



## Fall Newsletter

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Greetings,

Hello and Welcome Autumn!

It has been a busy year with our Volunteer Celebration Luncheons, our 2nd Annual Golf Classic and soon our 14th Annual Run Wild 5K & Safari Scavenger Walk at the Elmwood Park Zoo on October 6. We hope all these events provided an opportunity for our volunteers and their families to come together and enjoy the festivities.

You may have noticed that our website [www.rsvpmc.org](http://www.rsvpmc.org) looks different. We are in the process of updating our site to make it easier to use and more interactive. We hope you will agree and we thank you for your patience as we are in the process.

With gratitude and appreciation,  
Michele Moll

**Join Our Team** of 1,200 Dedicated Volunteers  
**And Help Us Improve Our Communities**  
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## RSVP Happenings

### Celebrating You

This summer we celebrated our volunteers with two events making it easier for volunteers to attend. Our event in Media was held on May 29 and the second event on June 11 in Worcester.

#### Granite Farms Estates Luncheon



Senior Corps Legacy Award  
Winners: Jo-Anna Campbell  
and Carol Rude



*Lifetime Achievement  
Awardees: (L to R): Alegria  
Fernandez, Victor Florio,  
Edward Bugart, Michele Moll  
and Charles Dunn.*



*Presidents Gold Awardees:  
Ruth Whitsett, Diane  
Petersen, Gretchen Deeck,  
Charles Dunn, Joseph  
Gilligan, Shirley Carroll,  
Thomas McKelvey, Jo-Anna  
Campbell, Mary Gaffney and  
Patricia Cooper*



*Lifetime Achievement  
Awardees: Gretchen Deeck  
and Kim McDaniel accepting  
for Phillip Atwood, Michele  
Moll*



*Citadel Community Hero  
Winner: (L to R): Michele Moll,  
Kelly Lammey and Steve  
Miller from Citadel*



*Twenty Years of Service (L to  
R): Michele Moll, Jean  
Romano, Victor Florio, Anne  
Ritchie, Marie Welch, Jerome  
Welch and Edward Burgett*



*Guys N Gals Chorus*



## **Meadowood Luncheon**





*Senior Corps Legacy  
Awardees: (L to R): Steven  
Harris, Michele Moll, Jane  
Longacre and Marla Hexter.*



*Gold Awards: (L to R):  
Michele Moll, Philip Schwartz,  
Rhonda Novicki accepting for  
Richard Lewis, Doris  
DePorter, Robert DePorter,  
Lester Duman and Barbara  
Rutberg.*



*Alumni and Lifetime  
Achievement Awardees: (L to  
R): Mildred Weigner, Ron  
Gawel, Richard Singer, Joan  
Robinson, Donald Robinson,  
Rhonda Novicki accepting for  
Richard Lewis and Dolores  
Giera. Bottom: Michele Moll.*



*Citadel Community Hero  
Winner: (L to R): Michele Moll,  
Lisa Agnew and Fallon  
Maloney from Citadel.*



*Special Tribute and 20 Years  
of Service: (L to R): Robert  
Leib, Michele Moll and  
Bernard Roseman.*





**We are grateful to our dedicated volunteers for their tireless efforts to improve our communities.  
The world is a much better place because of you!**

The Citadel Community Heroes and finalists embody the spirit of doing good deeds. We are happy to have met you and we applaud your contributions to local communities.

Thank you to [Granite Farms Estates in Media](#) and [Meadowood Senior Living in Worcester](#) for hosting and sponsoring our events.



**We are grateful to our sponsors**



**our 2nd Annual Golf Classic**

**Thank you for making this our best event ever!**

*Check out these photos.*







Dave Schultz greeted fans and selected the winning ticket for an autographed Flyers jersey. *winner was an elated Pam Krupansky*

Thank you to everyone who attended and to our generous sponsors.



Special Thanks to our Title Sponsor

Larry Lynch a Project Consultant from Renewal

shown here with Dave Schultz.



