Hello!

Happy belated New Year! I can’t believe January and February have already come and gone, and we are into March. Time sure flies when you are having fun! I will say I am definitely ready for the warm spring and summer days to make their appearance!

The newsletter usually comes out in February, but I was holding off writing it in hopes I would have some exciting news to share with everyone, and I do! In September we were informed that Black Hills State University was no longer going to sponsor the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. It was a hard decision for them to make, but it was what was best for the University. What this meant was that the RSVP grant was going to be available for other organizations to apply for. After A LOT, I mean A LOT of discussion and the OK from the City Council, we got permission to apply for the grant. After a very long 150 days we found out that we have been awarded the new grant! We will now be known as both Black Hills and Northern Hills RSVP.

You are probably wondering how this affects Black Hills RSVP. Well, honestly, it doesn’t affect the program much. Our office will still be located in the bus depot, and we will still be open Monday through Friday. We will continue to place volunteers in Pennington and Fall River Counties, and you will continue to turn in your timesheets the same way you do now. What will change is we will be hiring a part time coordinator to help out with day to day tasks. So there will be a new face in the office, and you will receive emails and phone calls from someone besides myself. We will be adding to our service area 8 new counties (EEK!), so if you volunteer outside of Pennington or Fall River Counties we can record your hours, and you will be covered under our insurance. As long as we have record of your volunteer hours.

My workload will change, which I am both excited and nervous about! I will be working at our satellite office a couple of days a week, but like I mentioned earlier there will be a volunteer coordinator covering the office if I am not here. We will be busy recruiting new volunteers and stations in the northern and southern hills, so if you know anyone that wants to volunteer have them call me! Other than that it should be business as usual!

This is a very exciting time for our program. We get to grow and continue to provide this wonderful program to other communities. I will say we would not have been as successful in receiving this grant if it wasn’t for all of the hard work you folks put in each and every day. Your volunteer commitment has shown how effective our volunteer program is in providing much needed services to nonprofits in our community. You are all rock stars!

If you have any questions or concerns please give me a call. I would love to answer any questions you may have.

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. Bring on 2020! - All the best, Ann

Welcome New Volunteers

Claudia Dillon, Bob French, Gary Holst, Shirley Lock, Ellen McKnight, Mary Ann Murphee, Victoria Pollock, Jazzmyn Potter+, Glenda Schut, Shannon Truax+ (+ indicates community volunteers)
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JANUARY: Bonnie Bertsch, Dee Bevers, Jon Boone, Lila Bredberg, Ciara Breen, Pete Brown Eyes, Myron Buchli, Monique Bunkers, Marsha Colling, Mark Crosswait, Demetrius Duncan, Beverley Espeland, Pat Fallbeck, Sheila Fenner, Edward Fitzgerald, Grace Fodness, Patricia Forrer, Jill Gearhart, Robert Grimm, Sandy Gullings, Connie Hanson, Lila Harrington, Monna Hatle, Dan Herman, Donald Hotz, Doris Hume, Andrea James, Jenson Keller, Barb Layton, James Leon, Carolyn Littel, Shirley Lock, Kelley Maguire, Mary Mead, Mary Ann Murphree, Larry Oswald, Lea Patterson, Diane Pawelski, Marcile Pustejovsky, Janece Rieman, Joan Robinson, Ruby Rodocker, Tim Rose, Demetrius Ross, Loren Seegrist, Shirley Sjomeling, Paul Swenson, Lawrence Tesch, Dorothy D. Thompson, Tom Tolman, Diane Ward, Jack Welker

FEBRUARY: Nila Boone, Jerry Brown, Paige Cadotte, Marleen Caffee, Rita Conklin, Terry Davies, Karol Dodson, Mary Doescher, Marvin Espeland, Ethel Gibbons, Kathleen Gibbs, Karen Gravenish, Mary Gummo, Sarah Hart, Dolores Holt, Jim Jeffries, Colin Killpack, Evelyn Knapp, Dorothy Larsh, Alice Lancelles, Millie Laue, Regina Lewis, Genevieve Liebig, Georgianna Little Bull, Joann Lux, Christine MacDonald, Marjo Maple, Ellen McKnight, Marty Miracle, Lisa Moran, Vera Morgan, Marilyn Mulz, Shirley Myers, Virginia Nelson, Darlene Ochsner, Letty Penaloza, Heidi Pestor, Nicholas Pier, Goldie Prestjohn, Anne Rohluff, Diane Stadel, Emily Swanson, Jose Trinidad, Lorna Walgren, Joyce Walsh, Rosella Waltman, Donna Weeks, Joann Wilkins,


What’s cookin’??

February 20th was National Muffin Day! Below is a recipe for a single serving blueberry muffin that you can make in the microwave.

BLUEBERRY MUFFIN IN A MUG

* 1 coffee mug - large
* 1/3 cup all purpose flour
* 1 tbsp. brown sugar
* 2 1/2 tbsp. sugar
* 1/4 tsp. baking powder
* 2 tbsp. melted butter
* 1/2 tsp. vanilla
* 1/4 c. milk
* 1/4 c blueberries

1. Stir together the flour, sugar, brown sugar and baking powder.
2. Pour in your melted butter, milk, and vanilla and stir so you have a batter and no powder is left.
3. Gently fold in your fresh blueberries.
4. Microwave for 2 minutes.
5. Enjoy!
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!

Office Help - RC Fire Dept./Fire & Life Safety Division is looking for a volunteer, or two, to help set up visits, prepare handouts, letters, surveys and teaching materials for the volunteer educators.

Greeter - One of our volunteer stations is looking for a couple of volunteers to help greet, direct visitors, answer phone and help open the building. Help is needed Monday-Friday from 9:45-1:45. You do not need to help every day, we can definitely split up the days/shifts. If you want to be around people this is the opportunity for you!

Child ID Program - The SD Masons are looking for volunteers to help at YFS Kids fair April 3rd - 5th. Friday and Saturday help is needed from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., and Sunday from 12:00-4:00 p.m. Let me know if you would like to get on the schedule!

Tutor - One of our elementary schools is looking for a volunteers to work with kids on their reading the last few months of school. Days and times are flexible.

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 meet again,
- Unknown Author

Meta Brady, Pheoba Burney, Rita Carey, Yvonne Glaze, Gail Gray, Evalyn Houk, Virginia Lehman Dona Mitcheltree, Elizabeth ‘Betty’ Nash, Doris Pederson, LaVaughn Place, Bertha ‘Bert’ Ross, Margaret Rossknecht, Audrey Simmons, Bill Spitzer, Bonnie Strobel, James Trenary

VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER!

Selina Gasseling has been named our OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER!

Selina first joined RSVP+ in 2006, and for the past 14 years has remained an active volunteer, contributing over 8,000 hours of service! Selina has been a volunteer with Canyon Lake Activity Center helping with the Saturday night dance and many other activities. She is a member of both the Bob Grimm Band, and the New Horizons Band, where she provides hours of entertainment each month at multiple senior living centers in town, the VA Hospital, and the Adult Day Center. Selina has also provided transportation to those who are in need of a ride. Selina has always stood out as an amazing volunteer, and we are proud to recognize her as our VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER! Thank you Selina for all that you do for our community!

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+