

Senior Corps-RSVP Newsletter

Lead With Experience!



Summer 2011

Can you believe another year has come and gone? I hope this newsletter finds you well and out enjoying the beautiful weather! A special welcome goes out to all the new volunteers who recently joined the Senior Corps-RSVP. We just keep growing and growing! See the list of new volunteers on page two.

Are you looking for another volunteer opportunity? Check out the opportunities on page six. There are many organizations that could use your help. We have also added two **new** volunteer stations to our family, **The Arc** of Clarion County and **Brady View Manor** in East Brady. We also welcomed the **Foxburg Library** back to the Senior Corps-RSVP family. These organizations could really use your volunteer assistance. Remember, page six is only a partial listing. If you don't see anything that interests you, please call the Senior Corps-RSVP office and we will be glad to help you find something to suit you. We have a lot of fun and exciting projects needing your skills and expertise.

It is that time of year again when we all come together to celebrate **YOU!** This year we are celebrating **Senior Corps-RSVP 40 Years of Volunteer Service!** Be sure to check out page four for your invitation to the spectacular celebration! **If you are an active volunteer and have served at least 20 hours of volunteer service or a volunteer station representative, your lunch is FREE.** If you are not an active volunteer or if you wish to bring a guest the cost is \$15 per person to cover the cost of the meal. If you are not able to attend the luncheon in the particular county where you live or volunteer you are more than welcome to come to one of the other luncheons just let me know your preference.

I have great hopes all of you will attend this spectacular event as we celebrate 40 years of volunteering, building friendships and making our community a better place to live. It is YOU, the volunteers, who diligently devoted 62,136.50 hours this past year to build strong and safe communities. Come celebrate YOU!

The time has also come for us to select an **exceptional volunteer** for the **2011 Volunteer of the Year Award!** Station managers and volunteers don't forget to send in your nomination(s) by **August 26th.** You will find the nomination form on page five of this newsletter. Feel free to make copies of the form and nominate as many volunteers as you wish. Let the volunteers know you appreciate all they do. The winner will be selected by the Senior Corps-RSVP Advisory Council and will be recognized at our annual luncheons for their excellence, dedication and commitment to our communities. There will be **one** Volunteer of the Year chosen from each county. **Send in your nominations today!**

Have a wonderful summer!

Janeen Love

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Making service an expectation for all

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Executive Director**

Welcome!

New Senior Corps-RSVP Members

Esther Akins	Karen Marshall
Rita Armagost	Barbara McCombie
Tatyana Artusamova	Dewayne McGuire
Judy Bashline	Linda McHenry
Sue Beabout	Mary Molinari
Audrey Bolton	Betsy Moore
Russell Bolton	Elwood Neiswonger
Paula Bowersox	Shirley Neiswonger
Thelma Cochran	Floyd O'Neil
Harry Cook	Patricia Pearce
Kathryn Davis	Thelma Raisley
Betty Dixon	Nancy Rettig
Floyd Dixon	Dorothy Reyna
Janet Dusch	Patricia Rhoads
Cleo Fasenmyer	Cindy Rudolph
James Fye	Donald Schroeder
Judy Gibson	Donna Sicheri
Marianne Guidash	Wanda Skarbek
Marlaine Herbert	Elizabeth Solley
Sandra Hinderliter	Ken Stiver
Deanne Irwin	Larue Terlion
Linda Kerestesy	Charles Waddell
Carol Koches	Joan Winkler
John Lamantia	Geneva Yankuskie
Elma Levy	Nancy Young

Just a reminder...

It is important to send your volunteer hours in to our office each month. If you don't tell us about the great work you are doing, we don't know about it. And if we don't know about it, you might miss out on benefits such as the personal liability and excess automobile liability insurance and special events. Don't forget to report all of your hours to the Senior Corps-RSVP office so we can keep our records accurate. We also enjoy giving hours of service awards at our Annual Recognition Luncheons!

Send in those hours, please!



If you need hour sheets, contact the Senior Corps-RSVP office.

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETINGS

August 19, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.
Pantall Hotel, Punxsutawney

October 21, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.
Pantall Hotel, Punxsutawney

Everyone is cordially invited and encouraged to attend these meetings. Please call our office at (814) 938-3302 or 1-800-648-3381, ext. 236 to confirm meeting time and place.

We are looking for representatives from Clarion and Indiana Counties. If you or someone you know is interested in serving on the Senior Corps-RSVP Advisory Council, please call our office at (814) 938-3302 or 1-800-648-3381, ext. 236 for an application and details.

