

Fall 2012



RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

REACH

Sock It To Us...

HELP OTHERS PUT THEIR BEST FEET FORWARD!

PLEASE DONATE NEW SOCKS—ANY

SIZE...COLOR...STYLE

NEW SOCKS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

FRANKLIN

FRANKLIN LIBRARY
HUMAN SERVICES COMPLEX
NORTHWEST SAVINGS BANK

ROCKY GROVE

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CRANBERRY

NORTHWEST SAVINGS BANK

SENIOR CENTERS

CREEKSIDE
FRANKLIN TOWERS
PLEASANTVILLE
SCRUBGRASS

OIL CITY

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
NORTHWEST SAVINGS BANK
OIL CITY LIBRARY
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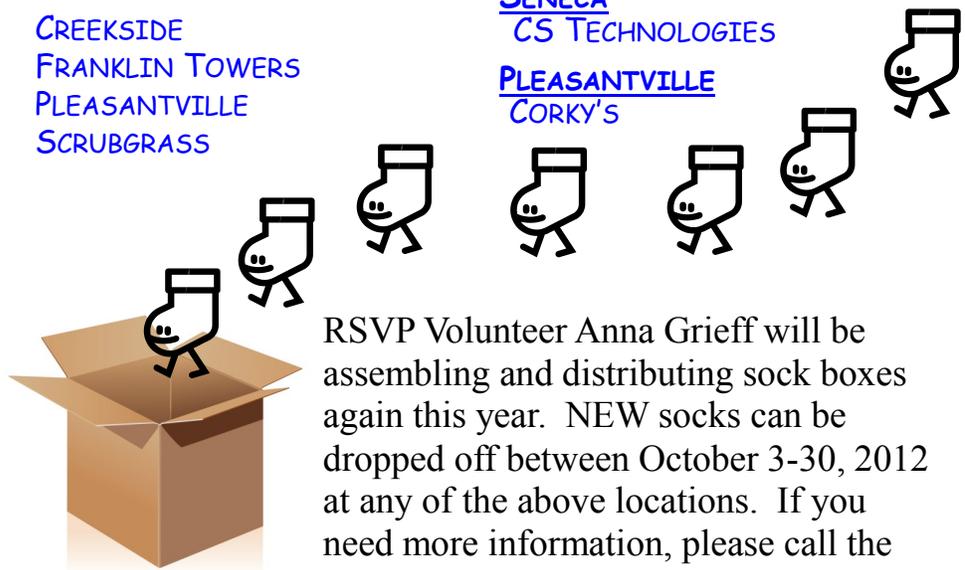
MERCER COUNTY STATE BANK
UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PLEASANTVILLE

CORKY'S



RSVP Volunteer Anna Grieff will be assembling and distributing sock boxes again this year. NEW socks can be dropped off between October 3-30, 2012 at any of the above locations. If you need more information, please call the RSVP office at 432-9723.

From the RSVP Director...

Our weather has finally cooled and we can look forward to the beautiful reds, yellows, and browns of the fall season. Not only are our colors beautiful in Venango County, but our volunteers are beautiful. Each and every one of you is beautiful and you are appreciated for all you do.

The annual Senior Corps conference was held virtually this year. The conference was recorded and you can view the sessions by logging on to nationalservicerresources.org through November 1. Topics focus on the new performance measures required by the Serve America Act.

In addition to your volunteer hours, RSVP is interested in how many people you serve with your volunteer efforts. The volunteer station keeps these records and we will be reporting on the good that you do in our community. We know that because of your volunteer efforts, you make Venango County a great place to live. Keep up the good work.

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

Thanks for all you do.

Monica Kelley Vanderhoof



DOGS, BUNNIES, BEARS, OH MY!

Twice a month, a talented group of seniors meet at the Utica Senior Center for companionship, a meal, and to craft!

The seniors craft baby quilts and stuffed toys which are given to the Venango Toymakers to distribute to area children through local agencies. So far this year the seniors have made 289 stuffed toys...dolls, teddy bears, dogs, cats, lambs, balls, and pillows.

Utica Seniors also crochet afghans for Welcome Every Child, a program that serves expectant women and families of newborns in Venango County. The Utica seniors have crocheted 128 afghans and jackets so far this year.

Thanks Utica Seniors!

CUTE AS A BUTTON!

The Polk Community Quilting Bee hosted artisan Nancy Ray from Cranberry on Wednesday, September 12. Nancy displayed her button collection and spoke to the quilters about the many different types of buttons. Her fashionable necklace and bracelet were made from buttons and her skirt had button trim on the hem.



