



# RSVP News



## Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

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From our Director, Catherine Canzian

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On April 14, 2005, President Bush made a proclamation declaring April 17 - 23, 2005 as National Volunteer Week. He called upon all Americans to recognize and celebrate the important work that volunteers do every day across our country. He also encouraged citizens to explore ways to help their neighbors and become involved in their communities. Later, that same day, Richard Gerentine and the Ulster County Legislature, following the example of the President, made a similar proclamation and urged fellow citizens of Ulster County to join the volunteer effort in our communities by volunteering and by recognizing those who serve. I was happy to have been invited to accept this proclamation designating National Volunteer Week. It is true that volunteers play a significant role in making a difference in our community, making a difference for those they serve, and making a difference in their own lives.

This year's theme, *Volunteers Inspire By Example*, was kicked off last September at the annual Recognition Luncheon held at the Hudson Valley Resort in Kerhonkson on September 21, 2004, where over 400 volunteers were recognized for their valuable contributions to this community through their service at over 50 not-for-profit agencies, health care facilities and schools. But the

excitement generated did not stop there. The RSVP office applied for Presidential Service Awards for deserving volunteers. These awards were distributed to the volunteers on April 21, 2005, at our first ever Volunteer Open House held at the RSVP offices in the Kelder Building at SUNY Ulster (Ulster County Community College) in Stone Ridge. Two hundred and seventeen volunteers were recognized for their years and number of hours served. Coffee, tea, punch and cake were provided. President Donald Katt, members of the Ulster County Legislature, RSVP Advisory Council members and Staff of the Ulster County Community College were on hand to help promote and recognize our generous volunteers. President Donald Katt and I presented a "big check" in the amount of \$1,044,167 which represented the dollar value of the total service provided to the community. Legislator Alice Tipp was on hand to accept the gift on behalf of the Legislature and the community.

The third annual Volunteer and Community Showcase held on April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Hudson Valley Mall wrapped up the celebration and recognition of volunteers and volunteering. Thirty-five not-for-profit agencies, schools

and health care facilities presented exhibits about their organizations and their volunteers. They enjoyed the opportunity to share their missions and goals and to recruit volunteers to help promote their missions and address the needs of our community. It was truly an inspiring event and I know that many who dropped by were moved by the examples of caring and service that were shared that day. Many became part of the efforts of those who want to make a difference in our community because they were truly inspired by the example of those who

serve. If you would like to take this opportunity to take on a new assignment or know of someone else who may want to serve, please contact me. I am available Monday-Friday from 9-3 at the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program offices in the Kelder Building at SUNY Ulster in Stone Ridge. You may call me at 687-5000, x 5264 or email me at

[canzianc@sunyulster.edu](mailto:canzianc@sunyulster.edu). I look forward to hearing from you.  
Sincerely,  
Catherine E. Canzian,  
Director

### *RSVP Recognition Luncheon October 19, 2005*

The 24th Annual RSVP Recognition Luncheon honoring our dedicated volunteers will be held on Wednesday, October 19, 2005 at the Hudson Valley Resort. It is located just off Route 209 in Kerhonkson, New York. This luncheon will recognize the contributions of service for the period of September 1, 2004 through August 31, 2005.

All volunteers who have served at least 20 hours during that time will be invited as our honored guests. There will be a \$5.00 charge for the luncheon. All new volunteers and those who may not have served at least 20 hours during this period will be invited to donate \$10.00 toward the cost of the luncheon. In addition, guests may attend the luncheon for a donation of \$20.00.

Now is a good time to check to be sure you or your volunteer station has submitted all of your volunteer records to the RSVP. If you are not sure, please call the RSVP office at 687-5274 between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM and we will be glad to check our records. Invitations will be mailed in September. See you in October!

## 2005 Travel Club Trips

September 12-15      MAINE 4 Days/3nights  
\$425.00 (*Waiting List Only*)

October 28 –  
November 14      GRAND CANYON – 8 days  
\$1,849.00 per person (*Full*)

November 12      MOHEGAN SUN CASINO  
\$38.00 per person

December 6-8  
3 days/2 nights      LANCASTER – Amishland  
Miracle of Christmas  
\$350.00 per person

December 13      RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS  
SHOW  
\$75.00 per person

For more information contact Pauline S. Wyre , Travel Club Coordinator  
(845) 687-5265 or [wyprep@sunyulster.edu](mailto:wyprep@sunyulster.edu)

Trips are open to everyone in the community !