Crabby Road 1-4-08



The unselfish effort to bring cheer to others will be the beginning of a happier life for ourselves.

~Helen Keller



Brookville Area
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Senior Corps-RSVP is a participating member agency of the Brookville Area United Fund.

Warm Hearts, Warm Hands

Believe it or not...winter is just around the corner and it is not too early to start preparing for the winter mitten distribution. We will need approximately **550** pairs of hand-made mittens!

Senior Corps-RSVP staff and volunteers visit all the Head Start classrooms in Clarion, Indiana and Jefferson Counties to distribute the beautiful mittens hand-made by our very own Senior Corps-RSVP Volunteers. So, get your fingers moving! If you know of a friend, relative, or neighbor who would enjoy making mittens for a worthy cause, have them contact the Senior Corps-RSVP office. The more volunteers, the merrier!

Thank you to those who are already participating in the Warm Hearts, Warm Hands Project for donating your time and talents to make this project a success. Without your help, we would not be able to provide this service to the needy children in the area.

Donations of fleece and yarn are greatly appreciated.



“Special Delivery”



We are in need of hand-made baby blankets! Can you help? Volunteers are needed to donate hand-made blankets or other baby items such as hats and booties. The items will be distributed to new families in the area along with Early Education Information through the Local Education and Resource Network (LEARN). The blankets can be sewn, knitted or crocheted. This will be an ongoing project for the year. If you have any questions contact the Senior Corps-RSVP Project office.

*Do all the good you can
By all the means you can
In all the ways you can
In all the places you can
To all the people you can
As long as ever you can*

~John Wesley



I believe the children are our future. Teach them well and let them lead the way. Show them all the beauty they possess inside.

~Whitney Houston



Are you a Grandparent raising or helping to raise your Grandchildren?

Are you concerned about the education of your grandchildren? Get Involved! Child care and early learning education is available through Community Action, Inc.'s **Local Education And Resource Network**. **LEARN** is dedicated to communicating with families by:

- ◆ Engaging them to act as their child's first educator
- ◆ Engaging them to make good early learning choices for their children/grandchildren
- ◆ Providing support for families transitioning into an early learning setting
- ◆ Acting as a local resource on quality early learning opportunities.

Get involved today in your child/grandchild's education and become a member of the **LEARN** Team. The **LEARN** Team meets monthly in Clarion and Jefferson Counties. As a member of the **LEARN** Team you will help organize community events, assist with reading activities and much more! For more information or meeting times and locations, please contact Sheri N. Price, LEARN Coordinator, at (814)938-3302, ext. 204, or toll-free 1-800-648-3381, ext. 204 or via email at LEARN@jccap.org.

Please join us!



Senior Corps-RSVP Volunteers & Station Representatives

Help us celebrate **40** years of volunteering in Clarion, Indiana and Jefferson Counties!

All **active** volunteers and volunteer station representatives are invited to attend our Annual Recognition Event, to acknowledge, honor and thank each one of you for the invaluable services you provide to our communities. To be considered active you must have served and reported at least **20** hours to the Senior Corps-RSVP office between April 1, 2010 and March 31, 2011. If you have questions concerning your eligibility please contact the Senior Corps-RSVP office.

Come join the fun as we celebrate YOU!

Indiana County	Clarion County	Jefferson County
Date: September 20, 2011 Time: 11:30 a.m. Place: Indiana Country Club, 496 Country Club Road, Indiana	Date: September 21, 2011 Time: 11:30 a.m. Place: Clarion Holiday Inn, I-80 at 68 Holiday Inn Road, Clarion	Date: September 22, 2011 Time: 11:30 a.m. Place: Punxsutawney Eagles, 238 East Mahoning Street, Punxsutawney

Reservations: Please check the appropriate reservation for the event you wish to attend and return this form to the Senior Corps-RSVP office by **September 1, 2011**, c/o Community Action, Inc., 105 Grace Way, Punxsutawney, PA 15767-1209.

If you want to save postage, you can call in your reservations to Janeen at (814) 938-3302, ext. 236 or toll-free 1-800-648-3381, ext. 236 or via e-mail at volunteer@jccap.org.

