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“Everyone can be great, because everyone can serve.” – Martin Luther King, Jr.



## “Volunteers Build a Better World” Recognition

The accomplishments of our volunteers were celebrated during National Volunteer Week with a luncheon held on April 16. The Council for Older Adults received a Certificate of Proclamation from Mayor Gary Milner of the City of Delaware. COA Executive Director Robert Horrocks thanked the volunteers for over 42,000 hours of service with a value of over \$736,000 in 2010. Volunteers Janet VanAntwerp, Bob Burr, Bill Sheehy, Shirley and Marvin Philpott, and Carol Rohde were recognized as receiving various community volunteer awards during the year.

Our volunteers delivered over 184,000 meals to more than 1,220 clients and drove over 185,800 miles in 2010, which is approximately 7.5 times around the world!

Volunteers were recognized for their milestones of 5, 10, 15 and 20 years of service. Fred Oehler was recognized for his 20 years of service and Jerome Driesen, M.D., and Tracy Whited were recognized for 15 years of service. Betty Decker, Bob D'Eredita and Joe Girard were recognized for 10 years of service, and many more received their 5-year service pins.

Volunteers were also recognized in the following categories:

- ◆ The Family of the Year was awarded to the Pillion family including Betty, Gene and Karen, and Joni Paxton.
- ◆ Group awards were given to Max and Erma's, Kohl's, Walmart and the Commodity Driver Group.
- ◆ The outstanding student award went to the Delta Gamma Sorority from OWU. (continued on page 2)



*Fred Oehler accepts his 20-year service award from Director of Client Services Fara Waugh.*



*Dr. Jerome Driesen accepts his 15-year service award from Director of Client Services Fara Waugh.*



*Emcee Jeff Robinson entertains the crowd at the Annual Volunteer Appreciation event.*

Volunteers recognized for hour milestones were:

**1,000 Hours**

Bob Backus  
Jan Baltus  
Traci Bender  
(Delaware Christian Church)  
Carrie Curtis  
Bob D'Eredita  
Carol D'Eredita  
Tommy Gardner  
Jerry Keesecker  
Adam Metz  
(Alum Creek Church)

Pat Milner  
Kathy Packham  
Pete Patterson  
Richard Robinson  
Carol Rohde  
Pete Smith  
Barb Terry  
Janet VanAntwerp  
Bernie Workman  
Janet Wright  
Carroll Yarnell  
Jane Zimmerman

**2,000 hours**

Marvin Philpott  
John Wright

**3,000 hours**

Howard Augenstine  
Fred Oehler  
Shirley Philpott  
Dee Watren

Two volunteers were recognized who retired this year after many years of service. Jan Baltus started delivering meals in 1992 and has served over 1,500 hours. He remembers when his first route was 4 - 5 hours and covered over 50 miles!

Ralph Cottrill also retired this year and has been delivering meals since 2001. He has also volunteered over 1,500 hours. Ralph was always ready with a smile and laugh whenever he came in to volunteer. He also has the distinction of delivering until his 87<sup>th</sup> birthday!

Perpetual awards were earned by; Wes Jordan - Whatever It Takes Award; Karlyn and Gerald Daniel – Essential Piece Award; Marvin Philpott – It Takes Teamwork Award; and Madan Arya – Leaping into Action Award. Volunteers received the President's Volunteer Service Awards of bronze, silver and gold pins. Gold award winners were Gerald Daniel, Karlyn Daniel, Pete Smith and Bernie Workman.



*The "Family Award" went to Gene Pillion, Joni Paxton, Karen Pillion and Betty Pillion.*



Linda Walker and Dorie Malinky accept the "Group Award" for Walmart.



COA Executive Director Bob Horrocks (left) and Coordinator of Volunteers Amy Brown (right) with the "Essential Piece Award" winners Gerry and Karlyn Daniels.



*Frank Phillips (left) and Dave Ruddock (right) accept the "Commodities Group Award" from Director of Client Services Fara Waugh.*

**Client Quotes:**

"All of the volunteers are wonderful. How fortunate and blessed we are to have them. Thanks to all."

"Thank you for arranging the transportation with volunteer Beth Kastle. She did a great job in helping me, more than she had to do. I would like you to accept this donation for the great service."

**Congratulations to:** Ginny Berry of DATA for completing the Leadership Delaware County program, class of 2011.



# Congratulations Winners!

"Make a Difference Every Day"

February - Joe Liston

March - Ken Mills

"Go the Extra Mile" Star Volunteer Award

February - Tiffany McClung

March - Sandy Must

Each winner receives a \$25 gift card donated by Walmart.



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



All volunteers who went above and beyond for COA and our clients were given special recognition with star cards. Volunteers are given gift certificate cards provided by Max and Erma's and 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.

