

RSVP

RSVP of Lake County Newsletter

SUMMER 2007

Volunteer Hotline

Save the Date

RSVP Volunteer Recognition Thursday, September 20, 2007 Holiday Inn Express LaMalfa Centre 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Invitations will be mailed mid-August

The 2007 RSVP volunteer recognition theme will be "RSVP Volunteers Cover all the Bases". Volunteers are encouraged to wear clothing, hats or whatever from your favorite team. We will once again be taking Polaroid photos before and during the brunch.

You can expect to hear Ron Sluga playing a variety of music during breakfast. We look forward to entertaining you and presenting a few recognition awards.

Each RSVP member that was active from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 will receive an invitation to the event. For volunteers with less than 20 hours of

service during that volunteer year, you will be asked to pay \$11 for your breakfast. *If you have 20+ hours of service, you will attend free-of-charge.*

If an RSVP member would like to bring a non-RSVP guest to the breakfast, there will be a \$14 fee.

If you do not receive your invitation by Aug. 31 please contact the RSVP office at 440.269.3015 or email us at Cristen.Kane@WESchools.org.

And The Nominees Are . . .

Enclosed in this newsletter are forms to nominate a RSVP volunteer for the RSVP QUALITY SERVICE AWARD. This award is for a volunteer who has gone above and beyond their regular volunteer duties. Do you know someone who has been a loyal, dependable volunteer for years? Do you have a volunteer who brightens everyone's day by entering the room? Please nominate them for this special award.

RSVP Volunteers are encouraged to nominate a volunteer station/ organization for the OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER STATION award. Does your volunteer

station let you know how much they appreciate you? Do you feel that your volunteer station really cares about their mission and serves the community purposefully? Then please take the time to complete the nomination form and mail it to RSVP.

We look forward to reading the award nominations. The deadline date to return the nomination forms is September 7, 2007. The RSVP Advisory Council will review the nominations and choose the awardees. Those receiving awards will be notified prior to the Recognition Event on September 20, 2007.



NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

FYI - The RSVP office is closed July 16 – July 27.

Please leave a voicemail message or email and we will contact you upon our return July 30.

Signing Bonus

Enclosed in this newsletter is a flyer and order form for Senior Day with the Cleveland Indians on September 19, 2007 1 pm game time. RSVP is offering a discount mezzanine ticket for \$5 for every RSVP member. That is a savings of \$3 per ticket. There are many activities going on for seniors at the Jake during the game. There will be pre-game bingo, a special luncheon buffet for \$15.95 or a Special Senior Meal for \$5 that includes hot dog, chips and soft drink. Seniors can stroll the bases following the game and Deadline to order your tickets is August 15 and only offered on a first come first serve basis. Complete the order form and mail it with payment to RSVP of Lake County. RSVP will mail you your tickets or you can pick them up from the office on Friday, August 24 from 9 am – 1 pm or September 7 from 9 am – 1 pm. Call the RSVP office with questions starting August 1. The RSVP offices are closed July 16 – 27. The tickets will not be available until mid August.

New Face at RSVP

This fall RSVP will be adding an additional part-time administrative assistant. Her name is Cindy Mizner. She has been a substitute secretary with the W-E School District and we are very pleased she chose to work with RSVP. Cindy will assist with the day-to-day activities in the office. Please join us in welcoming her to the RSVP family!



2007 RSVP Senior Day Awardee

Dolly Gundersen has been an active volunteer with RSVP since 1996. However, she was an RSVP Advisory Council member since the early 1980's. She retired as the Director of the Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library System, but hasn't slowed down in her volunteering.

Dolly Gundersen has been actively participating in the RSVP program since the early 1980's as an RSVP Advisory Council member.

RSVP had limited funds and advisory council members worked actively fundraising, acquiring donations and assisting the program staff in stretching every dollar in the budget.

As an advisory council member, Dolly assisted with the annual volunteer recognition event, promoting the program throughout the county, and serving on the executive board.

In 1996, Dolly was instrumental in bringing the B.A.B.E.S. (Beginning Alcohol and Addictions Basic Education Studies, a primary prevention program designed to give children a lifetime of protection from substance abuse) substance abuse program for early childhood students to RSVP. Dolly assisted with recruiting other volunteers to be puppeteers, format the schedule and contact the local school districts. Dolly continues to serve as a BABES leader and assist with program changes.

Donations Needed

Each year as a part of the RSVP volunteer recognition event, we ask volunteers to donate an item for a specific cause. Last year volunteers were asked to bring in selected items for the Lake County Humane Society. We have collected cereal for food banks, school supplies and items for our overseas troops. As part of this year's RSVP Volunteer Recognition Event, several items will be collected to assist several Lake County Community non-profit agencies. Please bring one or more items for donation to the September 20 event at LaMalfa. The agencies will pick up the items towards the end of the event. Thank you for your generosity.

BirthRight – A non-profit agency that offers confidential assistance and services to pregnant women.

- Diapers in these sizes: Newborn, 4, 5, 6

Forbes House – A shelter home for battered women and their children. It is a safe place for women who choose to leave abusive homes while working toward a solution.

- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes/Band Aids

USO – for the USA Troops

- Small or travel size foot powder, moisturizing eye drops

Lee Jewelers – for the USA Troops

- Ground Coffee (not in a can), gum/hard candy

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2007 RSVP

Senior Day

Awardee - Dolly Gundersen

Dolly is still very active on the RSVP Advisory Council. She has a love for animals and continues to volunteer with animal groups very actively. She continues to serve as an asset to the RSVP program with useful ideas and suggestions. She insists on lending a hand at every RSVP event, and is not one for public recognition. In fact, the only way we were able to get her to Senior Day to accept the award, is to ask her to assist with promoting the BABES program at the RSVP table!

Dolly is a great volunteer and has always been loyal to RSVP of Lake County. For that commitment to serve, RSVP honored her at the 2007 Senior Day event, to thank her publicly and let everyone know she is a great friend to RSVP.

RSVP Mileage Reimbursement Update

The price of gasoline per gallon seems to be a topic of discussion everywhere you go. RSVP understands that this is a concern for many RSVP volunteers. That is why we have updated our mileage policy and wanted to make sure everyone had the latest information. Please remember that the policy is for those individuals who consider themselves in financial need and may not otherwise be able to volunteer without the reimbursement. Contact Cristen Kane if you are newly interested in mileage reimbursement.

RSVP of Lake County offers mileage reimbursement for volunteers in financial need. These expenses must be incurred while traveling to and from home to the volunteer station. All volunteers must be pre-approved by the RSVP Director prior to collecting mileage. Upon approval, mileage reimbursement forms will be given to the volunteer.

It is the volunteer's responsibility to return the monthly mileage reimbursement form to the RSVP office no later than the 5th day of the following month. Volunteers submitting mileage forms on a timely basis will be mailed a check from the Willoughby-Eastlake School District (RSVP financial agent and program sponsor) on a quarterly basis, or four times a year. The RSVP fiscal reporting year starts July 1 and ends June 30.

Mileage reimbursement is 30¢ per mile. The maximum reimbursement is \$30 per month or \$90 per quarter.

The minimum reimbursement per quarter is \$12. If a volunteer does NOT accumulate a minimum of \$12 within a quarter, then the volunteer will not be reimbursed for mileage. Mileage will not be transferred from quarter to quarter.

Mileage from a previous year will not be accepted. Mileage one month late will be accepted, but will be added to the current month's mileage, which can not exceed the \$30 per month maximum. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.

Reimbursement can only be paid for travel within Lake County. If you live outside of Lake County, you may only calculate your mileage to and from the Lake County line.

Please contact the RSVP office with any questions regarding the mileage reimbursement policy.



TEAM RSVP EVENTS

The events listed below are requests from RSVP volunteer stations that need additional help for special events they are hosting. Please call the RSVP office directly, not the organization, if you are interested in volunteering.

June 13, 27, July 11, 25, August 8, 15 - Old Time Medicine Shows, 6-9 pm – Lake County Historical Society
Volunteers needed for set-up, clean-up, serving and parking.

July 28 & 29 Lake Co. Historical Society, Heritage Festival, two-dozen volunteers needed to do a variety of special event tasks from 9:30 am – 6 pm.

August 16-21 Lake Metroparks needs assistance with community outreach at the Lake County Fair at the Painesville Fairgrounds. Morning, afternoon and evening shifts available.

August 19 Lake Co. Historical Society, Music on the Mountain, volunteers needed to set-up, food prep, and serving, clean up and parking from 4 pm – 10 pm.

September 1 & 2 Assist with food tent and other miscellaneous volunteer activities for Concord Days.

Welcome New RSVP Members

Shirley Anderson	Bernie Kendro
Alfred Bearer	Ray Kozlowski
Susan Beyerle	Eve Lamperty
Josie Carlo	Wendy Lorek
Carolyn Chase	Donna Martin
Mary Clark	Martha May
Babara Coon	Mae Meesig
Goldye Cooper	Jean Morreale
Agnes Crummy	John Mummey
Norman Crummy	Edward Omerza
Charlene Digman	Dan Orosz
George Dupper	Lois Orosz
Bobbie Farcus	Maxine Ostrowski
Wendy Frieder	Janet Pintar
Shirley Green	Eileen Romig
Rose Gutauckas	Allan Rose
Flo Hartwig	Elaine
Lilah Hepburn	Shuckahosee
Ronald Ivory	Bonnie Sickles
Ralph Jahn	Jane Ann Ward
Stan Kasserman	

RSVP also has a meal reimbursement policy. Below are the guidelines for this special benefit.

RSVP of Lake County offers meal reimbursement to volunteers in financial need. Meal cost will be reimbursed up to \$3.00 maximum per day, but only if the volunteer station is not willing to provide or reimburse for the meal initially. The maximum monthly amount to be reimbursed to each volunteer is \$12. In order to be reimbursed, the volunteer assignment must extend over a meal period or the assignment must be for a minimum of 4 hours.

A signed receipt must accompany each reimbursement submitted. The receipt to be reimbursed must be mailed to the RSVP office no later than the 5th of the following month.

A volunteer must first be approved for meal reimbursement by the RSVP director. Upon approval, the volunteer will be given meal reimbursement forms. Volunteers submitting meal forms on a timely basis will be mailed a check from the Willoughby-Eastlake School District (RSVP financial agent and program sponsor) on a quarterly basis with the fiscal year beginning July 1.

Meal reimbursement forms from a previous year will not be accepted. Meal reimbursement forms received one month late will be accepted, but will be added to the current month's total that may not exceed the \$12 monthly maximum. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.

If you have any questions regarding this policy please contact the RSVP office.

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