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Scenes of the Fall Picnic

On October 10, we had over 45 people who enjoyed a day of fun and food for the annual volunteer picnic. Special thanks to volunteers Bill Luzadder, who made the cozy fire, and to Tim Fryer, who helped with the grilling of the dogs. Jane Luzadder planned a fun game of horse racing, and Sharon Fryer (who proved to have a mean roll of the dice) led her team to victory. White elephant prizes were given to the winning team, with the losing team receiving the "big and wonderful prize," as Jane would say, of candy bars, so everyone came away a winner. The mums and pumpkins that were the decorations were given as prizes also. Our thanks to Foertmeyer & Sons, Lehner's Pumpkin Farm, Cameron Mitchell Restaurants, Marconi's, and the Columbus Museum of Art, who donated the door prizes, and also to Meijer, who donated some of the food.

Left: Bob VanAntwerp always seems to win the prize! *Right:* Christine Tucker brought the whole family.



***Wishing you
a safe and
happy
Thanksgiving!***

***From all your
friends at
COA***



From the Bottom of Their Hearts

Our meal delivery clients were sent our annual quality assurance survey, and the results are in! Here are some of the comments from our clients about our volunteer drivers.

- Your drivers will have a special place in heaven. Where did you ever find so many wonderful, kind, lifting-of-your-spirit people? I love each and every one of them. They brighten my day.
- All of the drivers that deliver to my Mom are very nice. I love the fact when they come in they talk to my mother and see how she is doing.
- All of the volunteers are wonderful. How fortunate and blessed we are to have them. Thanks to all.
- The people delivering our meals are just terrific. We are all so fortunate for people who serve the elderly.
- The volunteers are very helpful. I had a problem with a bottle of cough medicine one day. It was one of those "push down and twist things." Child proof and also "old woman" proof. The man who delivered my meal very kindly opened it for me!

WELCOME

NEW VOLUNTEERS FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER!

Dick Bauerle	Justin Green	Marlene L'Heureux	Dick Sauerman	David Williams
John Berner	Penny Hagaman	Debra McCann	Billie Slone	Judi Wolfe
Steven Boham	Amy Himmelrick	Gary Must	Gene Smith	Kristine Wolfe
Bill Boyd	Tracey Jackson	Sandy Must	Michael Thomas	Corinne Wortz
Stacy Cunningham	Kelly Kush	George Penoff	Rita Treese	

Kudos!



A client wrote to thank Girl Scout Troop 113: "Many thanks to the troop for providing the sunflowers wishing us a great day. On behalf of us seniors, thank you!"

Thanks to staff members Toni Dodge, Sharon Fryer and Nicole Rice for the excellent driver training last month.

We Need Your Assistance

Once again, volunteers, we need your assistance! We currently deliver our *Council Communicator* newspaper to over 50 bulk distribution locations, but to ensure that more people have access to this valuable free publication, we are searching for additional sites throughout the county.

If you know of a business, medical office, church or organization that you feel would be a good location to add to our list, please let us know. All you need to do is call us with your suggestions and we will make the contact. Call Brenda Durfey at (740) 203-2357 or (800) 994-2255, or email her at brenda@growingingolder.org.

Ask Amy



Question: We would like to know the number of meals served this month, volunteer hours, and also clients served. Could you please provide us this information in the newsletter?

Answer: Year to date, we have served 133,384 meals and 1,041 clients through SENIOR CHOICES. Also, year to date our volunteers have served a total of 25,560 hours, worth a value of approximately \$442,000.

Question: How do I know if the care consultant received my concern about a client?

Answer: Good question! As a result of your concern, we have instituted a new policy. Care consultants will now acknowledge your concern with a note to the volunteer.

WIN A PRIZE WITH THE SECRET WORD!

The Secret Word for this month is "cough." Be one of the first 10 people to find the Secret Word and you will be eligible for a prize! Contact Sharon Fryer at (740) 203-2431 with your guess. (Remember, if you won in the last newsletter, you are not eligible.)



And the Incentive Contest Winners Are...



August: "Make a Difference Everyday"
Marla Back-Ziegler
September: Robert Manns

"Go the Extra Mile"
Phil Koons
Judy Lisle

Each winner received a \$25 gas gift certificate.



We're Seeing Stars!
sponsored by Max & Erma's



All volunteers who went above and beyond for COA and our clients were given special recognition with star cards. Volunteers are given \$5 gift certificates provided by Max and Erma's and are also entered into the special drawing for volunteers that "Go The Extra Mile" for a \$25 gift certificate. Every volunteer is also entered into the drawing for "Making a Difference" for each day they volunteer. Our stars for August and September were:

Terri Abood
Bob Backus
Jackie & Dave Berry*
Evelyn Bogard
Mike & Linda Buschlen
Betty Bringardner
Jerry Cavinee
Ed & Pat Coleman
Dave Confer
Jeff & Hazel Creasy *
Carrie Curtis
Bob & Carol D'Eredita
Jerry Driesen, MD
Bob Erlandson
Ida Farahay
Beth Fisher

Frank Jackson
Ray & Lori Ihle
Jim Jacquemin
Joy Kaser
Joan Kilibarda
Philip Koons
Stan Kucinski
Shirley Kucinski
Dave Lammers
Nancy Larson
Jim & Sandy Law
Judy Lisle
David Lowe
Dorothy Malinkey
Mona Marple
Bill Miller

Hazel Miller
Pat Milner
Vicki Mills
Bob Murray
Fred Oehler
Kathy Packham
Wes Parker
Joni Paxton
Gene & Betty Pillion
Karen Pillion
Dawn Pulley
Clay & Doris Rammelsburg
Bob Rhoden
Susan Robison*
Peter Shears
Bill Sheehy

Virginia Skatzes
Dick Skuce
Jim Smith**
Pete Smith*
Marilyn Storey
Linda Tedrahn
Bob VanAntwerp*
Jerry Walburg
Dee Watren
Cathy Woodruff
Janet Yasenosky**
Carroll Yarnell

*Two Stars

**Three Stars

New Volunteer Opportunities



Our snowbirds are getting ready to head south for the winter, and we are currently looking for new groups that are interested in delivering meals to cover for them. (Special thanks to Tracy Whited who approached the congregation at her church, Delaware Grace Brethren, and encouraged them to adopt a route. They were so successful that they will be delivering *two* routes in the future!) If you would like to get your church involved in delivering meals as a group, please contact Amy Brown at amyb@growingolder.org or (740) 203-2355.

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This year, the staff at the Center for Older Adults will be decorating Christmas trees for the Center. If you would like to donate any extra artificial trees or decorations, please call Amy Brown at (740) 203-2355, or bring them to the front desk at the Council office.

Dates to Remember



11/7	9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Mission, Vision and Values for New Volunteers
11/9	1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Meal Delivery Training
11/18	10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Mission, Vision and Values for New Volunteers
11/23	1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Meal Delivery Training
11/26-27		Thanksgiving Holiday – no meal delivery
12/5	9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Mission, Vision and Values for New Volunteers
12/7	1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Meal Delivery Training
12/16	7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.	Council for Older Adults Annual Celebration
12/16	10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Mission, Vision and Values for New Volunteers
12/23	1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Meal Delivery Training
12/25		Christmas Holiday – no meal delivery