**Need not be a senior or RSVP member!**



## Welcome New Volunteers

Irene Ashdown  
David Barton  
David Bird  
Jem Blanco  
Barry Bort  
Sheffelda Boughton  
Vincent Cappadocia  
Carmen Castro  
Elizabeth Claudy  
Thaddea Compain  
Connie Cucksey  
Joan Cypher  
Janice Dordick  
Mary Dundom  
Lelia Ford  
Christina Gerbasi  
Bob Gorsline  
Dorothy Graham  
Jackson Henderson  
Patricia Keener  
Frank Kelly  
Belle Levin  
Ruth Lipman  
Barry Lubart  
Eileen Lubart  
Sheila Mackey  
Susan Maggiore  
Richard McCormick  
Catherine Peischel  
Elizabeth Radell  
Sonia Scherry  
David Straus  
Thomas Wadnola  
Ginger Weiser  
Mitchel Weiser  
David Wilson  
Ellen Withall

### A Fond Farewell to Former RSVP Advisory Council Members

Rose LeFever  
Elnora McSpirit  
Kathryn Puglisi  
Alice Tipp  
Marian Umhey

### New Advisory Council Members

David Griffin  
Patricia B. Schreiber  
Ira Trast

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**N2N Transportation**

This program is a service that matches those volunteers willing to provide transport for medical related appointments with those who can not take the county bus, (UCAT) or the medical van provided by the Ulster County Office for the Aging.

Just last May we were able to transport 59 clients to their much needed appointments. This totaled 125 different transports in one month resulting in 154 volunteer hours. Without this service our clients would not have been able to receive the medical care they need. Your neighbor's independence depends on you, won't you join us, call RSVP 687-5265 and say

**"Need a ride? I'll take you!"**

**N2N Friends**

This is a service, including friendly visiting or friendly phone calling the Neighbor to Neighbor Program provides to the elderly and those affected by chronic disease. Won't you consider becoming a friend to someone who needs your listening ear?

**Call Neighbor to Neighbor at  
687-5000, ext. 5265  
Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
10:00AM-3:00 PM**

**Pen Pal Program**

The 2005 Pen Pal Program ended with two perfect days of picnicking. On June 14th, the 4th grade classes from Rosendale Elementary School picnicked on the grounds at SUNY Ulster. On June 13th, the 4th grade classes from Chambers Elementary School met us at Ulster Landing Park in Saugerties. Both schools participated in a Service Learning project sponsored by the Environmental Management Staff. Rosendale students did a wetlands grass planting project.

Since the Chambers School's picnic was at the Ulster Landing park, they did a clean sweep of the beach from the park to Turkey Point. Best of all were the performances put on by students from both schools. Rosendale students gave a Flag Day presentation, a sing-along and then gave patriotic placemats created for their pen pals. The Chamber School students sang and also made picture frames for their senior volunteer pen pals. Both schools are looking forward to participating in the program next year. Please join the Pen Pal program of RSVP !

Kingston SeniorNet Learning Center, in celebration of its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, is announcing the Fall schedule available to adults age 50 and over. The computer classes include Basic Skills, Introduction to Computers, Word Processing, Internet and E-mail, Manage Your Computer, Spreadsheet, Photo Editing, Digital Photography and Online Auctions. One-day, 2-hour workshops will be offered to both members and non-members including File Management, Search Engines and Paint plus a seminar in Viruses, Spy Ware and Spam.

Classes are two hours per week for a term of 4 or 8 week sessions at a very reasonable fee which includes practice labs available three days per week for additional assistance for registered students. SeniorNet membership is required for class participation, but non-members may participate in workshops and seminars at an additional fee.

SeniorNet office at the Business Resource Center, 105 Development Court, Kingston, is open for registration Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10am to 3pm. Call 845-331-9360 for further information.



**Senior Driver Safety Program**  
**2005 Class Schedule**

Date	Place	Room #	Teacher	Phone
10/05/05	*BRC	125	William Oneto	331-7913
10/08/05	*BRC	124	Andy Paradiso	339-7885
11/02/05	*BRC	125	William Oneto	331-7913
11/12/05	*BRC	124	Andy Paradiso	339-7885
12/07/05	*BRC	125	William Oneto	331-7913
12/10/05	*BRC	124	Andy Paradiso	339-7885

\*BRC—Business Resource Center, One Development Court, Kingston, NY  
*Classes are open to anyone 50 or older! For more information, contact the AARP web page at [www.aarp.org/drive](http://www.aarp.org/drive), or call the automated message machine at 1 (888) AARP-Now or 1- (888) 227-7669.*

# RSVP Advisory Council

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You can find us on the web at  
<http://www.sunyulster.edu/programs/rsvp.asp>

## RSVP Mission Statement

### Our Mission is Three-fold!

1. To enhance the lives of the volunteers and those they serve.
2. To enrich the community through volunteer placements that utilize the talents, interests, experience and/or professional expertise of persons aged 55 and older (retired or semi-retired).
3. To provide valuable volunteer services that will address the needs of the community.