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|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Madan Arya**        | Mary Cross*         | Judy Lisle        | Santa Oka***     | Charlene Snavely* |
| Victor Badertscher  | Jerry Daniel****    | Joe Liston*       | Frank Phillips   | Mary Lee Stocks   |
| Lou Bailey          | KarylN Daniel**     | Bob Long**        | Nancy Pintavalli | Barb Terry        |
| Tom Blackburn*      | Jim Decker          | David Lowe        | Norma Rease      | Janet VanAntwerp  |
| Jean Blakeslee      | Lee Elverson        | Bill Luzadder     | Bob Rhoden       | Jerry Walberg*    |
| Vanessa Blaylock    | Marilyn Forbes      | Mona Marple       | Susan Robison    | Judi Wolfe        |
| Betty Bringardner   | Julia Foster        | Tiffany McClung   | Phil Rogers      | Bernie Workman*   |
| Jim Bringardner     | Tim Fryer           | Diane Meier       | Carol Rohde      | Janet Wright      |
| Virginia Brizendine | Chris Grazel        | Dan Miller*       | Rich Sahler      | John Wright*      |
| Evelyn Brookens     | Deb Grazel          | Ken Mills**       | Betty Schinke*   | Jan Wysong        |
| John Burrer         | David Hardcastle*** | Vicki Mills*****  | Les Schinke*     | Nancy Zaiser      |
| Pat Clements*       | Wes Jordan*         | Pat Milner        | John Schmansky   | Jane Zimmerman    |
| Andrea Collins      | Beth Kastle         | Paul Monks***     | Ruth Schrock     |                   |
| David Confer        | Ed Kramer           | Lee Ann Morris*** | Pat Shroyer      |                   |
| Steve Conway*       | Arden LeBlanc       | Julie Mullins     | Joe Smith        |                   |
| John Cross          | Bob Le Blanc        | Gary Must*        | Pete Smith****   |                   |
|                     | Pat Liggett         | Sandy Must*       | Rod Smith        |                   |

\*More than one star designates additional star nominations!

## WIN A PRIZE WITH THE SECRET WORD

The secret word for this newsletter is summer. Please call Marcey Arter at (740) 203-2431. If you are one of the top ten people (and you did not win last month), you will win a prize.



## WELCOME

## New Volunteers For March and April

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|------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Don Anspaugh     | Laurisa Fuller   | Barbara Mullen  | Bev Spelman    |
| Ben Brown        | Peggy Guenther   | Jackie Pickard  | Sue Starbuck   |
| Carl Bruene, Jr. | Rachelle Howland | Leroy Rease     | Steve Sun      |
| Ed Butterfield   | Kay Kempton      | Jeff Rizzo      | Steve Watson   |
| Louise Coots     | Kelli Lagando    | Carol Robichaud | Stephen Wolfe  |
| Roxanne Damo     | Mark Lindsay     | Ron Robichaud   | Charles Wood   |
| Kyle Dennis      | Leslie Lindsay   | Megan Sanders   | Rosezetta Wood |
| Andy Doyle       | Ken Lockwood     | Joe Schmidt     | John Worthy    |
| Norm Freund      | Jackie Lockwood  | Steve Snowball  |                |

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### **Summer Festival June 11—Save the Date!**

The 19th annual Summer Festival will be held at the Center for Older Adults, 800 Cheshire Road in Delaware. All volunteers will receive a free lunch or dinner for volunteering. Volunteers are still needed for the following jobs: parking, set and clean-up crew. All volunteers will receive a free meal ticket! Please contact Brenda Durfey at (740) 203-2357 or [brenda@growingolder.org](mailto:brenda@growingolder.org) for more information.

### **Senior Farmers' Market Voucher Program**

Spring is in the air and the Senior Farmers' Market Voucher Program will soon start another season. Each year, the Council's voucher program provides Delaware County residents age 60 and over with vouchers for fresh foods from farmers' markets in Delaware, Sunbury and Powell. Volunteers are needed to man the booths at each of the farmers' markets each week. There are weekday as well as weekend opportunities available.

Volunteer training will be held on Wednesday, May 11, from 9 a.m. - 10 a.m., and 4 - 5 p.m. Please RSVP to Toni Dodge for your choice of training at COA at (740) 203-2412 or email [toni@growingolder.org](mailto:toni@growingolder.org) if you are interested in volunteering for these opportunities. The Council for Older Adults Senior Farmers' Market Voucher Program is funded by the Delaware County senior services levy.

### **Caregiver Recognition**

Dozens of volunteers will go to the homes of local caregivers on Wednesday, May 25, from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. to present caregivers with a letter of appreciation, a gift and a flower as a personal gesture of thanks for the efforts they make every day in caring for older friends and relatives. If you know a caregiver who deserves this special recognition, or would like to deliver the gifts, please contact Amy Brown at [amyb@growingolder.org](mailto:amyb@growingolder.org) or (740) 203-2355.