



Council for Older Adults

# Volunteer Viewpoint

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## Congratulations!



*Left:* Peter Smith has been awarded the Jason Bell Memorial Award from The Alpha Group. He has been volunteering as a kitchen assistant three times a week since August 2008.



*Above:* Joyce and William Rozon have recently decided to retire to Arizona. Together they have served the Council for Older Adults by volunteering over 800 hours. We congratulate them on their retirement!



Volunteers Jan Baltus and Doneta Stoner have completed over 15 years of service with our Meals on Wheels program. (At left, Jan receives his certificate from COA van driver Harold Jackson. Below left, Doneta proudly displays her certificate.)



*Above right:* Congratulations to Peter Shears, a runner-up for the SNP Young at Heart Senior of the Year.



"Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves."

James Matthew Barrie



*Left:* Tracy Merrin, who was recognized as the Spotlight Volunteer in the September *Council Communicator*, poses with her family.

# WELCOME

## NEW VOLUNTEERS FOR JULY & AUGUST!

Wisty Andres	Sue Harle	Sue Lynn	Dawn Pulley	Mary Lou Schultz
Laura Blevins	Jeanne Heath	Ulrike Martin	Tiffany Robinson	Debbie Stohl
Kay Brandt	Valerie Johns	Lawrence Mollmann	Judy Roof	Megan Temple
Kari Childs	Jan Larson	Jean Packer	Somchay Sananikone	Kim Wigal
Diana Edgar	David Lowe	Jake Pahringer	Mary Schenk	



## We're Seeing Stars!



The Star Volunteer Program to recognize our volunteers is being revamped, and we want to catch you "Being A Star Volunteer." Nominations can be made by anyone in the organization and will be displayed in the volunteer office and also in the meal delivery location. Nomination forms are available at both locations. Nominate someone today! All volunteers nominated will be entered in a drawing for the month they were caught going the extra mile. We will also be giving out stars that you can add to your name tag (a little like the buckeyes on the helmets of football players) to show others that you are a STAR volunteer. Our stars for June and July are:

Sue Anderson	Laura Evans	Debbie Rickabaugh
Carolyn Ballenger	Beth Fisher	Jo Simmons
Evalyn Bogard	Wes Jordan	Eva Vaghy
Bob Bishop	Ralph Hogle	Janet and Bob VanAntwerp
Beth Caldwell	Vicki Mills	Dee Watren ( <i>two stars received!</i> )
Annie & Terry Croft	Bob Rohoden	Carroll Yarnell
Carrie Curtis	Dave Ruddock	

## Ask Amy



**Q: I heard the Council for Older Adults offers a grant to the Delaware General Health District to pick up appliances. Could you tell me more about it?**

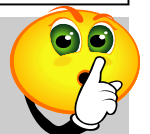
**A:** As a result of the funds that we provide to the Delaware General Health District for the above-stated project, they served 169 households to collect 168 appliances (approximately 21,000 pounds!) and 47 computers. Once again we had a very successful year! This project is usually held in the spring. (If you missed it this year, look for information in our publications next year.)

**Q: I would like to know what happens to the clients when they are no longer on my route. What can you tell me? Can you tell me what a client's birthday is?**

**A:** If a client is deceased, we can share that information with our volunteers since this is public record. If a client is living, we cannot share confidential information regarding why clients are no longer on a meal delivery route due to HIPAA rules and regulations.

## WIN A PRIZE WITH THE SECRET WORD!

The Secret Word for this month is "wiener." 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.)



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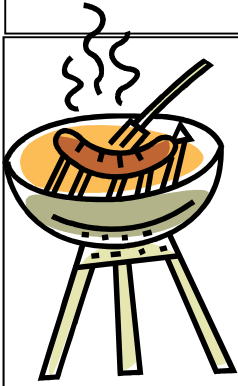
And the Incentive Contest Winners Are...

July: "Make a Difference Everyday"  
Wisty Andres  
August:

"Go the Extra Mile"  
Evelyn Bogard  
Carolyn Ballenger



## It's Time for a Fall Picnic



**What:** The Annual Wiener Roast  
**When:** Saturday, October 10  
4 - 6 p.m.  
**Where:** Mingo Park 3-Season Room  
500 E. Lincoln Avenue, Delaware

We will provide the wieners, condiments, paper products, drinks, prizes and fun! Friends and family welcome! Please bring a covered dish to share.

RSVP to Amy Brown at (740) 203-2375 by October 1

## Win a \$25 Gas Card!

We are getting ready to add new meal delivery drivers to cover for the "snowbirds," our volunteers who fly south for the winter. If you know of anyone interested in delivering meals, please contact Amy Brown at (740) 202-2355 or amyb@growingolder.org. Be sure to have any new volunteers mention that you referred them to receive an entry for the gas card drawing!



## Make a Difference Day



If one person can change the world, think about what a whole family can do! Lending a hand in your community helps your family grow closer and builds character in your children. "Volunteering is a hands-on way to teach kids of any age about compassion, tolerance and good citizenship," says Jenny Friedman, author of *The Busy Family's Guide to Volunteering*. If you want to make a difference in our community, join us with your family and friends for a National Make a Difference Day Project:

**When:** Saturday, October 24, 9 a.m. to noon  
**Where:** Delaware Area Career Center, Delaware, Ohio

For additional information on volunteering for Make a Difference Day, please call Margie West or Suzanne Pingry at Connections at (740) 363-5000 or via email to mwest@helpline.com.

(Please note that we are also accepting project requests. If you are visiting with a client and notice that they could benefit from some help around the house, please suggest that they call the Council and request our help on Make a Difference Day.)

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Give 8 hours of community service and get a complimentary night's stay or 50% discount on hotel rooms at all 53 Sage Hotels across the country. Offer ends December 20, 2009. For more information visit: [www.giveadaygetanight.com](http://www.giveadaygetanight.com).

### *Dates to Remember*



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9/3	6 p.m. to 9 p.m.	11 <sup>th</sup> Annual Scarlet & Gray Soirée Wine Tasting Event
9/12	9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Mission, Vision and Values Orientation for New Volunteers
9/14	1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Meal Delivery Training
9/16	10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Mission, Vision and Values Orientation for New Volunteers
9/19-26		Delaware County Fair
10/3	9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Mission, Vision and Values Orientation for New Volunteers
10/10	4 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Annual Volunteer Wiener Roast – Mingo Park
10/21	10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Mission, Vision and Values Orientation for New Volunteers
10/24	8 a.m. to Noon	Make a Difference Day – Delaware Area Career Center North