

The *Volunteers' Voice*

LEAD WITH EXPERIENCE

Thoughts from the Director's Desk



Linn Hogg
Director
VIA/RSVP

There have been a lot of personnel changes in our office in the last couple of months, myself included. I am excited to become the new RSVP/Volunteers In Action Director. It just seems like yesterday I was beginning my career with this program. June was filled

with training, meetings and orientation. But July starts the preparation for the Annual Volunteer Banquet. We hope to see everyone in attendance. This banquet is about our volunteers. We want to show you how much we appreciate everything you do. So many of you go above and beyond. Many organizations in the community would find it difficult to carry out their missions without you. I hope you let us say "Thank You."



You are invited!
2014 Recognition Banquet
Thursday, August 14, 2013
6:00 PM

Barton Community College
Student Union Building

Please RSVP by July 31 if you plan to attend.
Reservations will not be accepted
after July 31.

RSVP 2014 Volunteer & Station Of The Year Nominations

On page 4 of the newsletter, you will find a nomination form for Volunteer of the Year and Station of the Year. This year, I want you all to think about who should receive these awards. There could be a number of reasons that a person should be volunteer of the year: the number of hours worked, the impact made by the volunteer efforts, the number of people affected by the volunteer efforts, the number of years that a volunteer has worked, etc. You need to be very thorough in explaining why you believe the person that you nominate should be Volunteer of 2014. There will be a selection committee composed of community members that will evaluate all the nominations and make the selection. You should not assume that everyone will know the person as well as you do. I will also be sending the nomination forms out to the stations so that they can nominate as well.

For the Station of the Year, there could be a number of reasons to nominate as well: utilizing the largest number of volunteers; making a large impact on our communities; helping a large number of individuals or families in our communities, etc. Again, you need to be very thorough on your nomination form. You should not assume that the selection committee will know as much about the Volunteer Station that you are nominating as you do. If you have any questions about the Volunteer and Station of the Year, please don't hesitate to contact me at 792-1614.





**Volunteers
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Program Spotlight

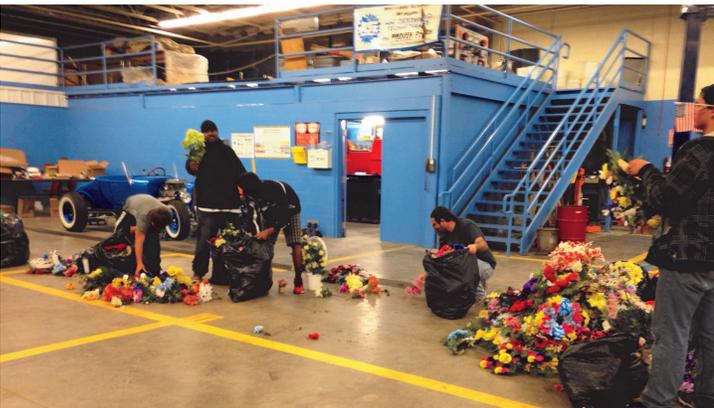


Volunteers spread the flowers out in the college automotive bays to help dry before bagging.

Memorial Day flowers sales/pickup

I want to thank each and every one of you that purchased flowers from VIA/RSVP for Memorial Day this year. We had the flowers available in the VIA/RSVP office again this year during the hours the office was open and at the RSVP Thrift Shop in Hoisington. This year we had a very wet flower pick-up on the Monday after Memorial Day. Victoria Garza-Reyes, Mary Garrigues, Charles Palmer, Evelyn Evers, Merl Evers and a great group of guys from the Morton House assisted Deon Lupton and Reta Brack at the cemetery in Great Bend. This large group went through a wind blown, rain blasted cemetery and bagged up flowers. The wet flowers were taken to Barton Community College where Ron Kirmer in the Automotive Dept. let us dry flowers for a week before we re-bagged for next year's fundraiser. It was fun walking in a week later to see the floor of the automotive dept. "blooming."

Thanks to everyone that helped.



