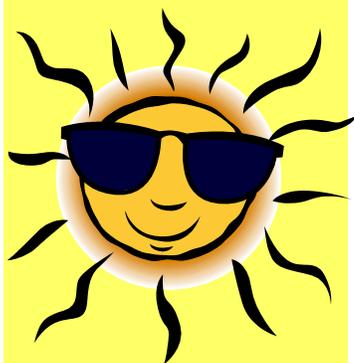


Summer 2012



# SCENES FROM THE LUNCHEON

## MAY 8, 2012

We had a good turnout for the annual RSVP Volunteer Recognition luncheon in spite of the rainy weather. Over 230 people attended the event. We appreciate everything RSVP volunteers do to make our community a great place to live.

### Congratulations!

Three RSVP volunteers received the **PRESIDENTIAL VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD** this year for 4,000 hours or more of volunteer service (over a lifetime): Sylvia Coast, Ray Lauer, and Betty Snyder.

Helen Gibson received her **35 YEARS OF SERVICE** award. Suzanne Chatham, Harriet Daye, and Audine Deeter received their **25 YEARS OF SERVICE** award.

Thanks to your generosity, 168 cans of food and 48 packages of dry food (macaroni, etc.) were collected and distributed to local food pantries. Thanks to John Kolojejchick for taking pictures and a big thank you to the RSVP Advisory Council members, the Area Agency on Aging staff, volunteers, local businesses and officials, and all who helped make this event a success!

RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

# REACH



## *From the RSVP Director...*

The summer season is finally here bringing with it some sunshine! Of course, RSVP volunteers provide sunshine in the lives of others regardless of the weather. As ambassadors for the senior generation, RSVP volunteers continue to serve in traditional summer activities such as selling tickets for the annual quilt raffle fundraiser.

We have seen an increase in volunteer participation in activities such as helping other seniors to remain in their own homes with the same or improved quality of life through friendly visiting and telephone reassurance. This activity has taken on greater importance as the new census showed that 18% of Venango County residents are 65 years of age or older, which figures out to be 9,897 people.

We know that good health is preserved by volunteering. We also know that because of your volunteer efforts, you make Venango County a great place to live. Keep up the good work. And remember to turn in your volunteer hours!

Call me at 814-432-9723 and let me know how you are doing.

Thanks for all you do.

*Monica Kelley*



### **Quilt Fundraiser Planned**

The Sunflower Quilt measures 83 x 87 inches and is made with vintage fabrics donated by the late Rita Duncan (an RSVP volunteer) of Wesley, PA.

The Sunflower Quilt was constructed and quilted by the Polk Community Quilting Bee to benefit the Polk Fire Department and the Retired Senior Volunteer Programs 2012.

RSVP volunteers will be stationed at the following locations throughout the summer to sell tickets: Galaxy Federal Credit Union, Franklin—June 8, July 6; and August 3; Northwest Savings Bank, Franklin—July 20, and August 10; Senior Appreciation Day, Bandstand Park, Franklin—June 28; and First United National Bank, Franklin—June 15, July 27, and August 17. PLEASE CALL MONICA AT 432-9723 IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP SELL TICKETS AT THESE LOCATIONS.

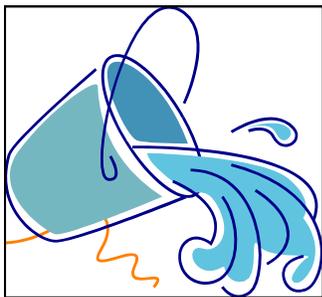
The drawing will be held October 9, 2012.

**ATTENTION ALL RSVP VOLUNTEERS!!**  
**SENIOR APPRECIATION DAY MEETUP**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2012**

Join us for an informal RSVP Volunteer meetup on Thursday, June 28, 2012 at the Senior Appreciation Day concert in Bandstand Park, Franklin.

**Bring your lunch and a lawnchair** to Bandstand Park and listen to Nancy Leroy in a free concert at 12 Noon.

**Water Monitoring Workshop**



Are you interested in the quality of the area's waterways? If so, you are invited

to attend a full day workshop sponsored by the Venango PA Senior Environmental Corps (VPaSEC) at the Nature Lodge at Two Mile Run County Park on Thursday, June 28. The workshop will be presented by the

Alliance for Aquatic Resource Monitoring (ALLARM). There is no cost.

**Registration is required.**

Contact Evelyn Kolojejchick at 814-676-6435 for details and to register.



