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RSVP Names Senior of the YEAR for Sullivan County

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RSVP Update:

Members of the "1,000 Hour Club"

The 39th Annual Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Recognition Day Luncheon was held on Monday, May 14th at the *Villa Roma Resort & Conference Center in Callicoon*. **Deborah Allen**, Director of the Office for the Aging, welcomed the 250+ crowd that gathered to honor the RSVP seniors.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited lead by our Veterans and Director John Crotty. Pastor Bob Kersten, of the Grahamsville & Sundown United Methodist Churches, gave the invocation. **Marcia Heller**, Attorney at Law, sang "God Bless America". Cindy Kurpil Gieger & Scott Samuelson represented the Sullivan County Legislature to congratulate our volunteers and present awards. **Caryn Mathews**, Director, RSVP gave opening/closing remarks.



A total of 305 RSVP volunteers performed over 67,000 hours during 2011 making a huge difference in our community.

9 volunteers served over 1,000 volunteer hours during 2011 received a special award certificate (1,000-Hour Club).

Members of the "1,000 Hour Club"

- Ruth Auerbach – 1,440
- Barbara Burns – 1,093
- Claudia Chaiet– 1,009
- Robert Connor– 1,911
- Margaret Ippolito – 1,237
- Patricia Curtis– 1,853
- Theresa Roach – 1,286
- Marcelle Wagner – 2,432
- Sonny Smith– 2,996

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented by: **Caryn Mathews RSVP Program Director** to Michelle Semerano and Mike Sakell; WDNB Thunder 102.1/ Bold Gold Media Group for announcing the RSVP volunteers birthdays each morning on the radio and their on-air support of the RSVP program. During 2011 there were 316 RSVP volunteers' birthdays read on the air.



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Seniors of the Year By Township

Bethel	Lillian Hendrickson
Callicoon	Freda Pericho
Cochecton	Olga Viruet
Delaware	Herbert & Florrie Bauernfeind
Fallsburg	Sonya “Sonny” Smith
Forestburgh	Carl Amaditz
Fremont	Edith “Edie” Downs
Highland	Robert Grab sr.
Liberty	Liliam Stettner
Lumberland	Catherine “Cathy” Sterling
Mamakating	Joseph Stifano
Neversink	Phyllis “Penny” Coombe
Rockland	Sister Grace Therese Murray
Thompson	Laura Solomon
Tusten	Betty Crandall

Our Sponsors:

Sullivan County RSVP is sponsored by the Sullivan County Office for the Aging. Funded by the County of Sullivan,
the New York State Office for the Aging, and

2012 Sullivan County Legislators:

***Scott B. Samuelson – District 1, Kathleen LaBuda – District 2,
Kitty Vetter–District 3, Jonathan Rouis – District 4-
Cindy Kurpil Gieger– District 5, Cora Edwards–District 6,
Gene Benson– District 7, Ira Steingart– District 8,
Alan Sorenson – District 9***

2012 Town Supervisors of Sullivan County

Bethel: Daniel Sturm, ***Callicoon:*** Thomas Bose, ***Cochecton:*** Gary Maas, ***Delaware:*** Edward T. Sykes
Fallsburg: Steve Vegliante, ***Forestburgh:*** William Sipos, ***Freemont:*** George Conklin,
Highland: Andrew Boyar, ***Liberty:*** Charles Barbuti, ***Lumberland:*** Nadia Rajsz,
Mamakating: Harold Baird, ***Neversink:*** Mark McCarthy, ***Rockland:*** Edward Weitmann,
Thompson: Anthony Cellini, ***Tusten:*** Carol Wingert.

“We appreciate your continued support.”



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We appreciate the following businesses for their door prize gifts, raffle prizes and donations:

Achieve Rehab & Nursing Facility
Chris Mathews/Master Carpentry
Callicoon Theater
Big Ben Jewelers
Brother Bruno's
Frank & Phyllis Monteleone
River Reporter
New China City Kitchen
Shortline Bus Company
Liberty Diner

Frank Anderman/Anderman Oil
Colleen's Family Salon
Jeffersonville Bank
Forestburgh Playhouse
Last Licks
Liberty Fitness Center
Pecks Market Livingston Manor
Shoprite
The Courtyard
Blue Horizon Diner

Laura Solomon
Thompson



Laura is a wonderful volunteer receptionist in our very own Office for the Aging. She has volunteered with RSVP for 8 years and in an invaluable member of our office. Laura sits on the RSVP Advisory committee. She is very active and helps to guide and define the very program that assists all of the seniors in Sullivan County. Laura is a very giving person and is always interested in how she can help make things better for her community. A long time resident of Sullivan County and retired Monticello school teacher aid, she is always ready to advocate for seniors in our area. Laura and her late husband Martin their two sons the late Mark Solomon and Abbott Solomon came to Sullivan County 41+ years ago and Laura still loves living here. Laura is a very determined lady and continues to give back to her community every day.