Boys from the Morton House not only helped pick up flowers at the cemetery but came back a week later to bag up the dried flowers.



Megan Barfiled
Volunteer Coordinator

I'm very excited to join the RSVP/Volunteers in Action agency in Great Bend and looking forward to meeting the many faces. I hope it to be quite the adventure!

I was born and raised in Pawnee County, graduating from Larned in 1999. After graduating in 1999 I married Justin, my high school sweetheart at the young age of 18 and we moved to Great Bend. July 3 we will celebrate our 15th wedding anniversary!

We started our family of 4 in 2002 with the birth of our son Dalton. Our daughter, Cadence was born in 2004. Going into middle school and 5th grade they are very active and keep us very busy.

I enjoy reading and writing and spending time with my friends and family - Both at home and at our church. We have a very close knit family and indulge in any excuse we can to get together.

Professionally, I come from a background of marketing and sales. Working nearly 13 years at CUNA Mutual Retirement Solutions, formerly CPI Qualified Plan Consultants, Inc., I really feel the skills acquired while there will tremendously help in my role here as Volunteer Coordinator.

I look forward to serving the Barton and Pawnee County areas and am so excited to begin!

2014 Volunteer Recognition

Make plans now to join us for the 2014 Recognition Banquet scheduled for Thursday, August 14; guests are welcome at \$10.00 per plate. Please complete the short form below if you plan to bring a guest and submit with payment. We must have all registrations by July 31, 2014 for the caterer. There will be no refund on guest registrations after July 31, 2014.



As before, transportation will be provided from the Senior Centers in Hoisington, Ellinwood and Great Bend. Please let us know if you will need transportation when you call to let us know if you can attend. All attendees will be in the drawing for a nice selection of door prizes. Doors will not be open until 5:30 PM. We hope to see you there!



RSVP Recognition Banquet

Name: _____

___ I am bringing a guest _____

Admission price enclosed: _____
(\$10.00 for each guest)



Opportunities

Senior Center

The Great Bend Senior Center is looking for one or two volunteers to help during the noon hour. The volunteer would help pour coffee or tea, greet guests and help with check-in once in awhile. Volunteers do not have to be there every day of the week. Contact Rosie at 620-792-3906.

One-to-one help

We have had several calls in our office asking for some one-on-one assistance. Jobs could include picking up items at the Farmers' Market on Thursday evening, running some errands or transporting to haircuts. In many cases an individual no longer has family living close and a great many of their friends are in need of the same service. This is a chance to make a new friend and help someone out at the same time. Maybe it can be a little bit of "Pay it forward."

RSVP Medical Transportation

Volunteers provide transportation to Barton County residents needing help getting to necessary medical appointments. Volunteers drive their own vehicle and RSVP reimburses 27 cents per mile. RSVP has a van available to help transport passengers that require a wheelchair. Volunteers can choose long distance or local trips with the option to drive the van when necessary. Volunteers have full discretion to accept a trip or not. Call Carol for more information at 620-792-1614.

VIA/RSVP Office

The office of Volunteers in Action and RSVP is always needing volunteer support to answer phones, greet visitors, and help with various projects. Please contact Linn to learn more about our office 620-792-1614.

RSVP Thrift Store

The Thrift Store in Hoisington is a large fundraising opportunity for VIA/RSVP. The store is operated by a dedicated group of volunteers. It is open Monday-Friday from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. It is also open on Saturday from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The Thrift Store is always seeking volunteers to assist in the day-to-day operations. Please contact Selma Webb to obtain more information



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



- 04 Doll, Patricia Ann
- 04 Drennon, Grace
- 06 Van Brimmer, Tom
- 08 Stonebraker, Pat A.
- 09 Bunselmeyer Jr., Leonard F.
- 10 Ochs, Alan
- 10 Pierson, Lois
- 10 Reinhardt, Maggie
- 11 Bauer, Susan J
- 13 Brack, Loreta (Reta)
- 13 Davis, Natalyn
- 13 Friedeman, Janis
- 13 Pickle, William
- 15 Donetz, Brenda
- 15 Michaelis, Joan
- 15 Ruble, Linda
- 15 Weber, Sister Stella
- 16 Ruble, Larry
- 17 Jackson, Garry
- 17 Winter, Sr. Annette
- 19 Harris, Carole L.
- 20 Turner, Lawrence(Larrie)
- 21 Schamaun, Arlene
- 21 Tammen, Joleen K.



