



Delaware Association of Volunteer Administrators

# DAVA Newsletter

*"A Professional Organization for Leaders of Volunteers"*

## About DAVA

### Special points of interest:

- Join DAVA today!
- Don't miss the 2011 Conference on Volunteerism at Dover Downs
- Start thinking about Week of Service activities

Delaware Association of Volunteer Administrators is the statewide Professional Organization for Leaders of Volunteers. Membership includes training and workshop opportunities in volunteer management or self-development. DAVA also assists with the annual Conference on Volunteerism which provides a day of networking and informative workshops for anyone in the field of volunteerism. DAVA members are also invited to an annual meeting and awards luncheon which highlights the success of a volunteer administrator in the state.

There are 6 committees that make up DAVA, they include:

membership, program, education, PR/newsletter, awards and nominations. All members are encouraged to help with a committee. Here is a brief run-down of each committee:

- Program Committee develops programs for the year, works with the State Office of Volunteerism to assist with the Conference on Volunteerism, attends business and executive committee meetings and submits necessary reports to the President.
- PR/Newsletter committee creates and submits articles and other information to be



entered in the newsletter.

- Membership committee is responsible for collecting DAVA memberships and fees and recruiting new members.

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## Speed Networking

October's DAVA meeting featured guest speaker Frank Dowling. Frank is the founder of Pro-Speed Networking an organization that coordinates Speed Networking events. Frank shed insight on some networking basics, ways to develop new relationships,

what to say when you meet someone new, and how to make your first impression your best impression.

Each person created a 60 second commercial about themselves and then the speed networking began!

It was a great way to meet new people and see the wonderful things other organizations in the community are doing.

For more information on setting up a speed networking event visit: [www.prospeednetworking.com](http://www.prospeednetworking.com)

## Conference on Volunteerism



Join us for the Volunteer Conference January 27th, at Dover Downs

Join us on January 27th at Dover Downs for the annual Conference on Volunteerism. Enjoy a day of networking and informative workshops.

The keynote speaker this year is Connie Pirtle. She is the Founder and Director of Strategic Non-profit Resources, a Washington, DC, area firm that serves non-profit organiza-

tions in all areas related to volunteerism. She has 20 years of experience working with trustees, volunteers, volunteer program managers, executive directors and senior staff managers on effective community engagement. Connie also writes an online volunteer management advice column, "Ask Connie" that appears monthly at [www.volunteertoday.com](http://www.volunteertoday.com).

In addition to Connie Pirtle, there are several other great speakers and workshops. Some topics include social networking, grant writing, and teambuilding. The fee for the conference is \$60 and lunch is included. Hope to see you there!

Visit [www.volunteerdelaware.org](http://www.volunteerdelaware.org) To download the registration form

## Week of Service



The 2011 National Week of Service is April 10-16th. Which is just three short months away. Start brainstorming volunteer projects with members of your organization today! If you already have an opportunity, please visit [www.volunteerdelaware.org](http://www.volunteerdelaware.org) to log on and register your activity and begin recruiting volunteers!

Don't have an account? It's easy and FREE! By having an account you can start recruiting volunteers, recording hours and much more!

Visit [www.volunteerdelaware.org](http://www.volunteerdelaware.org) today!

## Important Dates: Don't forget to mark your calendar!

- **January 17th**—Martin Luther King Jr Day, *Day of Service*
- **January 27th**—Volunteer Conference, *Dover Downs*
- **February 14th**—Deadline to nominate outstanding volunteer youth or youth group (please visit [www.volunteerdelaware.org](http://www.volunteerdelaware.org) for nomination form)
- **March 10th**—Next DAVA Meeting held at Killen's Pond
- **April 10-16**—National Week of Service
- **April 28th**—Governor's Youth Awards Ceremony at Caesar Rodney High School Auditorium

# 2009-2010 Officers



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Nominations—TBA

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Does your organization have an upcoming event? Do you know a volunteer administrator that should be highlighted for their outstanding efforts? Is there a topic you would like to see covered? Please submit your articles and suggestions for the next newsletter **today!**

Contact Leslie McGowan at [lmcgowan@bgclubs.org](mailto:lmcgowan@bgclubs.org) or 302-836-6464 x11 with your article or idea!