**Making a difference since 1980!**

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**SUNY Ulster**  
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Stone Ridge, New York 12484

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**Volunteers make the best recruiters!**  
**Won't you please help me fill these assignments and opportunities?**  
**Call Catherine Canzian for more information at (845) 687-5000, ext. 5264 or**  
**canzianc@sunylster.edu**

Site Types	Job Description	Agency	Days Needed	Times per week
Museum	Provide information as docent, tour guide and help in gift shop	Trolley Museum Maritime Museum Firemen's Museum	Saturday and Sunday	1-4 hours
Visitors Center	Welcome visitors, share information about attractions, exhibits and sites throughout Ulster County	New Paltz Chamber of Commerce	Saturday and Sunday	2-4 hours
Visitors Center	Same	Kingston Caboose at Round-a-Bout	Saturday and Wednesday	9-1 or 1-5 or 1-4 on Wednesday
Visitors Center	Same	Heritage Area Visitors Centers	Sunday-Saturday	2-4 hours
Visitors Center	Same	Ellenville/Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce	Saturday and Sunday	2-4 hours
Driver	Transport clients to and from doctor appointments	Neighbor to Neighbor	Monday—Friday	As needed
Driver	Transport clients for treatment	American Cancer Society	Monday-Friday	As needed
Driver	Deliver meals to homebound seniors	Office for the Aging	Monday-Friday	As needed
Driver	Deliver meals to AIDS victims and their families	Angel Food East	Monday-Friday	As needed
Friendly visitor/Friendly phoning	Visit clients who are homebound, either by phone or in person	Neighbor to Neighbor	Sunday—Saturday	As needed
Tutor	Help a child learn to read Kindergarten-3rd Grade	St. Mary of the Snow Kingston Consolidated Schools	Monday-Friday	1 Hour
Activities Aide	Assist in helping seniors in long term care	Canal Lodge Ferncliff Nursing Home Hudson Valley Rehab. Northeast Center Ten Broeck Commons Family Lodge Special Olympics Ulster Greene ARC	Sunday—Saturday	1-4 hours
Citizen Corps	Help promote safety & emergency preparedness	SUNY Ulster & Ulster County	Sunday—Saturday	As needed
Mentor	Volunteer in school setting for children 7-14 yrs. old	Big Brothers Big Sisters	Mon-Friday	1 hour
Blood Donation Volunteer	Assist in blood drives	Hudson Valley Blood Services	Sunday—Saturday	7 hours

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Clerical Support	General office work	American Cancer Society SeniorNet Center Score Continuing Education Business Resource Ctr.	Sunday— Saturday	Varies
ESL—English as a Second Language	Language interpreter	Department of Social Services	As needed	1 Hour
ESL—Tutor	Assist non-English speaking students with various topics	Kingston High School	Monday- Friday	1.5-2 hours
Food Pantry Helper	Stock, sort and distribute food and assist in thrift shop	People's Place	Monday- Saturday	2-4 Hours
Hot Line Helper or Meal Site Helper	Answer hotline phones or distribute food	Family of New Paltz Family of Ellenville	Monday- Saturday	2-4 Hours
Meal Site Helper	Assist with serving meals	Jewish Family Services Kosher Meal Site or Office for Aging, Sr. Nutrition Sites	Wednesday	10:00-2:30
Library Assistant	Help staff in keeping library organized	Esopus Library Rosendale Library Stone Ridge Library MacDonald Dewitt Library at SUNY Ulster	Varies	1-3 Hours
Crafter	Knit, crochet, sew items to donate	Kingston Recreation Home	Varies	Varies
Pen Pal	Write to 4th or 5th grade students	Rosendale School Chambers School	September- June	Once per month
Patient Care and Administration	Help a health care facility or hospital	Benedictine Hospital Kingston Hospital Ellenville Community Hospital Hospice	Sunday— Saturday	Varies
Nature Centers	Work as a Trail Guide, Trail Steward, Tour Guide, or assist in gift shop	Minnewaska State Park Mohonk Preserve	Sunday— Saturday	Varies
Computer Instructor/Coach	Teach senior friendly computer classes	Kingston SeniorNet Learning Center	Monday— Saturday	Varies
Senior Defensive Driving Instructor	Teach driver safety classes for seniors	AARP	Varies	8:30AM-4:30PM

### New Volunteer Orientation

For those of you who have never attended our informative new volunteer orientation, please join us on September 9, 2005 at 10:30AM through 12:00PM. If you plan to attend, please call the RSVP office, (845) 687-5000, ext. 5274.

