Hello!

It is crazy to think that fall is almost over, and our recognition luncheon was two months ago! The recognition festival took place on Saturday, September 14th at Canyon Lake Activity Center. Thank you to Canyon Lake Activity Center for providing the space and thank you to the Bob Grimm Band for providing the entertainment. It was fantastic as always! Also, thank you to everyone who helped set up, tear down, serve food and drinks and check people in. The event wouldn’t have been a success without you! I also want to say thank you to each and everyone one of you that volunteer your time to our community. We would have no reason to celebrate if it wasn’t for you, and your over 160,000 hours of service you provided to our community last year. Thank you!

I had the pleasure of presenting awards to our most recent Outstanding Volunteers of the Quarter, Millie & Ron Roland, Bob Grimm, Lavonne Waldner and Doris Ann Werlinger. Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do for our community. I also had the privilege of naming Dorothy Larsh as our 2019 Volunteer of the Year! Dorothy has been with RSVP+ since 1997 and has contributed more than 20,000 hours of service to our community. It was my pleasure to recognize her and all of our outstanding volunteers!

Our autumn bake sale was on October 18th and it was another HUGE success! The sale was held at City Hall and there was a great variety of goodies. Thank you to everyone who baked for the sale and who helped sell the goodies. I could not have done it without you!

Thank you to everyone who donated socks or sweats for veterans as part of our annual Make a Difference Day project. 440 items were donated to veterans at the Cornerstone Rescue Mission!

Our next fundraising event will not take place until spring. Last year we held a necklace raffle around Mother’s Day and we are hoping to do that again this year. There will be more details in the February newsletter.

It’s hard to believe that the next newsletter to come out will be in 2020! With the new year right around the corner, I want to wish you all a very happy holiday season, and if you happen to have any extra holiday cookies you know where to drop them off at! 😊

As always thank you for all that you do to make your community a better place through volunteering. I appreciate each and every one of you. - All the best, Ann

Welcome New Volunteers

Brandy Boardman+, Patrick Boston, Kevnin Carpenter+, Kim Crago+, Marleah McClain+, Kallie Shook+, Kathleen Steiner, Casey Utue+, Tina Waring (+ indicates community volunteers)
What's cookin'??

It seems that pecan pie is as much of a dessert staple on Thanksgiving as pumpkin pie. Instead of making a whole pie I like to bake these pecan pie cookies. They go great with your morning cup of coffee on Thanksgiving!

Pecan Pie Cookies

- 1 premade pie crust (or you can make your own)
- 2 tbsp. butter, melted
- 1/4 cup light corn syrup
- 2 eggs
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 1/2 c. chopped pecans

1. Preheat oven to 400.
2. Combine melted butter, brown sugar, corn syrup, eggs and salt in a saucepan. Mix in pecans.
3. Over low heat, stir the mixture until it thickens. Remove from heat, set aside.
4. Line baking sheet with parchment paper.
5. Cut circles out of pie crust, place on baking sheet.
6. Pinch edges of crust upwards, if desired.
7. Add about a tablespoon of pecan filling to each pie crust.
8. Bake 8-10 minutes, until filling is set.
9. Cool completely on wire rack.
**Volunteer Opportunities**

If you would like more information on any of the opportunities listed below, give the office a call at 394-2507, or send me an email at ann.hines@rcgov.org.

Better yet, stop in and visit!

Fountain Springs Healthcare - is looking for volunteers to help decorate the building for Christmas! Help is needed Saturday, November 30th and Saturday, December 7th starting at 10 a.m. Let me know if you are interested in helping.

Meal Delivery Driver - The Meals on Wheels program is looking for drivers to help deliver lunchtime meals. They need help Monday-Friday from 10:45 a.m-1:00p.m.

Mailings - The Chamber of Commerce is looking for volunteers to help assemble their Chamber Pak. Assembly takes place the first Monday of the month, and takes roughly 3-4 hours. If you are interested in getting added to the call list please let me know.

Senior Living Center Volunteer - Multiple senior living centers in town are looking for volunteers to visit with residents, help with arts and crafts, bingo and nail painting. If you are interested in volunteering with older individuals there are plenty of activities available.

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**In Loving memory of:**

May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, and the rains fall soft upon your fields. Until we meeting again,

- Unknown Author

Irma Becker, Kathy Berry, Mary Carrier, Jean Casteel, Georgia McFarland, Marjorie Olson, Frank Rasmussen, Cecilia Smith, Mildene Turpin

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**VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER!**

**Bev Paschke** has been named our **OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER!**

Bev first joined RSVP+ in 2005, and for the past 14 years has remained an active volunteer, contributing over 6,800 hours of service! Bev has been a volunteer with Rapid City Regional Hospital helping in admissions, the gift shop, mailings and visiting with patients. She has been a volunteer at Canyon Lake Activity Center helping with meals and various activities, the Central States Fair, Children’s Miracle Network, Hospice of the Hills, the Cornerstone Rescue Mission serving meals and Habitat for Humanity. She has also helped the SD Mason’s with the Child ID Program, and multiple RSVP+ fundraisers.

Bev has always stood out as a fantastic volunteers, and we are proud to recognize them as our **VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER!** Thank you Bev for all that you do for our community!

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**Don’t forget to turn your timesheet by the 10th of each month.**
MEMORIALS/DONATIONS
Donations to assist in maintaining RSVP+ are very important and appreciated. Please consider a gift to help sustain RSVP+ in our community by clipping the form below and mail to: RSVP+, 333 6th Street, Rapid City, SD 57701

My gift of $________ to the Black Hills Retired Senior Volunteer Program is enclosed. Please provide the following information:

NAME_________________________________________________

ADDRESS_________________________________________________

CITY_________STATE_____ZIP ______

Thank you for supporting the endeavors of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program+