RSVP "Senior of the Year for 2011"

Each township chose a "RSVP Senior of the Year". From these 15 nominations, one senior was chosen by our RSVP Committee as the Sullivan County "RSVP" Senior of the Year for 2011. Sullivan County Legislator, Cindy Gieger and Caryn Mathews Presented...

Laura Solomon from the Town of Thompson, with a well deserved plaque honoring her for all of her achievements and dedication to RSVP and Sullivan County.

The RSVP Program Staff:
Caryn Mathews, RSVP Project Director
& Elaine Finkle, RSVP Specialist,

would like to extend our
Sincere Thanks and Gratitude
 to the **County Manager**
 and the
County Legislature
 for their
 continued and resolute support!



Thank You to our RSVP Advisory Committee! We are thankful for your time and devotion to the RSVP program. We could not do it without your support!

Special Thanks....

A Special Thank You to:
 Joyce Salimeno-Gitlin for her *Memorial Endowment Fund* in Honor of her Beloved Mother. *Helen Lowe.*

Individual Donations:

Muriel Gitlin, Ester Levine, Peter & Josephine Rogers, Carol Gabella

In Special Appreciation:

A Certificate of Special Appreciation

was presented by:
Caryn Mathews to all of the RSVP Volunteers from **I.O.U Thrift Shop** for their excellent work for our County in 2011.
GREAT JOB!!

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Please Clip and Save:

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Donation Form

Enclosed is a donation for:

Comments:

RSVP transportation RSVP Advisory

- Medical Transport General fund
- Home Delivered Meals Caregivers Respite
- Sullivan County Transport EISEP

Amount of Your Donation:

- \$5.00 \$20.00
- \$10.00 \$25.00
- \$15.00 OTHER

Name
NAME: _____

Address
Address _____

Phone
Phone _____

Thank you for your Caring and Generosity!!
*Sullivan County Office for the Aging &
RSVP Of Sullivan County*



The SLAC (Senior Legislative Action Committee) works diligently in the community for the rights of the Sullivan County Seniors. **SLAC** had it's 8th Annual Luncheon on June 15th 2012, It was held at the Eagles Nest it was a wonderful tribute to the community and ALL the members of **SLAC**.

RSVP would like to extend it's gratitude for how much the vigilant efforts of **SLAC** has meant to the seniors of Sullivan County. *We continue to say ...Thank you for all you have done and continue to do!*

The board members of SLAC...

- Priscilla Bassett - Co-chair of SLAC.
- Roslyn "Roz" Sharoff - Co-chair of SLAC
- Bess Davis
- Ann Danuff
- Dorothy Fields
- Myrna Krauss
- Liliam Stettner



NEW VOLUNTEERS IN 2011

*“We are so grateful for every heartfelt deed.
You make a difference to those in need”*

Michael Abbott	Edward Epstein	Barbara MacGhee
Kathie Aberman	Maria Frangipane	Joann MacKinnon
Carl Amaditz	David Franklin	Paul Mader
Florrie Bauernfeind	Ruth Gallo	Gladys Manzollilo
Herbert Bauernfeind	Margaret Granese	Sophia Martynec
Barbara Bishop	JoAnne Greco	Patricia Massa
Bernadette Black	Burton Greenberg	Julianna Maxwell
Craig Black	Lorraine Greenberg	Noreen Mudge
Maybella Blair	Martha Greenberg-Ehrmam	Helen “Pat” Muniz
Ann Sylvia Bogusz	Barbara Haggerty	Sister Grace Therese Murry
Joan Booth	Richard Harding	Irene O’Leary
Bonnie Bortree	Lillian Hendrickson	Gail Owen
Rachel Brodsky	Thomas Hendrickson	Gloria Paquet
Nancy Brooks	Starr Hesse	Robert Paquet
Shirley Buddenhagen	Agi Hyman	Jules Perlmutter
Janet Burino	Debi Issman	Raymond Raynor
Patricia Canavan	Neal Jacobs	Ida Rosenberger
Brendan Conway	Bernard “Bob” Kassman	Mary “Marie” Rothermel
Phyllis Cox	Erskin Keary	Ronald Royster
Christy Curran	Carol Kelly	Alice Schlichting
Maria Dallin	Betty Kelly	Thomas Seiderer
Nancy DeFazio	Eleanore Kessler	Marion Shader
Doris-Drennon-Gaston	Nancy Kracht	Ann Solinski
Nancy Driscoll	Claire “Betty” LaJoie	Debbie Spaulding
Linda Eckers	Diana Levine	Zita Speer
Arnulv Stensland	Joseph Stifano	Peter Toscano
Robin Wagner	Rose Anna Walsh	Kenneth Walter
Cherry Yoriko	<i>Thank you all ... WELCOME!!</i>	