I will attend

_____ Indiana County Luncheon on September 20, 2011 at Indiana Country Club

_____ Clarion County Luncheon on September 21, 2011 at the Clarion Holiday Inn

_____ Jefferson County Luncheon on September 22, 2011 at the Punxsutawney Eagles

Name: _____

Guest's Name: _____

Volunteers, you can choose which luncheon you would like to attend AND your meal is **FREE!** You are welcome to bring a guest. However, we must charge **\$15.00** to cover the cost of the meal for each guest. ***If you are bringing a guest, please make the check payable to Community Action, Inc. Senior Corps-RSVP.***



Community Action, Inc.'s Senior Corps-RSVP Volunteer of the Year



NOMINATION CRITERIA:

- The nominee must have been active as a Senior Corps-RSVP Volunteer between April 1, 2010 and March 31, 2011.
- The individual should exhibit outstanding service and dedication to their volunteer site(s) and the people they serve.

SENIOR CORPS-RSVP VOLUNTEER BEING NOMINATED:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Volunteer site: _____

Volunteer duties: _____

Number of hours served: _____

Describe how the volunteer provided **exceptional service** to the community and/or volunteer site. You may use additional pages if needed.

Name of individual submitting nomination: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

**Return to: Senior Corps-RSVP
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Fax: 814-938-7596; E-mail: volunteer@jccap.org**

**Deadline: AUGUST 26, 2011
Nominations will not be accepted after this date!
YOU MAY NOMINATE MORE THAN ONE VOLUNTEER!**

Volunteers are the Heart of America!



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

PLEASE CONTACT THE SENIOR CORPS-RSVP OFFICE AT
1-800-648-3381, EXT. 236 FOR INFORMATION ON
THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

ADULT EDUCATION MENTORS - Volunteers are needed to mentor and tutor adults preparing for their GED or increasing their job readiness skills.

AGING SERVICES, INC. - Volunteers are needed to work as **APPRISE** counselors. The **APPRISE** Program provides assistance with Medicare benefits, PACE/PACENET applications, Property Tax/Rent Rebate forms as well as information on programs available to people with limited income. Training is provided.

BRADY VIEW MANOR - Nestled on the ridge in East Brady this NEW volunteer station needs your help and is looking for volunteers to assist with bingo, games, entertainment and other activities for the residents. Meet a new friend and share your talents. Call us today for more details!

CLARION AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY - Help a friend or neighbor in need or meet a new friend! Volunteers are needed to transport patients 18 years of age and over to appointments for chemotherapy treatments. If you can lend a smile and helping hand, call us today.

CLARION SALVATION ARMY - Volunteers are needed to prepare vouchers in the New Bethlehem area. Training will be provided. Remember Christmas season is just around the corner and the Clarion Salvation Army will also need your help ringing the bells at various locations throughout the County.

INDIANA COUNTY RED CROSS - Needs volunteers to assist with the National Response Call Center to help victims of a disaster and provide disaster information. Volunteers need to be able to surf the Internet, type (to complete an online form) and talk to people in need. Volunteers can call the Red Cross at **724-465-5678** to schedule a training class. Volunteers are also needed to assist at local blood mobiles.

INTERGENERATIONAL MENTORING - Do you enjoy helping young children with activities and crafts or teaching them reading and socialization skills? If so, we need you for mentoring activities! We are also looking for volunteers to join our Local Education and Resource Network (LEARN) Team. Become involved in your child/grandchild's future!

JUNIOR ACHEIVEMENT (JA) - Have you ever considered or wished you would have pursued a career in teaching? We have an excellent opportunity for you to utilize your skills or fulfill a dream! Volunteers are needed to teach Junior Achievement classes. You will be provided with training and an easy to follow curriculum. JA Opportunities are also available throughout both Clarion and Jefferson Counties. Call the Senior Corps-RSVP office for more details.

PENNSYLVANIA SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL CORPS (PASEC) - Do you have a love for nature and the great outdoors? If so, this is the volunteer opportunity for you. Volunteers are needed to assist with water sampling, road cleanups, intergenerational activities and much more. Help keep our waterways and communities clean! Contact the Senior Corps-RSVP office for more information.

THE ARC OF CLARION COUNTY - This NEW Volunteer station provides a variety of advocacy supports and services to people who experience disabilities. They are in need of office help and project assistants for a few hours a week. The Arc would love to have you as a volunteer!

TOYS FOR TOTS ASSISTANT - A volunteer is needed to coordinate the annual toy collection in Jefferson County. Volunteers are also needed to help with set-up and distribution.

