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PROJECT DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Hi. According to the calendar, spring is almost here. I don't know about you, but I am ready for it! I am ready for warm weather and flowers.

This is a wonderful time to be a volunteer. Volunteerism is viewed as a major player in how communities and organizations work together to meet people's needs. We are very proud of RSVP volunteers who answer the call and serve their community. There is a need for our program to increase the number of RSVP volunteers serving in positions that address high impact needs, such as literacy, environment, intergenerational programming and Homeland Security. We have a diverse group of RSVP stations. Whatever your interests or skills are, there is an RSVP station in your community that needs your help. We may be calling you in the next couple of months to see if you may be interested in an additional volunteer position.

We held our 16th Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast on March 15th and want to thank everyone who supported RSVP by donating their time and talents to help us. Also, we need to thank the Knights of Columbus for donating the use of their beautiful building to RSVP for the breakfast. We really appreciate the K of C's support.

We are planning a Recognition Luncheon, another Longaberger Basket Lottery fundraiser, and also a homemade quilt raffle. It seems that there is never a dull moment in the RSVP office.

So, until next time, have a wonderful spring, take care and keep that wonderful positive attitude that RSVP volunteers are known for. And as always, stop in to see us!

Donna

FIELD COORDINATOR'S NOTES

Hello again everyone! I can't believe that spring is just around the corner. This winter season seems to be more icy than snowy. As Donna mentioned, RSVP staff has been busy planning and coordinating the details for our local fundraising match for the Clearfield County RSVP program. Thank you so much to everyone for all the support and dedication to helping our program meet its local fundraising goal.

It has been such a pleasure being your Clearfield County RSVP Field Coordinator. I feel honored and privileged to be working with the station representatives and the volunteers that are so caring, giving and dedicated to the well being of the people in our community. I am looking forward to catching up with each and every one of you.

Best of Providence,

Connie

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Most of us know that hospitals, libraries and churches use volunteers for a great deal of their work, but do you realize that there are some more great volunteer opportunities that may not have crossed your mind?

Clearfield County RSVP has approximately 60 stations throughout the county who offer volunteer opportunities that may be perfect for you. Have you ever thought how fulfilling it would be to help touch the future by working with children? Maybe you could volunteer for an after-school mentoring program, reading to children at a local library or daycare center, or in a

local elementary school working with children who just need a little one-on-one help. What about working with seniors – maybe sharing an interest or skill at an area senior center or personal care home? Another fulfilling volunteer position is delivering Meals on Wheels for homebound individuals.

Museums, women's shelters and used clothing outlets appreciate help from volunteers. If you enjoy being outdoors and want to help preserve the environment for future generations, we have a senior environmental station that has many volunteer opportunities. The list goes on and on.

If you don't want to be locked into a set schedule, we have many opportunities for one-time events. Many area non-profit organizations need a little extra help for annual events and fundraisers.

There is no end to the creative avenues for volunteering, just as there is no end to the need for volunteers. Think about it. Maybe now is the time to share the skills and interests you have or learn something new. Call the RSVP office at (814) 765-2226 or 1-800-225-8571 and let us help you find that opportunity.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

In 1974, President Nixon recognized the dedication and commitment of volunteers and established National Volunteer Week to honor the volunteers' efforts.

National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to highlight the service of volunteers and to encourage others to join in. It is a time to celebrate and honor what volunteers are doing to serve their communities. This year, National Volunteer Week is April 23 – 29. Clearfield County RSVP staff would like to take this time to thank all of our dedicated volunteers for the commitment you have to your community and to the RSVP program. Our program would not be as strong and as effective as it is without your dedication.

So, stop in during National Volunteer Week and let us thank you in person for all that you do. As we always say, "Our door is always open".

RSVP VOLUNTEERS

You may not have a lot to give in terms of wealth and power
But what you give us outweighs the rich man's ivory tower
The good times and the laughter, the memories and the fun
The fellowship and trusting cannot by gold be won
The time, the love, the willingness to help whenever needed
These gifts to us are priceless and they do not go unheeded
When life's unfair and we despair and feel we cannot cope
When we come close to giving up, abandoning all hope
That's when we count our blessings and shed the cloak of fear
That's when we feel so privileged
We thank you volunteers!

**REMEMBER....
YOU HAVE UNTIL
MAY 15, 2006 TO
REGISTER FOR A
MEDICARE PART D
PRESCRIPTION DRUG
PLAN WITHOUT
INCURRING A
PENALTY.**

**CALL APPRISE AT
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1-800-225-8571.**

TWO HOUR NUT ROLL

6 cups of flour, sifted
1 teaspoon salt
3 Tablespoons of sugar
2 cakes of yeast
1/2 cup warm milk
1/2 pound of margarine
3 eggs, beaten
1 cup sour cream or
canned milk

Dissolve yeast in milk. Combine flour, butter, salt, sugar, eggs and sour cream. Add yeast and milk mixture. Blend well. Divide dough into four parts and roll out each part thin as for a jelly roll. Spread with nut mixture. Roll and place on greased pan. Allow to rise for 1 hour or until doubled in bulk. Bake 35 to 40 minutes at 350 degrees. Sprinkle top with powdered sugar.

