-432-9706 if you are
Interested in any of these opportunities!!!**



PHARMACEUTICAL COLLECTION



On Saturday, April 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Venango County is sponsoring a free pharmaceutical collection day in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration's National Prescription Drug Take Back day.

Most sewage treatment plants are not designed to remove pharmaceuticals from the water and residents are urged to participate in this safer way to get rid of drugs. The County Sheriff's Department and Oil City Police Department will staff the collections at five locations: the Courthouse Annex in Franklin, Oil City's City Hall, the Cranberry Township Municipal Building, the Pleasantville Borough Municipal Building and the Crawford Center in Emlenton Borough. Please call Erik Johnson, the county planning commission's recycling and solid waste coordinator, at (814) 432-9684 prior to the event to make sure the drop-off locations have not changed.

TAX PREPARATION REMINDER

Free tax preparation assistance is available at the following locations:

Oil City Public Library, Tuesday and Wednesday 9 am - 4 pm, through April 13.

Franklin First Baptist Church, Thursday and Friday, 8 am - 3 pm, through April 15.



ARE YOU A VETERAN?

Thanks to everyone who responded to our recent email asking **ARE YOU A VETERAN?** The national RSVP office would like to know how many of you are veterans. Of the 32 volunteers who have responded so far, 14 are veterans. For those RSVP volunteers who don't have email, if you are a veteran, please give me a call at 814-432-9723 and let me know.



FREE COMPUTER TRAINING AVAILABLE ONCE AGAIN



Due to the overwhelming response, Kate Burgdorfer at the Franklin Public Library is offering one-on-one free computer training to RSVP volunteers. The training will also include using a laptop. To register, please call the RSVP office at 814-432-9706.



You are cordially invited to the
**Annual RSVP Senior Corps
 Recognition Luncheon**

Tuesday, April 26, 2011

Rocky Grove Fire Hall

10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

Please join us to celebrate your continued dedication to our community. If you have reported **30 or more** volunteer hours during 2010, you may attend the luncheon **free** of charge. If you have reported **less than 30 hours** you will be responsible for the cost (\$13.50) of your lunch. You may also bring **one** guest at the cost of **\$13.50**. Payment must be submitted with the registration form.

Please complete the registration form below and return to: RSVP Senior Corps, 1 Dale Avenue, Franklin, PA 16323, by Monday, April 11, 2011. Any questions should be directed to Monica Kelley at 432-9723.

Please make checks payable to RSVP Senior Corps.

**IF YOU REPORTED LESS THAN 30 VOLUNTEER HOURS IN 2010,
 YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COST OF YOUR LUNCH!!**

Amount Enclosed: _____

Name: _____ Guest: _____

Please indicate if you need transportation.:

Meal Selection:

I need transportation

Roast Beef

I use a wheelchair

Meatless Lasagna

Note: Once registration is received, meal selection is final. Please be sure you have selected the correct box before submitting your registration. If you are bringing a guest, please remember to also indicate their meal selection.





NATIONAL FUEL



HIGHER INCOME GUIDELINES FOR LIHEAP

The 2010-11 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is now open. Customers are encouraged to apply immediately for assistance, as funds are limited, and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline for LIHEAP assistance is April 15, 2011.

The size of the grant is based upon your income and household size. If you are having difficulty paying your heating bills, LIHEAP may be able to help you. If you are eligible, National Fuel will receive a grant that will be applied directly to your bill.

If you are applying for a crisis grant, you will need your shut-off notice or a form from the utility company, stating how much is needed in order to turn on your service. The crisis grants are now available.

To find out if you qualify or to apply for LIHEAP:

- Call/visit your local County Assistance Office (apply in county where you live)
- Apply online at www.compass.state.pa.us.

Have the following information ready when you apply:

- ◇ Names, birth dates, social security numbers and income information of all household members
- ◇ Proof of identification
- ◇ A current heating bill

These grants are provided by Pennsylvania through the federally funded LIHEAP and are available to renters and homeowners.



Quilt Show

APRIL 16, 2011

Sponsored by Bethel Homemakers

Route 417

Franklin, PA (towards Dempseytown)

Entry Schedule:

Tuesday, April 12—10:00 am until 7:30 pm

Wednesday, April 13—10:00 am until 6:30 pm

Show Saturday, April 16—9:00 am until 3:00 pm

(Exhibitors are free, others are a \$2 donation)

There will be vendors, door prizes, and food.

Questions: call Grace at 814-437-1751

This Years Vendors:

Fox's Sew & Vac, 900 Water Street, Meadville, PA

Homespun Treasures Quilt Shoppe, 509 US Hwy. 322, Carlton, PA

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

For those of you with internet access, remember that you can view RSVP volunteer opportunities online at the following websites:

- ✓ www.volunteermatch.org On this main page, under Find a Place to Volunteer, enter your Venango County zipcode and click the Search button. Results will return all volunteer opportunities within a 20 miles radius of that zip code.
- ✓ www.seniorcorpsopa.org On this main page, click on FIND A VOLUNTEER
- ✓ OPPORTUNITY NEAR YOU. On the screen that appears, select Venango County. On the next screen, click on RSVP Senior Corps of Venango County. The current opportunities will be listed on this page.

*We are continuously updating volunteer opportunities,
so if you don't see a specific opportunity, please call the RSVP office
at 814-432-9723 and let us know.*



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