



E-Xtra

What's New & Noteworthy from RSVP

November 2014

Welcome to the First Edition of the RSVP e-newsletter, E-Xtra! We want to keep you informed on what's new at RSVP and get information to you in a timely manner. You will receive an e-newsletter once a quarter. We hope you enjoy it!

Happenings

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[2014 Volunteer Appreciation Event Recap](#)

Like a good band, good food, and good company? Then the 2014 RSVP Volunteer Appreciation event was the place to be! This year's event featured a 1940s theme. If you weren't able to attend, click on the title link above for the recap!



Walgreens Volunteers Appreciation

A huge thank you goes out to Walgreens Corporation for providing volunteers to serve box lunches and beverages to the attendees at the 2014 Volunteer Appreciation Event! Walgreens and RSVP began partnering one year ago, with RSVP having a

Trivia

State law once made it illegal for restaurants to serve apple pie without cheese.



Things To Know

The RSVP Annual Appeal letter will be in your mailbox soon. Please consider a gift to support RSVP in 2014!

The RSVP office will be closed for these dates and times:

Thanksgiving holiday
November 27 and 28

Christmas holiday starting
at noon December 24,
reopening at 8:00 a.m.
December 29

New Year holiday starting
at noon December 31,
reopening at 8:00 a.m.
January 2, 2015.

Group Projects needs acrylic yarn. If you're cleaning out your yarn stash, RSVP will be happy to take it. Full or partial



monthly presence in three Walgreens locations for Walgreens Senior Days. Walgreens also provided funding for RSVP's Triad program to offer File Of Life kits to community members. Thank You Walgreens we appreciate your partnership!

Triad Crime Prevention & Safety Conference And Expo



The conference was held at American Family Insurance Training Center in Madison on September 19. Speakers included Wisconsin Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson. There were 16 workshops on crime prevention and safety topics. There were also 22 exhibitors and 23 speakers. Over 295 people from around the state attended the event. Next year's conference will be held at the same location on September 18th, 2015.

skeins are especially appreciated. Contact Mary Dwyer, at (608)663-1319, or mdwyer@rsvpdane.org.

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Share the Holiday Spirit 2014!

Holiday Gift Wrapping at Hilldale Shopping Center is an RSVP fund-raiser and a fundraiser! During the holiday season, RSVP volunteers will wrap gifts that shoppers purchase in the shopping center. RSVP will receive a contribution from the mall and keep any tips as well. We need your help! Please consider working a 2 or 3 hour shift wrapping gifts on any day between November 29th and December 24th. Call Jan at 441-7891 for a schedule of available shifts and make this activity part of your holiday tradition while you help raise funds for RSVP! There are big changes at Hilldale and this year our booth will be located to the left of Macy's front door next to the Information Desk.

Group Liaison Volunteer Needed for RSVP Group Projects/Homeworkers Program

RSVP is looking for an energetic volunteer(s) to act as a liaison with both the Cross Plains and Verona project groups. The Group Projects program consists of RSVP volunteers who meet in groups, donating their time, energy and spirit to making handmade items for those in need throughout Dane County. The groups make assorted comfort items such as quilts, knitted and crocheted hats, scarves, mittens and baby items. The volunteer liaison(s) would visit each group once a month. The volunteer will need a vehicle to deliver RSVP materials (fabric, yarn) to the groups, and bring finished items back to the RSVP storeroom. If you appreciate handmade items and would enjoy spending time with friendly folks once each month, please contact Mary Dwyer, Group Projects/Homeworkers Coordinator, for more information: (608) 663-1319 or mdwyer@rsvpdane.org.

Tutors needed

Some Madison Schools are still in need of tutors this year for students entering kindergarten through 12th grade. Elementary schools needing extra tutors are: Leopold, Lapham, Marquette, Kennedy and Elvehjem. Chavez Elementary school is looking for a Spanish speaking volunteer to help in a classroom on M, Th, F mornings from 9:00 -10:00 a.m. Middle and High Schools in Madison, Sun Prairie, Middleton and Oregon are also looking for more tutors in various subjects.

Computer Buddies

The Computer Buddies program for this school year is starting soon! Would you enjoy reading and writing e-mail to an elementary student during the school year? The Computer Buddies program is a program that RSVP offers to Dane County area elementary schools. RSVP volunteers are matched with a student and correspond in a pen pal fashion weekly or biweekly via electronic transmission, blog or e-mail. This is a fun way to volunteer without having to leave your home. The program does not involve a big time commitment, usually about 30 minutes a week.

More Opportunities to Work with Children

- Work with the Girl Scouts
- Volunteer with the Boys & Girls Club's AVID/TOPS mentoring programs
- Work with the Centro Hispano reading program
- Shelve books and/or read with children at Lapham Elementary

There are many other exciting new volunteer opportunities available this school year. Please contact Diana Jost, Intergenerational Program Coordinator, at (608) 441-1393, or djost@rsvpdane.org, for more information.

Drivers Needed

RSVP is in need of Volunteer Drivers to provide rides for older adults to medical appointments. Contact Gene Kundert at (608) 441-7896, or gkundert@rsvpdane.org.

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