We Thank our 2019  
Golf Classic Sponsors

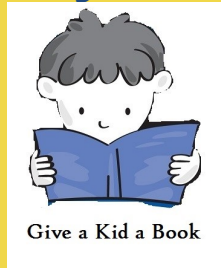


**Our Volunteers are Changing Lives**  
*watch our new video*



We are very grateful to the Eleven Eight Sound Company  
Mark Wawrzenski and Bensound.com  
for creating this amazing video highlighting our Family Literacy program. We are also very grateful to the Shingleton family for letting us film their story.

*If you agree that reading is important  
please consider donating a book to a local child*



[Click Here to Give a Kid a Book](#)

## Save These Dates / Upcoming Events

**14th Annual  
Run Wild 5K  
& Animal Safari Scavenger Walk**  
*rain or shine*

**October 6** at Elmwood Park Zoo



***New this year -- Safari Scavenger Walk***

***Bring your children / grandchildren and enjoy Exclusive Early Access to the Zoo before it opens to the public. Your little scavengers can win prizes. Come dressed in costume for even more fun!  
Stay and play all day where there's giraffes, jaguars, alligators, monkeys and more.***

***Special preregistration deal: \$15 for an adult and 2 children (regularly \$45.85) Available through October 4, 2019.***

[To Register Click Here](#)

**RUN WILD**

14th Annual *Run Wild 5K*  
&  
Animal Safari Scavenger Walk

Sunday,  
October 6

Rain or Shine

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Please join us for a fantastic day of scavenging for animals and hidden clues with your children, grandchildren and friends. Come dressed in your favorite Halloween costume and enjoy a day at the Elmwood Park Zoo.



Fun for all ages!!



For more information, go to  
<https://www.rsvpmc.org/news> or call  
Bill Paraskevik @ 610.834.1040 x132



## Getting to Know Us



### Meet Anne Sheehan

Anne Sheehan completed a B.S. in Biomedical Communications from the University of Illinois. She is an experienced Director with over 25 years in the medical device industry, skilled in Product Marketing, Communications and internal training.

Anne joined RSVP in 2018, as Mentor Program Development and Training Coordinator, and recently accepted the Volunteer Executive Consultants (VEC) Program Manager position, which concentrates on building the management capacity of nonprofits in the Philadelphia region.

To learn more about becoming a VEC consultant or to learn how VEC can help your nonprofit, contact [Anne](#).

## Now that Summer's (Nearly) Over What's Next?



Students are heading back to classes and are in need of mentors and tutors. Keep in mind that we always need volunteers to deliver meals, provide transportation to medical appointments, secure groceries, organize paperwork, and advocate for seniors. You determine when you are available and we'll find you a grateful student or senior.

## Volunteer Opportunities

***There are many fun and important volunteer opportunities in Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties.***

### Where Volunteers are Needed Most

***If you are interested, please contact us.***

- Readers for preschool children
- Reading coaches for elementary students
- Drivers, visitors and shoppers for home-bound seniors
- Mentors for elementary school students and teenage moms
- Virtual math tutors (*great for working adults - just one hour/week from your desk*)
- Fundraising, social media and other management skills needed to assist nonprofits
- STEM and other career exploration presenters
- Meals-on-Wheels drivers and food packers
- Thrift shop/consignment shop assistants
- Visit with lonely veterans
- Health and wellness program assistants
- Medicare Counselors
- Food pantry support
- Food collection coordinators
- Adult literacy and ESL tutors
- Advocates for seniors
- Greeters at Senior Centers
- Blood Drive assistants and ambassadors
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program support

For locations please visit our current [Help Wanted List](#) or contact us



### Are you searching for something meaningful to do?

*Whether you are new to volunteering, already a seasoned volunteer or looking for a fun activity, we would love to see you at one of our*

## Information Sessions

Share your experiences and learn more about the greatest needs in your community.

