

RSVP NEWS

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 RETIRED and SENIOR VOLUNTEER
 PROGRAM
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Exciting things happening at RSVP!

I have been appointed the New RSVP Coordinator/ Director. I was previously the RSVP Assistant for 17 years. I look forward to working with you in this new capacity!

What are my goals for RSVP?

I want to get RSVP's name and mission out into the community on a regular basis to help you find your volunteer niche, and assist our partners find volunteers for their needs.

RSVP has moved!

The RSVP office has moved to room 245 the 2nd floor of the Willowbank Bldg. in Bellefonte .

Thank you!

I want to take time to "Thank you" for all your hard work and dedication to our communities. Do you know you gave over

67,000 hours of your time to volunteering last year?

You all ROCK!

Check out the New RSVP Assistant section!

Let's give Maryanne a warm welcome!



e-mail me at breeve@centrecountypa.gov

Brenda

"The heart of a *volunteer* is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to *make a difference* in the lives of others." – Helen Keller



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Pen Pal News

The Pen Pal Program is going GREAT this year! The school year is quickly coming to an end.

Here are some reminder dates to keep in mind:

#5 Letter has already been sent out and should have been returned to appropriate school no later than March 21, 2017.

#6 Letter: Student letters mailed on April 13, 2017 and Adult Responses are due, Tuesday May 2, 2017.

Meet and Greet:

Howard Elementary ~ Tuesday, May 9, 2017

Port Matilda Elementary ~ Thursday, May 11, 2017

Wingate Elementary ~ Tuesday, May 16, 2017

Mountain Top Elementary ~ Thursday, May 18, 2017

Hello My name is Maryanne Gilbert and I am Brenda's new assistant.

I live in the Julian area with my husband and two children. We have 2 dogs and of course a cat. I come with a mixture of talents in the special education world and In home care for seniors

It's my complete pleasure to be here working with the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program..



VITA Program Update:

Centre County Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program is up and running strong helping people navigate the complicated process of completing taxes.

Sites:

Aaronsburg

Bellefonte

Boalsburg

Philipsburg

State College

Appointments may be made on Monday-Wednesday-Friday between the hours of 9a-4p by calling (814)355-6816 ext 1. The last day to get taxes done will be Thursday, April 13, 2017.

For many tax payers, Centre County VITA is their only opportunity to receive sound tax advice and to file their returns electronically, a process that both reduces error and speeds up the receipt of refunds.

High Lighted Partnership with RSVP

Interfaith Human Services

Wendy Vinghage was the guest speaker at the February, council meeting. Wendy highlighted the programs in which RSVP volunteers can help.

- *Money Management Program (Greets/Assist with clients)
- *Advocates (Greets/Assist with clients)
- *Rep Payee (Greets/Assist with clients)
- *Free Furniture Program (Help pick up furniture, data entry)
- *Office (filing, answer phone, data entry, newsletter)
- *Heating Assistance Program

If any of these volunteer opportunities interest you are interested in please contact Brenda (breeeve@centrecountypa.gov) or Maryanne (megilbert@centrecountypa.gov).

Volunteer of the Month Program

One of the hardest parts of recognizing our volunteers is that we do not get to give enough Thanks to YOU!

We try to thank those of you, whom we do get to regularly see in the office. Some of you volunteer in other places, and we do not get to Thank you the way we should.

So here is what we have come up with. We will have a random drawing for anyone who volunteered in the last month and submitted your hours. You will be recognized in the next Newsletter. We may ask for a picture and a brief story of any type that you would like to highlight. We will also recognize the Volunteer of the Month here on our Bulletin Board.

Again, We cannot thank all of our Volunteers enough for everything you do! Please so not hesitate to contact

Brenda
Breeve@centrecountypa.gov

or

Maryanne
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This is the first recipe of many! If you have a favorite recipe please submit it to Maryanne @ megilbert@centrecountygov.pa We would like to collect recipes and create a RSVP Cook Book as a fundraiser to help fund the Pen Pal Program. Maryanne will feature a new recipe in each Newsletter.

Homemade Oreo Ice Cream Recipe

Ingredients:

2 Cups of Heavy Whipping Cream
14 oz Sweetened Condensed Milk
12 oz Oreos
1 tsp Vanilla



Instructions:

- *Crush 2/3 of Oreo's in food processor
- *Crumble remaining Oreo's by hand so that you have varied size pieces
- *In a large bowl whip heavy whipping cream and vanilla until soft peaks form
- *Fold in condensed sweetened milk until blended
- *Fold in crushed Oreo's
- *Spread the mixture into a loaf pan
- *Cover with foil and place in freezer for 6 hours or until firm

Volunteer Opportunities:

May:

Senior Expo

June:

Special Olympics June 1-3,2017

July: 4th fest

Web page manager- this person or group of people would be responsible for designing, updating and maintaining the 4th Fest website.

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4th Fest Board
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Oh the wonderful way you'll feel, you hear?
If you just go out and volunteer...

A bird... a worm... a guzzle-bivvit,
Could all use some help if you'll just give it;

You might say "No! Not!! No Way!"
"I've nothing to give - not today anyway!"

But you'll see if you look deep inside of you,
You've lots to give!
It's true! You do!



Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about RSVP

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