

2007 November/December News 2007

Delaware Association of Volunteer Administrators

(DAVA)

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“A Professional Organization for Leaders of Volunteers.”

DAVA MEETING DATES

- ☀ Thursday, November 15, 2007 (Registration attached)

County: Sussex

Location: U of D Cooperative Extension Office

Time: 11:30 Registration

Program – Networking

Speaker – Charlie Mohr (Eagle Studios)

- ☀ Monday January 14, 2008 – Kent County
- ☀ Thursday, January 17, 2008 – Annual Conference on Volunteerism
- ☀ Tuesday March 18, 2008 – New Castle
- ☀ Friday May 16, 2008 – Sussex County
- ☀ Friday June 20, 2008 – Kent County

Mingle
Socialize
Interact
Networking

DAVA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: TERRY SCHRENKER



Terry Schrenker

In 1991 Terry joined the Human Resource Department of Milford Memorial Hospital. After the merger between Milford Memorial Hospital and Kent General Hospital into Bayhealth Medical Center, the H.R. function was consolidated in Dover and Terry continued her work in H.R. at the Kent campus. Terry had always been interested in volunteerism and chose to make it the subject of her Master's thesis in her graduate program in Human Resource Management. So when the Director of Volunteer Services retired at Kent General in 2004, Terry decided to change career paths and transferred to Volunteer Services. In 2006 Terry earned her Delaware Certified Volunteer Administrator certification and when the Volunteer Director at the Milford campus retired this year Terry was promoted to director over both Volunteer Services departments.

Over 200 adult volunteers and 80 teens serve the patients and staff of Bayhealth in a variety of positions including those with patient interaction, those involving clerical or project work, and just recently, positions involving computer access for volunteers. These computer-related volunteer positions are especially attractive to the Baby Boomer early retirees that are looking for meaningful volunteer opportunities.

Originally from Pittsburgh, Terry moved to Dover with her husband, Rich, 34 years ago when they were married. They raised two sons, Joshua and Chad, and now have a daughter-in-law, Jessica, who is a welcome addition to their family. Terry and her husband enjoy traveling, hiking, and attending classic car shows with their bright red '57 Chevy. Terry says that next to marrying Rich and having her two sons, making a career change to Volunteer Services is the best decision she has ever made!

If you or any you know would like to be considered for the member spotlight. Please send an email to tracy@beachmeals.com. Please include a photo as well as a short bio.

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VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED TO REVIEW DAVA BY-LAWS, Submitted by: Kerry McElwee

Volunteer(s) are needed to assist in reviewing the DAVA bylaws. If you are willing to help please contact Kerry McElwee, DAVA Vice-President in her Dover office at 302-739-4211 ext. 261 or call her cell phone at 302-943-3136.

WHEELS VOLUNTEERS HONORED TWICE! Submitted by: Angela Drooz

Irene Klein and Mary Ann Dilworth have been WHEELS volunteers for more than thirty years! All this time they never tired of driving seniors to their medical appointments. Both feel that transportation is vital to the elderly and they provide the personal touch through conversation, caring and a dose of friendship. Through their participation they contributed to the lives of countless senior citizens in New Castle County.



For their dedication they both received the Jefferson Award, given for the first time by New Castle County Government in August.

As if that were not enough, on October 18, they were honored with the 2007 Governors Outstanding Volunteer Award for their long time contribution to volunteerism and community services. Congratulations!

PAWS PARTICIPATES IN PET LOVERS FAIR, Submitted by: Richard Phillips

PAWS for People will visit Winterthur Museum & Country House. We will be a part of the "Pet Lovers' Fair" and exhibit which will be held on Saturday, November 17th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you have a pet, this fair will explore all things pet. PAWS' executive director, Lynne Robinson, will speak at 11:15 a.m. about pet-assisted visitation and the kinds of therapy work our teams do.

On Saturday, December 1st, PAWS will be selling hot dogs & sodas at the Boscov's store in Christiana Town Center, Christiana, DE. All proceeds will go to PAWS for People. Everyone is welcome to shop. After all, the holiday shopping season will be in full swing and everyone needs to eat. Right??