[Check our Website for additional dates or last minute changes.](#)

[Or you can view a virtual volunteer information session](#)



## Montgomery County

### Blue Bell

October 9 and December 4 at 1:00 pm - Wissahickon Valley Public Library, 650 Skippack Pike

### King of Prussia

September 10 and November 6 at 1:00 pm - RSVP 901 E. 8th Ave.  
Suite 200

### Willow Grove

September 4 and November 12 at 10:00 am - Giant, 315 York Road

## Delaware County

### Havertown

September 18 and November 19 at 10:30 am - Haverford Township Library, 1601 Darby Rd.

### Media

October 1 and December 17 at 10:00 am - Borough Hall, Parlour Room, 301 N. Jackson St.

### Springfield

September 25 at 10:00 am - Giant Foods, 950 Baltimore Pike

## Chester County

### Berwyn

October 16 at 10:30 am - Easttown Library & Info Center, 720 First Ave.

### Phoenixville

October 22 and December 10 at 1:00 pm - Steel City Coffee House, 203 Bridge St.

*Additional locations and updates available on [www.rsvpmc.org](http://www.rsvpmc.org)*

***Please let us know if you will join us  
so that we can plan for your visit.  
(or we can contact you if we need to cancel)***

***Call Maguerite Cunning, Volunteer Coordinator 610-834-1040 ext. 123  
or email [volunteer123@rsvpmc.org](mailto:volunteer123@rsvpmc.org)***

***Walk-Ins Always Welcome***  
***There's never an obligation to enroll as a volunteer***

## Partner Agency Happenings



We have a long relationship with Senior Community Services (SCS) in Delaware County through our Community Links Program. *The SCS mission is to provide independent and meaningful living for older adults through direct services and programs in the home and community.* RSVP is proud to support this outstanding agency.

SCS is a community-based organization with over 39 years of experience including four national accredited senior centers and an abundance of programs directly serving the aging population.

Currently, there is a great need for volunteers in their Aging at Home program. The program assists seniors with tasks to help them continue to live independently. [Learn more about this program.](#)

[Drivers and Handyman Training. Click to learn more](#)

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### [Veterans Appreciation Breakfast](#)

**On November 2, Veterans are welcome to join Senator Bob Mensch for a breakfast to honor our military service members. 8:30 - 10:30 am at Upper Perkiomen High School. Click above for details.**

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### [Paid Job Training for People 55+](#)

**MaturityWorks - Senior Community Service Employment Program provides mature workers for unsubsidized jobs through training at community based organizations. Click above for details.**

## Upcoming Training and Workshops

### **Fall 2019 VEC Workshop Series**

*All workshops held at RSVP 901 E. 8th Avenue, Suite 200  
King of Prussia, PA  
and are held from 9:30 am to noon*

#### **Winning Strategies for Raising Funds from Individuals** **September 10**

This session will highlight how to get your (reluctant) board members involved in fundraising. Additionally, it will give an overview of how a peer-to-peer strategy might fit into your fundraising plan and increase your donor base.

*Presenters: Peter Caputo and Megan Jankie*

Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/winning-strategies-for-raising-funds-from-individuals-tickets-64546586578>

#### **Social Media:** **Why and How to Get the Most out of Your Time and Money** **October 8**

In this workshop we will discuss the many WHY's of Social Media. We will go into each major platform to show resources available and discuss some actual case studies for each platform. We will consider what time commitment you need for this avenue of marketing. We will also discuss general analytics for each platform, as time allows.

*Presenter: Rick Simmons*

Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/social-media-why-how-to-get-the-most-out-of-your-time-money-tickets-68294688251>

#### **Strategies for Effective Nonprofit Leadership** **November 12**

Does your nonprofit have strong leadership? Are you utilizing your resources to the fullest extent? How are decisions made and implemented? This workshop will focus on the characteristics of strong leadership and the skills required to grow and move your nonprofit forward. Ineffective leadership has consequences that could limit your mission. This is an interactive session, so come with your questions and personal examples of leadership challenges. At the end you will walk away with strategies to strengthen your nonprofit's leadership.

*Presenters: Ron Gavel and Marla Hexter*

## We are grateful to these VEC sponsors



For more information, contact [Anne Sheehan](#).

