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RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

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ANNUAL RECOGNITION LUNCHEON!

Thank you! is the theme for our annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon which will be held on **Tuesday, May 7, 2013** at the Rocky Grove Fire Hall.

Reservations are due no later than Tuesday, April 16, 2013.

You should receive your invitation in the mail the first week of April. Volunteers who reported 30 or more hours in 2012 are eligible to attend for free.

Doors will open at 10:30 a.m. DJ Posey will play requests starting at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon followed by a short awards ceremony.

Again this year, if you are able, please bring a **non-perishable food item to donate to the area food pantries.**

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 **Thank you!** recognition luncheon on May 7.

Monica Kelley Vanderhoof

RSVP Project Advisor



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Number of volunteers serving hours in 2012: 501

Number of hours served in 2012: 52,775



VENANGO COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND

Every Tuesday, a small but boisterous crowd gathers at the Venango County Association for the Blind office in Seneca. The attendees are clients of the association who have been declared legally blind. The Tuesday meetings are a combination of a social event and a life skill class.

The room is filled with laughter as clients work on a craft. Each client has a storage box with easily accessible craft supplies. Everyone seems to enjoy visiting with one another while creating their work of art.

If you enjoy crafts and helping others, volunteers are needed to assist the clients during the craft class. Once a month everyone plays BINGO instead of doing a craft, so volunteers are needed to help the clients with BINGO.

The Tuesday program also includes a homemade (as much as possible) lunch. The staff would love to have help with preparing lunch in their fully equipped kitchen...in fact, creative cooks would be welcome! Volunteers are also needed to help serve clients and clean up.



For those who would like to volunteer with the life skills program, the association has an opportunity available for a volunteer to help plan programs and coordinate speakers. Staff members Bonnie Sweeney and Pricilla Earhart will train volunteers. Please call the RSVP office at 432-9723 for more information or to sign up to volunteer.

UTICA SENIOR CENTER RECAP

The seniors who attend the Utica Satellite Senior Center are busy. In 2012 they made and donated over 350 toys that the Toymakers distributed to children throughout Venango County through various agencies.



VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT EVENT

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2013—10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

A Volunteer Recruitment Event will be held at **Drake Well Museum**, 202 Museum Lane, Titusville, PA (Venango County) on Tuesday, April 9 from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Bring a non-perishable food item (to be donated to a local food pantry) between 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and receive FREE ADMISSION to the museum. RSVP Advisory Council member and volunteer Dick Baker will conduct tours of the museum. Tell your friends and come out and visit the museum...and help us recruit some museum volunteers! Please call the RSVP office at 432-9723 or email rsvp@co.venango.pa.us if you plan to attend.



FRIENDLY VISITORS

Help relieve the loneliness of homebound seniors by providing telephone reassurance and occasional in-person visits.

Consumers to be visited are referred to RSVP through RSVP stations or the Area Agency on Aging. During an initial visit, the RSVP volunteer meets with the care manager and the consumer he/she will be visiting. They all visit for at least 15



minutes or longer to get to know each other and see if they have any common interests. During the visit, everyone involved determines if it is a good match and the visiting will work out. For more information, call the RSVP office at 432-9723.



FALLS PREVENTION WORKSHOP



The Healthy Steps for Older Adults Falls Prevention Workshop is designed to raise awareness of falls and introduce steps on how to reduce falls. Several workshops have been scheduled as noted below. Workshops are open to anyone 60 years of age or older who is interested in learning about fall prevention. Class size is limited and is on a first-come, first-serve basis, so make your reservation early!

Wednesday, April 10, 2013 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at **Creekside Center**, 228 Seneca Street, Oil City with a lunch provided. Reservations will be taken until Thursday, March 22nd, or until the workshop is filled.

Monday, April 22, 2013 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the **Cranberry Senior Center** located in the Seneca volunteer fire department social hall with lunch provided. Reservations will be taken until Monday, April 8 or until the workshop is filled.

For more information and/or registration, call Susan Walters, Senior Center Services Advisor, at 814-676-8316 or email at swalters@co.venango.pa.us.



STATION UPDATE

In February 2013, Clintonville Community Food Pantry provided food for 258 individuals. This number includes 66 seniors, 113 adults, and 79 children. Congratulations to the volunteers for helping those in need.



GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN



A support group for any adult raising a related child without the involvement of the child's parents. Meets the first Wednesday of every month from 5-7 p.m. at the Human Services Complex, 1 Dale Avenue, Franklin, PA. Dinner and childcare provided. Contact Julie Beichner at 432-9711 for more information.

FREE TAX PREPARATION

Tax season is almost over, so if you haven't filed your taxes yet and need help, head over to the free tax preparation program at the locations shown below. RSVP, in conjunction with the AARP Tax-Aide program, offers free tax counseling and preparation services to low- and middle-income taxpayers, with special attention to those age 60 and older. IRS trained and certified **volunteer** tax counselors help individuals prepare basic tax forms and standard schedules as well as property tax/rent rebate forms. Everyone must show Photo ID.



OIL CITY LIBRARY

Tuesdays and Wednesdays
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. February 5 through April 10, 2013.

FRANKLIN: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Thursdays and Fridays
8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
February 7 through April 12, 2013,
except closed for Good Friday, March 29th.

If you need more information, please call RSVP at 432-9723.

APPRISE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

APPRISE is the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) for all Medicare beneficiaries in Pennsylvania. APPRISE utilizes volunteers who have received specialized training to speak with Medicare beneficiaries and their family members about their insurance options.



New Counselor Training

Day 1: August 13, 2013

Day 2: August 20, 2013

Day 3: August 27, 2013

Registration: 9:00am

Class: 9:30am - 3:30pm

Lunch: 12NOON - 1:30pm

(Lunch - On Your Own. There are several restaurants in walking distance or you may bring your own.

WHERE:

Active Aging, Inc.
1034 Park Avenue
Meadville, PA 6335
(Crawford County)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

July 23, 2013

For more information or to register, please call Jessica at 432-9711 or the RSVP office at 432-9723.

VENANGO COUNTY RETIREES MEET

The Venango County Retirees meet for lunch and conversation at Bonanza at 11:30 a.m. on the following dates: March 21, June 20, September 19 and December 19. All county retirees are invited to attend. Attendees pay for their own lunch.

Volunteer Opportunities . . . Volunteer Opportunities . . .



OUT-OF-COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DRIVERS

Transport senior consumers who have no other means of transportation to their out-of-county medical appointments. Vehicle provided.

VENANGO COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND

Volunteer to assist the clients on Tuesdays with crafts, lunch, and life skills. Volunteer once a month or more according to your schedule.

BOX OFFICE

Help out one of the gems of our community by volunteering at the box office at the Barrow. Shifts are one day a week for 3 1/2 hours. Volunteer should be comfortable using a computer. Training provided.



GIFT SHOP HELP

Sugar Creek Station is looking for gift shop volunteers. You can choose to volunteer for a few or as many hours as you want per month. You can choose mornings or afternoons, weekdays or weekend days.



MUSEUM TOUR GUIDES

Train to be a tour guide in some of the county's finest museums! Opportunities available at the Drake Well Museum and DeBence Antique Music World Museum. Training provided.



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SENIOR CORPS WEEK—MAY 6-10, 2013



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APPRISE COUNSELORS

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



BLOOD DRIVE ASSISTANTS

A volunteer-when-you-can position assisting in the donor café to observe and chat with donors after they give blood, and offer them juice/water/snacks. Blood drives are held in Franklin, Oil City, and Cranberry/Seneca. Shifts are usually 2 1/2 hours.

OMBUDSMAN



Visit individual residents in nursing and personal care homes. As an Ombudsman volunteer, you decide how much time to devote and set up your own schedule for visiting. Training provided.



CHILD CARE VOLUNTEER

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren is looking for a volunteer to lead children's activities on the first Wednesday of the month from 4:30—7:30 p.m. at the Human Services Complex in Franklin. Children's ages vary. Small stipend. Clearances needed (we can help with that).

COMMUNITY GROUP CONFERENCING (CGC) MENTOR

Volunteer mentors serve as liaison between the CGC coordinator, a juvenile and his/her parent(s). Training provided.

See the latest in RSVP of Venango County Volunteer Opportunities by visiting www.seniorcorpsofpa.org and www.volunteermatch.org

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

Join Us!!

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