



Council for Older Adults

Volunteer Viewpoint

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Happy Holidays to Our Volunteers!

In this coming holiday season, many are thinking of all of the things that we are thankful for, and at the top of the list is all of our great volunteers and the wonderful job they do in fulfilling the mission of the Council for Older Adults. Without you on our team, we could not be the successful organization that we are. From all of us here at the COA, we wish you the happiest of Thanksgivings and holidays to share with your family and friends.

Annual Celebration

Mark your calendars for December 16 and join us for the Council for Older Adults' 19th Annual Celebration Breakfast. This year's special gathering will take place at the Center for Older Adults, 800 Cheshire Rd., Delaware, at 7:30 a.m.. We will be honoring those who provided special support to the Council in the past year, saying goodbye to out-going board members and welcoming new board members. A buffet breakfast will be served and advance reservations are required. Cost of breakfast is \$10, and the RSVP deadline is December 6. For more details, or to make a reservation, please contact the Council office at (740) 363-6677 or 800-994-2255. Reservations may also be made on our website - www.growingolder.org.



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Volunteer Open House

Soon the snowbirds will be flying south, and meanwhile we are expanding our volunteer programs. What better time of the year to have a volunteer open house? You can help and possibly win a prize! Any volunteer that refers a person to the open house or to a volunteer orientation will receive a ticket for our drawings. Prizes include: a \$25 gift certificate, Columbus Symphony tickets, Shadowbox tickets, free pizzas or a roller skating party. You can choose to make it a fun night and attend with your referral, or send them on their own. We will take good care of them...we promise!

Council for Older Adults Volunteer Open House

Thursday, November 18 ~ 4 - 6 p.m.

Center for Older Adults, 800 Cheshire Road, Delaware, Ohio

Refreshments and tours available.

Please e-mail Amy Brown, coordinator of volunteer programs at amyb@growingolder.org or call Amy at (740) 363-6677 to RSVP.

Did you Know?

The volunteer rate of women increased from 29.4 percent in 2008 to 30.1 percent in 2009, while the volunteer rate for men, at 23.3 percent, was essentially unchanged. As in previous years, women volunteered at a higher rate than did men across all age groups, educational levels, and other major demographic characteristics.

Annual Volunteer Picnic

The volunteer picnic was fun and the weather was great! We had over 100 volunteers attend on Sunday, October 3 for fun, games and door prizes. The laughs and smiles were going on all day; from first walking in and being offered a Max & Erma's warm chocolate chip cookie to the great food.



Carolyn Conley and Sandy Gardner led the volunteer games. The team that collected the most items from their list were awarded the first choice of all of the items on the prize table. Many fun items were donated by the Volunteer Advisory Committee as white elephant gifts! We also gave away mums donated by Miller's Country Gardens and pumpkins donated by Lehner's Pumpkin Farm.

Meanwhile, Amy Brown was giving away the door prizes donated by the following companies:

Columbus Symphony

Columbus Zoo

Franklin Park Conservatory

Fred Astaire Dance Studios

Funny Bone Comedy Club

Max & Erma's

Ostrander Garden Center

Salon School Groups

Shadowbox Live

Skate America

Skate Zone 71

Sunbury Skate Park

The Refectory

Volunteer Opportunities

- ◆ Outreach volunteer needed: The Council for Older Adults is looking for a volunteer to help with event planning and preparation, designing and revising marketing materials, and assisting with local health fairs. Hours will vary between 10-20 hours per week depending on the volunteer's schedule and the outreach department's needs. This volunteer will report to the outreach assistant and must be proficient with computer software.
- ◆ Catering volunteers are needed. If you like a good party, then we have a great opportunity for you! We are looking for volunteers to assist our catering department as they take on more holiday events. Remember the dollars raised from special catering events go back into needed programs.

If you are interested, please contact Amy Brown at amyb@growingolder.org.

NEED A NEW BATTERY? Firestone Can Help!

From September 1 through December 31, Bridgestone Retail Operations, LLC (BSRO) has generously pledged to donate to Meals On Wheels Association of America (MOWAA) a portion of the proceeds of every battery sold in its over 2,000 retail locations. These stores include Firestone Complete Auto Care, Tires Plus, ExpertTire and Wheel Works. BSRO has also pledged to give \$1 to MOWAA for every Bridgestone Potenza GO19 Grid tire and every Potenza RE960AS Pole Position tire sold through November 30.