## Community News and Resources

### medicare

#### Beware of Medicare Scammers offering "free" genetic testing!

The Office of Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services has issued a **fraud alert**: Watch out for scammers who are offering Medicare beneficiaries cheek swabs for genetic testing to obtain their Medicare information for identity theft or fraudulent billing purposes. They are targeting beneficiaries through telemarketing calls, booths at public events, health fairs and even door-to-door visits.

**Never give out your Medicare number to someone you do not know.**

#### What are you doing between October 15<sup>th</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup>?

You should review your Medicare health options and possibly make changes during

**Medicare Annual Open Enrollment between October 15<sup>th</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup>.**

You can:

- Move from Original Medicare to a Medicare Advantage plan
- Change from your current Medicare Advantage plan to a new one
- Change your existing Part D prescription drug plan to a new one
- Switch back to Original Medicare

Your new coverage begins January 1<sup>st</sup> if your new plan receives your enrollment by December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Want help comparing and choosing new plans? **APPRISE** counselors are available for **free**, unbiased one-on-one counseling. Call (610) 834-1040 x 120.

*APPRISE counselors are state trained volunteers who can answer your questions about Medicare and provide you with objective, easy to understand information about Medicare, Medicaid, Supplemental plans and Advantage plans and Drug plans. To learn more visit: [www.rsvpmc.org](http://www.rsvpmc.org)*

#### New SEPTA Key Card

SEPTA has transitioned to the Key Card offering those 65+ free public transit within the state. Users will have to get a SEPTA issued ID card. For details visit [www.septa.org](http://www.septa.org) or call 215-580-7800.

#### Affordable Internet Service from Internet Essentials

Some low-income households may qualify for internet services at a \$9.95 per month fee.

If you currently receive SNAP, Medicaid, public housing assistance, SSLI/HEAP, WIC or other services you may qualify. visit Internet Essentials to learn more.

## Memorials and Celebrations & Additional Ways to Support RSVP



***In Honor of:***

**Bernard Roseman from Richard Singer**

***In Memory of:***

**Frances L. Pieri from Charles and Geraldine Rogala**

**Frances L. Pieri from Maureen Mary Heenan**

*A simple way to honor the memory of a close relative, friend or someone special or help celebrate a birthday, anniversary, wedding or any special occasion in a novel way.*

*Consider making a donation in that person's name. We will notify the individual or their family member (if you wish) of the donation you have made in their name.*

To learn more, contact [Tony Giunta](#)

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***Celebrating a birthday this year?***

***Have you considered a Facebook Fundraiser to support our important community-based programs?***



***You can ask your Facebook friends to honor your birthday or any special occasion by asking them to donate to your special cause.***

***It's easy!***

- *On YOUR Facebook page, select "Fundraiser" from the left side menu*
- *Then select "raise money for a nonprofit organization"*
- *Select "RSVP, Inc." in King of Prussia, PA from the list*
- *Complete the rest of the questions, and you are ready to go!*



RSVP has been chosen by the Altar'd State Clothing Shop  
in the King of Prussia Mall to be the recipient of their Mission Monday fundraiser. We will receive 10% of their net proceeds to benefit our children's programs. Be sure to visit their beautiful store  
before October 7th.

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We are always happy to receive gift cards you may no longer want or need. These could be re-gifted to clients in need or leveraged to raise funding for our programming. Just mail cards to RSVP's office, attention Tony G.

Thank you!

## Connect With Us

### Do you shop on Amazon?

If you do, here's a simple way to show your support for RSVP programs.

By shopping through [www.Smile.Amazon.com](http://www.Smile.Amazon.com) and designating RSVP of Montgomery County as your charity of choice, a portion of your sales are donated to us.

Thank you!



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**Love!**

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About Our Volunteers  
With Your "Friends"

## Meet Our Sponsors

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**Please help us keep our critical programs running.  
Support the growing needs in our communities.**

Does your company participate in a United Way Campaign? Please consider designating RSVP for your gift. **United Way Donor #1993**



