



Delaware Association of Volunteer Administrators

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Spring 2012

President's Corner

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Happy Spring!

Do you need an extra **spring** in your step? Looking for ways to personally and professionally grow your volunteer administration skills? Be sure to attend the **Recognition Celebration on June 15th** where you'll be appreciated and learn useful ways you can appreciate your volunteers.

Is it time to do some spring cleaning? How is your database? Do you have volunteers in there that are not active? Spend a few minutes contacting them to see if they might be interested in being active again or want to be inactivated off your list.

This can help keep your list current and encourage someone who hasn't been with you for awhile to join you again. How is your email box? Filled with items that need attention? Spend 5 minutes a day working on one at a time and get yourself a clean slate to work with again.

Thank You to the Conference

Committee for an amazing day March 1st. We learned so much, had a great time, and will hopefully be better people and leaders because of it.

I also want to express deep gratitude to the executive committee this year. They have worked very diligently behind the scenes in making sure DAVA is on solid footing and we are excited for some new resources and programs we'll be announcing later in the year.

As always, I look forward to seeing you at the DAVA events and programs and wish you the best as we all serve our communities!



A Message From Carla Markell

March 9, 2012

Dear Delawareans,

For the past three years, Jack and I have been inspired by the enthusiasm for volunteering and service that we have seen across our state. Thousands of Delawareans who lent a hand in projects up and down the state have found rewarding volunteer opportunities through entities such as www.VolunteerDelaware.org and on the News Journal's website www.DelawareOnline.com/GetInvolved and have volunteered hundreds of thousands of hours. Delawareans have stepped up to the plate to help: neighbors bringing neglected blocks back to life, families aiding in local park and stream clean-ups, citizens organizing coat drives before the winter. These are only a few of the hundreds of projects that volunteers are needed for each year. The needs continue.

In April this year, we are thrilled to announce the third annual Week of Service, April 15-21, 2012, coinciding with National Volunteerism Awareness Week. We hope each of you will take a little time out of your busy schedule to volunteer. Specifically, I ask you to do the following:

If you are with an organization that would like to have volunteer help with an activity, please visit our Volunteer Delaware website to list your event. We have instructions on how to list your event as well, please go to www.VolunteerDelaware.org

If you are an individual, youth group, company, group of friends, scouting organization or the like and want to help, please log onto www.VolunteerDelaware.org or to the News Journal's "Get Involved" site www.DelawareOnline.com/GetInvolved and search for opportunities!

All of these efforts contribute to the powerful momentum we are building in Delaware. Every person can make a difference in the lives of others and in their communities. It is our hope that each citizen who volunteers that week will carry on volunteering not just for a week, but also for a lifetime.

One hour, one day, one dollar, one lifetime. Your help matters.

Sincerely,
Carla Markell

DAVA Trivia

The answer to the last trivia question was: 1975 — That's right, the first minutes were found 37 years ago!



Thanks for all that participated!

Get Involved Today!

Now is a great time to get involved in DAVA, whether you are brand new or experienced in the volunteer field, your skills and abilities can help the volunteer field in Delaware. We are looking for people to join one of following committees or roles. It would be a one year commitment with a review at the end of that year to see if you are still interested, etc.

Program – assist with finding speakers, meeting locations, and other meeting details

Member Handbook – assist with formatting, editing, and adding information to the DAVA member handbook to add value to the DAVA membership

Facebook – create and help maintain a facebook presence

Newsletter – help gather news and edit the newsletter and help with photos and website Information

Bylaws review – edit the DAVA bylaws and proof read

Certification courses – gather information and help create some type of volunteer administrator certification in DE

We aim to make this a good, fun, low stress experience. The more hands we have, the less work it will be, and the more we will accomplish.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Angela Williamson, DAVA President at president@davaweb.org or call 302-658-2400 ext. 257.

We look forward to having you join us!

Congratulations to the 2012 Governor's Youth Volunteer Service Award Winners!

On April 24, 2012, Governor Jack Markell will present Governor's Youth Volunteer Service Awards to 19 individuals and groups of young people at Dover Downs. DAVA members Trevor Turner and Jason Begany from the Food Bank of Delaware nominated one of these outstanding youths who will be honored, here is a little bit about Christopher:

Christopher Willis

Human Needs

Nominator: Trevor Turner and Jason Begany, Coordinators for the Food Bank of Delaware

Every Monday through Friday, Christopher Willis volunteers at the Food Bank of Delaware as a lead volunteer. Chris assists the Volunteer Coordinators manage the day to day operations of the volunteer room in the Food Bank's Newark warehouse. While other high school students spend their afternoons in front of the TV or computer, Chris spends each afternoon alleviating hunger for the more than one in four Delawareans who depend on emergency food assistance.

The 2011 award recipients participated in such diverse activities as organizing fundraisers, mentoring peers, and making the world a better place for those who live in Delaware as well as abroad. They are representative of Delaware's youth who are making a positive contribution to society and inspiring others to do the same.

The Governor's Youth Volunteer Service Awards are sponsored by the Office of the Governor, Delaware Health and Social Services, the Division of State Service Centers, the State Office of Volunteerism, the Governor's Commission on Community and Volunteer Service, and the Department of Education.



Do you have any youth volunteers? This is a great way to not only recognize the youths you have in your organization, but to encourage others to volunteer!

Earn an Elective Credit outside the Classroom!

The **Delaware Volunteer Credit (DVC)** is one elective credit used towards graduation. Students who complete 90 hours of community service during their entire high school career are eligible to receive this credit. If you have been volunteering, you may have already fulfilled the requirements to receive this credit and award!

Visit **www.volunteerdelaware.org** to find a volunteering opportunity near you, or call the State Office of Volunteerism at **1-800-815-5465**. The Delaware Volunteer Credit is a prestigious award that will appear on **your transcript** for employers and college Admissions boards to see!

It's easy to get started!

1. Meet with your counselor to go over program and get the necessary forms.
2. Visit volunteerdelaware.org or call the Volunteer Resource Center at 1-800-815-5465
3. After completing 90 hours of service, submit required verification of service hours to your counselor.
4. Your counselor will send the forms to the Office of Volunteerism by April 15.
5. The Office of Volunteerism will send you a certificate of completion.
6. Upon receipt of the certificate, the school will assign the Delaware Volunteer Credit to your transcript.



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Mark your calendar for these special events!

April 15-21st—National Volunteer Week

June 15th—Awards Recognition Ceremony—
Maple Dale Country Club

July 19th—New Castle Brown Bag Meeting—
Center for Exceptional Care

August 9th—Sussex County Brown Bag
Meeting

DAVA Word Search

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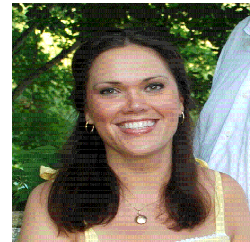
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