Join us for a free virtual (video) conference on RSVP August 14-16, 2012. Information and training on a variety of topics and issues of importance to you as a volunteer will be covered. You will be able to sign up for individual sessions. We will meet at the FICDA Building Training Room, 191 Howard Street, Franklin.



We will attend via the web projected on a large screen. The schedule of workshops will be announced in mid-July. Participants will be able to register for individual workshops and pre-registration is required. If you would like to receive a schedule of workshops, please call the RSVP office at 432-9723.

**RSVP ADVISORY COUNCIL NEWS**

The RSVP Advisory Council meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month (no meetings in July, November, and December) at 1:30 p.m. at the FICDA Building, 191 Howard Street, Franklin. The meetings are open to the public and we encourage you to attend a meeting to help RSVP address the needs of our community.

The speaker for the June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting is volunteer APPRISE counselor Maloy Shroul. Maloy will present information about how volunteer counselors help Medicare eligible individuals understand their Medicare and commercial insurance options.

Seating is limited, so please call Monica in the RSVP office at 814-432-9723 to reserve a seat.

**RSVP MISSION STATEMENT**

Improve lives, strengthen communities,  
and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering.

## APPRISE NEWS

On Tuesday, May 22, 2012, RSVP volunteer MALOY SHROUT gave an outreach presentation to the Oil City Southside Neighborhood



Association. Maloy discussed her role as a volunteer medicare counselor with the APPRISE program and how a counselor can help individuals sort out the information on medicare parts A, B, C and D. Thanks so much to Maloy for giving her time to this important program.

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Congratulations to RSVP Volunteer APPRISE counselors Mary (Kathy) Johnson, Nancy Linehan, Maloy Shrou, Scott Smail, and Taunee Smith for earning their one-year service pins from APPRISE.

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Welcome to our new RSVP Volunteer APPRISE counselors who completed their training in April 2012:

Suzanne Chytil  
Marie Ann Kickler  
Nancy McClintock  
Sandie McClure  
Diane Whitman

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Volunteer APPRISE counselors help others navigate through the maze of medicare information so they can make an informed decision. Call the RSVP office at 432-9723 to find out how you can become an APPRISE volunteer.

## VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION



*Joyce Wilson and Scott Smail served juice and snacks at the blood drive donor café at the Cranberry Mall.*



*The Polk Community Quilting Bee participants quilt while being interviewed by The Derrick reporter Scott Zacherl.*



*Marie Ann Kickler conducted a survey of blood donors for RSVP at a recent blood drive.*

# Volunteer Opportunities . . . Volunteer Opportunities . . .

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## **RSVP / Polk Quilt Raffle**

Help us fundraise for the Polk Fire Department and RSVP programs. Volunteers are needed to sell raffle tickets at local banks on Fridays during the months of July, August, & September; and at APPLEFEST.

## **Venango County Fair August 6, 2012**

Volunteers needed for the first day of the fair to register entries.

## **Out-of-County Transportation**

Do you like to drive? Volunteer drivers needed to transport consumers to out-of-county medical appointments.



## **ABC Baby Boutique Gift Shop**

Assist pregnant shoppers and their families with boutique "purchases." Refer clients to services available and take referrals. Help to sort, tag, and stock donated items in the boutique.

## **Barrow Civic Theatre**

Help out one of the gems of our community by volunteering at the box office. Shifts are one day a week for 3 1/2 hours.



## **DeBence Antique Music World Museum**

Do you like music? Do you like to learn new things about old things? Do you like to talk to people? Train to be a volunteer tour guide at the DeBence Antique Music World Museum in Franklin.

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## Sugar Creek Station

Volunteer opportunities include escorting residents and helping in the gift shop.

## Volunteer Ombudsman

Help nursing home and/or personal care home residents by listening to their concerns, bringing information and helping to find answers. Training provided.

## Friendly Visitors

Like to chat? Volunteers needed to provide telephone reassurance to identified clients/consumers. Also needed are those willing to spend a little time with homebound seniors.



## Senior Environmental Corps

Volunteers monitor streams and locate orphan oil wells in Venango County.

## Drake Well Museum

Museum guides and front desk volunteers welcome! Training provided.

## Toymakers

Craft or paint wooden toys, and sew fabric toys year round. Toymakers meet every Tuesday at 10 am. at the FICDA building in Franklin.



## Apprise Counselors

Volunteers counsel consumers on Medicare, Medicaid, supplemental insurance and other public and private insurance options. **Free training provided.**



**Please contact Monica Kelley at 814-432-9723 to volunteer for any of these opportunities!!!!**

**Join Us!!**

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