July Birthdays

- 22 Adame, Jeunesse
- 22 Haug, Sister Dominic
- 22 Kruckenber, Vera
- 22 Ortega, Diana
- 23 Baker, Bob S
- 23 Baldwin, Delora
- 23 Dougherty, Linda
- 23 Kurtz, Jo
- 24 Tunks, Delbert L.
- 25 Tustin, Joleen
- 26 Hunt, Sheila
- 27 Kuhn, Jim A.
- 27 Thompson, Barbara
- 28 Smith, Marti
- 29 Ernsting, Marlene
- 29 Lorenz, Helen L.
- 30 Crissman, Jan
- 30 Hensley, Marvin (LeRoy)
- 31 Metzen, Sister Ann

- 01 King, William T.
- 02 Kelly, Kay
- 02 Zorn, Helen
- 04 Keenan, Betty Clark
- 04 Pommerenke, Irene
- 05 Cunningham, Ronald
- 05 Walker, Janice
- 06 Kramp, Karen
- 06 Pfannenstiel, Patti
- 07 Bieker, Linda L.
- 07 Cotten, Ginger G
- 08 Edwardson, Carole
- 08 Fertig, Raymond
- 09 Shinogle, Joe
- 10 Webb, Selma
- 11 Morrow, Dorothy
- 12 Dayton, Stephen
- 12 Duft, Leona M.
- 12 Hallenbeck, Kay
- 12 Neeland, Sheryl
- 13 Murphy, John
- 13 Stewart, Mary Lou
- 14 Olson, Judy
- 15 Bosley, Howard
- 15 Brichacek, Lois



August Birthdays

- 15 Canfield, Leona M.
- 15 Girton, Jeannine
- 18 Harrison, Anne
- 18 Hitz, Marilyn
- 19 Westfall, Jan
- 20 Gale, Nancy L.
- 20 Mull, Patsy
- 21 Huitron, Yvonne
- 22 Robinson, Betty Jane
- 23 Endsley, Shirley
- 23 Gotsche, Irving
- 24 Jones, Dave
- 25 Drees, Larry
- 25 Garrigues, Mary
- 26 Schroeder, Arlen
- 26 Wondra, Mary Ann
- 27 Blakeslee, Lynette M
- 28 Marmie, Jerry
- 29 Duncan, Vaughn A.
- 30 Bitter, Hulda
- 30 Lueker, Constance



RSVP Time Sheet

Print Name: _____ Month of Service _____

Your hours are important to us. Thanks for all you do!

The following partners report your volunteer hours so you don't need to list them below:

Elementary Schools
American Red Cross Bloodmobile
Weekday Meals on Wheels
Knit/Crochet (RSVP)

RSVP Transportation
Historical Village
St Rose Amb Sur Center
Hoisington Thrift Store

Food Banks
Senior Centers
Shafer Gallery



What did you do?	Where did you work?	Hours Served:
Churches: quilting, funerals, board meetings, all other volunteer jobs.		
Veterans and military family projects: American Legion, VFW, Military Moms, etc. (please be specific)		
Nursing Homes, Assisted Living Communities (please indicate location name)		
Community Organizations: fund-raising, office work, meetings, bookkeeping, board meetings, advisory councils, etc.		
One-on-One Assistance: errands, handyman chores, yard work, transportation, friendly visiting, cooking, etc.		
Education Projects: after-school programs, early childhood, preschools, etc. (please specify the location and project name)		
Nutrition Programs: commodities, Prairie Land Foods, etc.		
Environmental: Recycling, etc		
Health Projects: other hospitals, clinics, etc. (please be specific)		
Other: Please be specific		

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