OTHER PAWS NEWS:

On Thursday, October 18th, eight of the PAWS' teams were honored at the 25th Annual Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Awards dinner & reception at the Dover Sheraton. The teams honored were those visiting the Christiana Hospital and the Helen F. Graham Cancer Center. They were nominated by Margarita Rodriguez-Duffy and Jill LaRouche-Wilson, volunteer coordinators at Christiana Care. The teams honored were Alan Burkhard & Sadie, Dianne Galleshaw & Sam, Jay & Bob Gibson & Toby, Fran Levinson & Molly & Lucy, Mary Perno & Abby, Kim Rimel & Oliver, Lynne Robinson & Boo Radley & Calli, Joanne Stella & Annie and Randy White & Beethoven.

DAVA SEEKS DONATED OFFICE SPACE:

To help our ever expanding efforts in the field of Volunteer Management we would appreciate the donation of office space for administrative use. We are interested in a small office with another non-profit, school or business. We would greatly appreciate your help. If you have a small area available for our use please contact Sally Wojcieszyn at (302) 739-9200 or send an email to Sally.Wojcieszyn@state.de.us.

YOUTH AT THE CENTER GRANTS, Submitted by: Sally Wojcieszyn

Youth Service America (YSA) and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), U.S. Department of Justice are offering \$2,000 grants to help organizations replicate successful youth engagement experiences. Successful applicants will involve youth in addressing the world's most pressing social issues, such as climate change, hunger, disease, nutrition, literacy, disaster relief, poverty, and more.

Eligible applicants are local, state, or national organizations that are part of a national network, organization, or broader coalition of organizations and want to replicate their successful youth engagement experience (for youth ages 5-25) throughout that network without a youth strategy. Examples include but are certainly not limited to: food banks, zoos, housing authorities, and other non-profit organizations addressing a social issue.

Applicants should plan to use Global Youth Service Day as a primary vehicle to engage youth in the issue addressed. The grant can be used to promote participation in Global Youth Service Day 2008 and 2009. Therefore, applicants are encouraged to pursue funding for an effort that takes place over a multi-year period. Applications must be received by Friday, November 30th.

For more information, visit YSA.org/awards <http://ysa.org/AwardsGrants/tabid/58/Default.aspx> .

KENT/SUSSEX ADOPT-A-FAMILY NEWS: Submitted by: Edie Banning

Sponsor a child or give a donation to Kent/Sussex Adopt-a-Family to help a child or children living in poverty this holiday season. Kent/Sussex Adopt-a-Family will be taking donations for the holiday program starting immediately and we will be matching children to sponsors starting October 15th, 2007. If you know of a family who is in need of assistance due to a financial crisis this past year, please have them call Kent/Sussex Adopt-a-Family so we can help them get signed up for assistance. If you know of anyone who is able to afford to donate to help a family, we would also appreciate your assistance in letting them know about our program. Donors, Sponsors and those in need can also visit our NEW website at Councilforkent-sussexadopt-a-familyofdelaware.com. While there please feel free to leave a message on our message board, look at our criteria for assisting families in need.

We are only as successful as our sponsors make us. Please consider making a holiday donation to Kent/Sussex Adopt-a-Family to ease the burden and sadness of the holidays for those in poverty who have experienced enough hardship this year and need to be uplifted with the kindness of others. Don't make it someone else's responsibility. Accept the challenge today.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER:

If you haven't already done so, please remember to pay your membership dues. Registration/ Renewal forms are **attached** for your convenience.

SAVE THE DATE:

The Annual Conference on Volunteerism will be held on January 17, 2008 at the Dover Sheraton. The keynote speaker is Susan Ellis, President of Energize Inc.



Respectfully submitted by:
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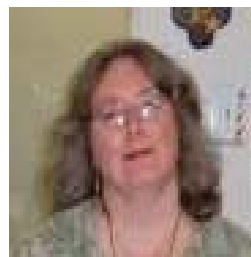
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