Hello!

I hope this newsletter finds you doing well and staying healthy! What a whirlwind the last couple of months have been. Between the COVID-19 pandemic, starting our Northern/Southern Hills RSVP program, and hiring a new volunteer coordinator we have had a crazy couple of months!

The depot has been closed to patrons since March, which means our office has been closed to visitors as well. If you need to drop off your timesheet at the office, please give us a call and we can meet you at our back door. I do not have an ETA on when the office will open for visitors. Hopefully sooner rather than later!

Some exciting news in the office is that we have hired a new Volunteer Coordinator! WOOT! Her name is Lorann Berg and she is working part-time in the Rapid City office. Once we get our Spearfish office up and running you may see her there from time to time. We have definitely been keeping busy getting the office ready for our expansion. Her email address is lorann.berg@rcgov.org. Feel free to email her with your volunteer hours, or if you have questions on volunteer opportunities. You can still email me with your hours or any questions or concerns you may have.

I know a lot of you are not able to do your usual volunteering, and I hope you are finding things to do to occupy your time. If you are working on any fun projects at home such as; sewing masks, making extra quilts for your church or the mission, or any other fun projects please let me know! I want to hear what you are all doing to fill your days. If you need something to do, give the office a call and we can try to come up with something fun to do from home.

You will see quite a few new volunteers in this newsletter. Some of them are serving as volunteers in Rapid City, but the majority of them are serving in Spearfish. Welcome aboard new volunteers, and I look forward to when I can actually meet most of you face to face.

We are slowly getting the program started in the Northern/Southern Hills. I am in the process of acquiring office space in Spearfish. I hope to have a space by June or July at the latest. Once we have a space, I will start hosting office hours once or twice a week, depending on how comfortable I am with having visitors in the office. Once we can have gatherings, I will be hosting a registration/meet and greet event in Spearfish. Stay tuned for more details.

Last, but definitely not least, is I want to discuss our RSVP recognition event. I am not making any decisions on what the event will look like this year until next month. We will be following all CDC guidelines, and also take into consideration what the COVID-19 situation is in our area before making any decisions. I do have a feeling we will have to postpone the event until later in the fall or possibly a holiday party. I will have more information in our August newsletter if not earlier.

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
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!


What's cookin'??
Rhubarb season is here already! Here's an easy and delicious rhubarb treat to help us welcome spring and summer.

RHUBARB DESSERT

- 4 c. finely cut rhubarb
- 4 tbsp. melted butter
- 2/3 c. packed brown sugar
- 3 c. mini marshmallows
- 1 pkg. white or yellow cake mix

Ingredients for cake mix

1. Preheat oven to 350.
2. Mix butter, brown sugar and rhubarb.
3. Pour mixture into greased 9x13 pan.
4. Sprinkle marshmallows over top.
5. Mix the cake mix as directed on the box.
6. Spread over marshmallows.
7. Bake 1 hour.
8. ENJOY!
Volunteer Opportunities

With a lot of organizations putting volunteering on hold, we do not have a lot of new opportunities at the moment.

If you would like information on organizations looking for help please give us a call at 394-2507 or email lorann.berg@rcgov.org.

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

Sally Anderson, Helen Arterbury, Thomas Bommersbach, Dorothy Doerner, Emma Flannery, Jean Ireland

VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER!

Tim French

Has been named our OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER!

Tim first joined RSVP+ in 2008. During his over 12 years of service, he has provided more than 6,200 hours of volunteer service to our community. Tim is part of the Knights of Columbus where he serves as a board member and helps with their annual Thanksgiving day meal and other various activities.

Tim provides countless hours to his neighbors shoveling their snow, mowing their lawn, cooking them a hot meal and lending a listening ear. He has also provided transportation to appointments. Tim is also very active with the Adult Day Center of the Black Hills, where he also provides countless hours helping individuals with day to day tasks.

We are truly grateful for his contributions to our community through volunteer work, and are very honored to recognize Tim as our VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER! Thank you for all that you do for your 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:

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