Mother of pearl buttons are cool to the touch. Store separately from other types of buttons or they will disintegrate when in contact with other materials such as metal.

Nancy's presentation pointed out that you were once known by the buttons you wore; and buttons were given as gifts.

Although the U.S. no longer has button factories, artisans continue to make buttons here in the states. And for those of you who wonder who collects buttons...Jackie O collected French enamel buttons.

The quilters enjoyed the presentation but are anxious

to get back to their quilting. They invite both experienced quilters and those who want to learn to join them on Wednesdays starting at 10 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Polk.



Larger and smaller buttons of the same kind are known as mother-daughter buttons.



The quilters getting ready for the program presentation.



Button flowers in a vase.



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.

Debb Kapp, Coordinator of the Community Group Conferencing (CGC) Program spoke at the August 22nd meeting. CGC is a community based process by which those who have been affected by a delinquent act are brought together in a non-adversarial conference to discuss the harm that has occurred and find a solution by which the harm can be repaired.

Volunteer mentors serve as the liaison between the CGC Coordinator, a juvenile, and their parent(s). After the initial conference, mentoring is usually done by phone. Training is provided.

RSVP volunteers who are interested in learning more about this volunteer opportunity should call Monica in the RSVP office at 432-9723.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

From January 1, 2012 through August 31, 2012, eight volunteer drivers transported 34 seniors to 74 out-of-county medical appointments. These seniors had no other means of transportation and would have missed the appointments if not for the volunteer transport.



RSVP MISSION STATEMENT

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

APPRISE NEWS

Congratulations to Maloy Shrouf, Mary (Kathy) Johnson, Linda McClelland, Diane Whitman, Suzanne Chytil, Nancy McClintock, and Brandy Richards who recently completed the Fall APPRISE counselor training.

The 3-day event included extensive out of the classroom preparation. We appreciate the dedication of all the RSVP APPRISE volunteers who help guide our local seniors through the maze of medicare information.

Brandy Richards is the new APPRISE Coordinator for the county Area Agency on Aging. She is excited to be working with a team of great RSVP volunteers and has lots of energy and ideas to help the program grow.

You'll see Brandy and APPRISE volunteers at the outreach events listed below, so stop by and say hello!

Apple Fest Oct 5-6-7, 2012

Health Fair at Sugarcreek Station
October 17, 2012

Remember that medicare open enrollment is October 15 through December 7, 2012.

If you would like to talk to a medicare counselor about your benefit options, please call 432-9711 and a counselor will contact you. You can also get information on open enrollment events that are scheduled throughout the county.



VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION



RSVP Volunteers Betty and Jim Snyder are shown here with some of the toys and afghans made by Utica Senior Center seniors for distribution to area children.



RSVP/APPRISE volunteers Diane Whitman and Taunee Smith distributed info at the Cranberry Festival on September 15, 2012.



Cranberry Senior Center participants Verna Wonderling (RSVP) Barb Siler, and Lois Barscz (RSVP) preparing for seniorcise class.

Volunteer Opportunities . . . Volunteer Opportunities . . .

American Red Cross—Reno

Blood drive assistants in the canteen. We call you with the date and location of the drive, and you can accept or decline to volunteer at that particular drive.



Central Blood Bank

Assist in the donor café at various locations throughout Venango County. We call you with the date and location of the drive, and you can accept or decline to volunteer at that particular drive.



Senior Environmental Corps

Do you enjoy being outside? Volunteers monitor stream water quality by collecting and testing water samples and conducting sample surveys of stream life. Volunteers also locate and map orphan oil wells in and around Oil Creek State Park that could be hazardous if left unmarked. Monthly meetings are held the fourth Thursday of every month at 10 a.m. at the FICDA building.

Phone Friends

Like to chat? Volunteers needed as phone friends for Area Agency on Aging identified clients/consumers. If you want to help seniors feel less lonely, consider this volunteer opportunity!



Sugar Creek Station

Volunteers needed to escort residents to therapy sessions or assist with activities. Or, join the auxiliary and help with fundraising events such as sub and bake sales, or volunteer in the gift shop. You can choose to volunteer for a few or as many hours as you want per month.

Join Us!!

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Out-of-County Transportation

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



ABC Baby Boutique Gift Shop—Franklin

Assist pregnant shoppers and their families with boutique "purchases." Refer clients to services available.



Barrow Civic Theatre—Franklin

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.

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.

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

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