Ask Amy

Q. I did not receive a new royal blue volunteer shirt. All I have is the old cornflower blue shirt. Can I get a new volunteer shirt?

A. Yes, you can get a new updated volunteer shirt, just call us and let us know your size and you can come in and pick one up. We really prefer that all volunteers wear their new shirts and ID tags when volunteering.

Q. I am interested in knowing the statistics of volunteer hours since the first of the year thru September.

A. There were 31,375 volunteer hours and their value is \$550,000.



Each winner receives a \$25 Wal-Mart gift card

And the winners are:

"Make a Difference Everyday"

August - Susan Taylor
September - Marilyn Green

"Go the Extra Mile" Star Volunteer Award

August - Jerry Cavinee
September - Art Dunkle



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



All volunteers that 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.

Sue Anderson
Madan Arya *
Bill Bellamy
Bob Bishop
Phyllis Brewer
Jim Bringardner
Jerry Cavinee
Joe Chelena
Ed Coleman
Annie Croft
Terry Croft
Mary Cross*
Carrie Curtis
Art Dunkle
Jim Flanagan
Pat Frantz
Rick Giffin
Norbie Hawkins
Jerry Hite
Nancy Huebner
John Jackson

Wes Jordan
Anita Keesecker
Jerry Keesecker
Phil Koons*
Pat Liggett **
Arden LeBlanc
Bob LeBlanc
Judy Lisle
Doris Malinkey
Estel Miller
Ethel Miller
Violet Miller*
Paul Miller
Tom Mills
Vicki Mills
Donna Morton
Walter Morton
Bob Murray
Boyd Owens
Joyce Owens
Joni Paxton

Frank Phillips
Karen Pillion
Clay Rammelsberg
Doris Rammelsberg
Keith Richey
Dee Rister
Richard Robinson
Rose Robinson
Pam Rogers
Jerry Root
Dave Ruddock
Dick Sauerman
Betty Schinke*
Les Schinke*
Betty Schoeppner
Chuck Schoeppner
Misty Shepherd
Jo Simmons*
Dick Skuce
Jim Smith *
Evelyn Sonnichsen

George Sonnichsen
Jennifer Swisher
Sue Taylor*
John Tetz*
Verna Tetz*
Mike Thomas
Al Ulrich
Barb Ulrich
Dan Unterbrink
Eva Vaghy
Bob Van Antwerp**
Jerry Walburg
Dee Watren
Kathy Wilhelm
Steve Wirt
Kristine Wolfe
Bernie Workman
Janet Wright
John Wright

**More than one star designates additional star nominations!*



WIN A PRIZE WITH THE SECRET WORD!

The secret word for this newsletter is mutual. 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 September and October

Josh Atkins
Willie Baum
Kathy Bowman
Champagne Braswell
Christine Brewer

Eva Cheung
Jim Decker
Joanne Decker
Marjorie Factor
Chris Grael

Deb Grael
Jeff Lawson
Kayley Martin
Amy McMamahill
Betsy Morgan

Robert Mulimira
Jane Nance
Troy Peugh
Kay Plice
Constance Russell

Marge Sanik
Carie Shepherd
Robin Sopher
Paul Throgmorton
Elaine Zins

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Congratulations to: Janet VanAntwerp for being a finalist in the Medical Mutual Outstanding Senior Volunteer Award.

Jerry and Karlyn Daniel for being our Spotlight volunteers this month!

Client Quotes :

- ◆ Our client Pat G. says: "Thanks so much for all your help. The volunteer not only painted my door, but helped me replace the batteries in my smoke alarms. I am enclosing a donation check to be used as you see fit." Congratulation again to our volunteers that make the difference in donations!
- ◆ "Your drivers will have a special place in heaven. Where did you ever find so many wonderful, kind, lifting of your spirit people that they have. I love each and every one of them. They brighten my day. God bless and hold them in the palm of His hand."

November 11	8 a.m.	Veterans Day Celebration
November 17	10 a.m.	Mission, Vision and Values
November 18	4 - 6 p.m.	New Volunteer Open House
November 25, 26		COA Closed for Thanksgiving
December 2	6 p.m.	Mission, Vision and Values
December 16	7:30	Annual Celebration
December 15	10 a.m.	Mission, Vision and Values
December 24		COA Closed for Holiday
December 31		COA Closed for New Year's