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PREPARERS (VITA) - Volunteers are needed to prepare taxes, greet consumers, schedule appointments and prepare property tax/rent rebates. To prepare taxes you will have to attend a two-day IRS training in Clarion or Punxsutawney. Training will be provided in early January. Tax preparation sites are located throughout Clarion and Jefferson Counties. Contact the Senior Corps-RSVP office and help us help our neighbors!

Happy Birthday Senior Corps-RSVP Volunteers!

July		August		September	
Ursula Albino	7	Nancy Bard	26	Carolyn Anthony	17
Rita Amsler	19	Mary Lou Barilar	9	Wanda Antonio	24
Tatyana Arustamova	29	Judy Bashline	10	John Bartley	30
Rose Askey	30	Virginia Bell	19	Arnold Best	14
JoAnne Beary	27	Helen Bencic	14	Dottie Bowersox	29
Jim Bish	13	Margaret Bertolino	15	Linda Brinker	28
Patricia Blose	21	Barbara Burkett	24	Elizabeth Burkett	2
Charlotte Blystone	8	Patricia Clark	9	Janet Carr	8
Russell Bolton	17	Beverly Clawson	8	Norine Coleman	12
Peggy Brethauer	9	Joe Clever	30	Aldean Dehner	19
Dennis Clark	23	Thelma Cochran	29	Jim Dinger	10
Janet Dusch	28	Marie Cyphert	4	Roberta Dinsmore	30
Jacqueline Franklin	18	William Dalton	15	Roxy Doty	11
Jim Fye	26	Kathryn Davis	5	John Dudash	1
Kathryn Hartman	19	Carol Dennison	30	June Farmery	17
Dorothy Heming	5	Grace Dunlap	14	Frances George	26
Robert Hodge	10	Kenny Fetterman	9	Sonia Gess	10
Charlie Hoeh	8	Joseph Franklin	13	Betty Gigliotti	3
Deanne Irwin	26	Mae Geary	29	Fred Glosser	9
Fern Isaacs	4	Lydia Groves	1	Marianne Guidash	5
Lois Jones	23	Betty Haines	4	Carol Haldin	5
Kathryn Klimek	1	Carole Haire	19	Bea Harris	6
Helen Kline	28	Barb Holcombe	22	Marian Hartzell	28
Doris Lawrence	28	Donald Jewell	7	Paul Hicks	13
Myrna LeVier	4	Linda Jewell	22	Margaret Hollobaugh	6
Edward Lowrey	16	Sophie Knapko	12	Carolyn Kerr	9
Donna Maines	29	Betty Kotula	19	Edna King	30
David Martin	19	Elma Levy	30	Mary Kirkpatrick	7
Ruth McKay	3	Marie Lyons	5	Carol Koches	3
Madeline Mohney	23	Barbara McCombie	12	Genevieve Lerch	25
Betsy Moore	29	Pearl McCullough	29	Norris Mason	17
Florence Mowrey	14	Melva McGranor	13	Donna McAninch	18
Bev Nagy	5	Shirley McLaughlin	1	Dolores Mohney	4
Maxine Nava	28	Anne Montgomery	21	Mary Molinengo	8
Ethel Neal	23	Robert Moss	8	Elwood Neiswonger	25
Orvis Newcome	21	Janet Neal	11	Albert Petrof	30
Rita Nist	19	Shirley Patterson	2	Beverly Popovich	28
Janet O'Neil	27	Thelma Phillips	29	Nancy Rettig	25
Thelma Raisley	30	Mary Leona Putt	16	Cynthia Russell	24
Tom Ransel	31	Rita Reinsel	27	Dale Sheffler	29
Cindy Rogers	31	Dorothy Reyna	20	Bob Schrecengost	26
Wanda Skarbek	10	Rose Rotosky	3	Lil Smith	26
Shirley Songer	24	Donald Schroeder	12	Dorothy Snyder	8
Alice Sprankle	22	Rose Shirley	4	Peggy Strong	30
Alberta Travis	14	Donna Sicheri	8	Judy Tabler	16
Grace Trose	27	Geraldine Snyder	8	Jean Tangreen	7
Mary Verba	15	Mary Helen Snyder	1	Patricia Tilson	28
Eva Walters	23	Peggy Tantlinger	20	Norma Troup	30
Helen Weckerly	15	Dolores Vislosky	11	Carl Trout	11
Betty Wells	13	Kenneth Wiant	18	Linda Watterson	6
Ken Widdowson	6			Carolyn White	17
Maxine Youngdahl	27			Grace Wilkinson	23
				Sally Yount	18





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