“Senior Sullivanites”

Join RSVP..

Give the gift of volunteerism to your community. You really can make a difference! Spend part of your retirement doing what you do best and achieve results that make a real difference. Join us we have over 60 sites available... *We're RSVP of Sullivan County.*

If you are interested, please call:
Caryn Mathews, RSVP Project Director at 807-0251
 or **Elaine Finkle, RSVP Specialist** at 807-0255 for more information.

RSVP

Lead With Experience

Volunteer Opportunities:

<u>Impact Service:</u>	<u>Provider(s):</u>
Medical Transportation Services	OFA, RSVP (Unlimited mileage reimbursement).
Adult Education and Literacy	Literacy Center: Monticello & Bethel (Tutors) BOCES.
Conflict Resolution / Mediation	DRC/ CASA: <i>Become a professional mediator for Free!</i>
Food Distribution / Collection/ Homebound meals	OFA, Meals on wheels drivers (Homebound).
Food Pantry's	CACHE (LIBERTY), Veterans Pantry (Monticello)
Hospice / Terminally Ill	Hospice Training for Sullivan County (TBA)
AARP Tax Preperation	Contact L Sean Welsh Consumer Educator @ CCE 292-6180
Thrift Store	Noah's Arc, United Way, IOU (Callicoon), United Methodist Church Liberty
Museums and Education	Fort Delaware Museum, Time in the Valley Museum) positions available: Archives, Clerical, Collections, Docent, Gift Shop.
AARP Driver Trainers and a Phone Coordinator Position available for small stipend applied to phone bill.	Call: Linda Keesler, AARP Zone Coordinator @ 932-9802 or RSVP 807-0255 for more information. <i>Become a Driver training instructor for Free with AARP!</i>

To Our Host...The Villa Roma.

Special thank you to the Villa Roma for their continued support of the Sullivan County RSVP Program, their beautiful facility, their wonderful food and staff. Our Sincere thanks for all your hard work making the event *amazing!*

RSVP Update:

IN SULLIVAN COUNTY RSVP IS...?

5 volunteers between the ages of 55-59

29 volunteers between the ages of 60-64

115 volunteers between the ages of 65-74

113 volunteers between the ages of 75-84

43 volunteers that are over 85 years old

And our eldest volunteer Marie Zalesky is...104 years old!

228 female volunteers and 77 male volunteers.

60+ non-profit sites that our RSVP volunteers serve in.

Volunteers that served 54,000 hot meals to the homeless.

45 volunteer medical drivers, with over 3,459 hours, they travelled over 66,000 miles.

There were 1962 requests for medical transportation. The RSVP Department in collaboration with the Sullivan County Transportation Department provided close to 1,304 trips to the elderly of Sullivan County.

34 volunteers providing a much needed service at our local hospitals offering 6550 hours of service.

Our senior volunteers served 596 elderly, assisted in delivering 67,717 homebound meals. They also served 14,997 congregate meals to 396 clients.

20 volunteer tutors with over 1,516 hours that serve at the Literacy program were instrumental in teaching many Sullivan County adults to read, opening doors to a new future for them.

The AARP driver instructor volunteers held driver safety programs throughout Sullivan County and 1,293 people have completed the course.

That 3500 elderly seniors benefitted from friendly visiting, listening to piano music at nursing homes and hospitals. Many of our homebound elderly were the recipients of our telephone reassurance program and continue to boast of long-lasting friendships.

*There are currently 305 active volunteers who served over 60,272 hours in 2011 @ \$22.50 per hour (per Corporation for National & Community Services) the value of their hours of service to Sullivan County is **\$1,356,120.00!***

WELL DONE AND THANK YOU TO ALL!

Caryn Mathews, RSVP project Director

**We need your help
and vigilant
support to
Keep RSVP alive.**



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