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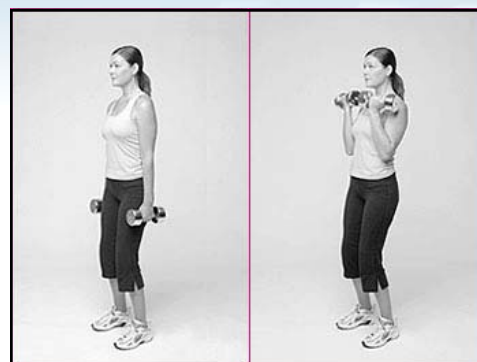
RSVP Office is Moving

RSVP will be moving its office to the former Montour Falls 'Jamesway' structure this fall. Proud to be under the continuing sponsorship of Cornell Cooperative Extension since 1973, we are all looking forward to the move to our quarters at the new **Schuyler County Human Services Complex**.

Our new location will provide us with a more efficient office space with plenty of parking. The building will include similar security measures to those currently in place at the county office building in Watkins Glen. I have personal experience with the tragic events of October 1992 and encourage all volunteers and other community members to respect the need for security measures in a municipal setting.

We hope that being housed in the same complex as Head Start, Office for the Aging, and several other public agencies will result in more intergenerational programming and expanded opportunities for collaborations that enhance community services. Watch for more details about the move in the early fall.

"It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself."
- Ralph Waldo Emerson



Bone Builder Update:

RSVP is pleased to announce the receipt of a small grant from the James P. Gordon Trust to expand and enhance the Bone Builder program in Yates County. As a result, RSVP is able to purchase weights for the participants for use at classes resuming this fall in Dundee and Penn Yan. In addition, a Yates County volunteer leader will be attending the "Strong Women" training provided by Tuft's University.

Bone Builder classes will resume in both Schuyler and Yates Counties in the fall and we hope to expand into the Tyrone area.



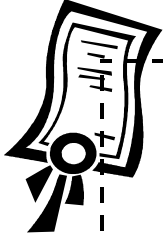
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Schuyler County Recognition Highlights

May 23, 2007



Lifetime Award

(4,000+ hours)

Dorothy Huey

4,281 hours

RSVP volunteer since 1990



(Pictured above, *l-r*) Lifetime award recipient Dorothy Huey with Beth Lisk and Tim O'Hearn



(Pictured above, *l-r*) Gold award recipients Jenny Gleason, Nancy Musser and Barbara Berghoff

Gold Award

(500+ hours in 2006)

Barbara Berghoff - 1,204 hours

Kermit Bossard - 514 hours

Genevieve Gleason - 615 hours

Nancy Musser - 565 hours

Georgia Paladino - 568 hours

The Yates County volunteer recognition event will be held in November; date yet to be determined.

Your Stories

Written by: Karey Solomon

Jean Hubsch of Tyrone has been an RSVP volunteer for about five years, but “I’ve realized I’ve been volunteering at something, most of my whole life,” she says. Starting with being a “Candy Striper” (hospital volunteer) at 14, Jean says, “I always seem to be inclined to do it.” And volunteering has enriched her life.

Lately, many of her volunteer jobs have involved public speaking. Jean trained to present “Guarding Against Fraud” programs to help people prevent identity theft and other threats to financial security. She also trained in explaining disaster preparedness strategies and distributing “File of Life” materials.



Jean Hubsch

The Triad program is basically an outcome of the September 11 tragedy, she says. “I think many of us thought, I wish there was something I could do to help, but what can I do? I’m not young, I can’t move rubble... This is to let people to be aware of how they can be prepared, not just for terrorism but also for natural disasters.”

After retiring from a career as an analytic chemist in Rochester, Jean spent part of her winters as an interpretive ranger for the U.S. Park

Service, both as a seasonal ranger and as a volunteer. “I’d take people on hikes, give talks and evening camp ground programs.” She worked at Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico, Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument in Arizona, Gulf Islands National Seashore in Mississippi and Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge in Georgia. “It was lots of fun. I just loved it,” she said.

Other volunteering includes work for the Schuyler County Historical Society where she serves the dual role of treasurer and member of the Board of Trustees; a greeter at the Schuyler County Chamber of Commerce, and help with the Mustard Seed Ministries in Tyrone, a social ministry operating a food pantry and small thrift shop, among other good works. Jean is treasurer for that group as well. She’s also been an officer of the Lakes Association for Lamoka and Waneta Lakes.

In previous years, her hobbies included serious needlework, particularly embroidery. In the past year, her life got busier when she got married this December. Naturally, husband Bob De Yager is an RSVP volunteer too, working as a Reading Buddy at the Bradford School and helping energetically with Schuyler Historical Society projects.

Volunteering is a way of life for them both. “I like to be busy,” Jean says. “I don’t ever see myself retiring from volunteering.”

“Your Stories” provides an opportunity for RSVP volunteers to describe their volunteer activities and what inspires them to volunteer. They are written by other RSVP volunteers.