



Adams County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

Volunteer Voice

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Save the Date

- 4-17-15 Volunteer Orientation, RSVP Office at 9:30am
- 5-19-15 Annual Carry-In Luncheon starting at noon at Salem Church—BE THERE!
- 5-21-15 Resource Expo at Quincy Senior Ctr 10-2pm



Sweet April showers do spring May flowers.
Thomas Tusser

Spring being a tough act to follow, God created June.
Al Bernstein

Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush.
Doug Larson

Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party!'
Robin Williams

You can cut all the flowers but you can't keep Spring from coming.
Pablo Neruda

In the Spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours.
Mark Twain

Poor, dear, silly Spring, preparing her annual surprise!
Wallace Stevens

Spring is God's way of saying, 'One more time!'
Robert Orben

The Winner Is...



Don McCabe won for January and **Betty Gebhardt** won for February in our monthly contest. RSVP staff draw a name from all the pink Timesheets turned in for each month. **Since the pink Timesheets are due by the 7th of each month**, the drawing will take place the middle of each month for the prior month's timesheets.

In The News

Eleanor Yackley appeared in the Quincy Herald Whig in an article entitled "Friends of Castle seeks volunteers to greet visitors". Friends of the Castle have operated the tourist information center with volunteer hosts since 1987. They're in need of additional volunteers going into spring/summer when the volume of visitors increase. A full orientation program is provided for volunteers and work schedules can be flexible. Eleanor has been a volunteer tour guide since 2013 along with many more of our RSVP volunteers.

Joe Sutcliff has been a volunteer for the VITA program at United Way for several years. His picture appeared in the March 24, 2015 United Way eConnector publication.

VITA volunteers will have tax appointments available through April 15. If your annual household income is under \$53,000, you qualify for this free service. Call United Way at 217-222-5020 for appointment information.



Valentines for Vets



On Wednesday, February 11, 2015 we had a great turn out of students, staff, and RSVP volunteers. Over 90 valentines were made to be delivered to the veterans at the Illinois Veterans Home. Many thanks to all who helped with this annual project!



Ken and Anita Laaker

Volunteer Orientation:

Friday, April 17 at 9:30 am is our next Volunteer Orientation to be held at the Adams County RSVP office. We've had over 40 new people join RSVP since our last orientation. Present, new and future volunteers are invited to attend this orientation. Breakfast will be provided, and all we ask is that you RSVP to our office. Additional orientations will be held in the oncoming months if you are unable to attend at this time.

BOOK SALE Quincy Public Library

**April 9 Noon to 7:30 pm
April 10 9:00 am to 4:30 pm
April 11 9:00 am to 4:30 pm**

Books half price on Saturday!

Message from Barb Casady, RSVP Manager



National Volunteer Week, April 12-18, 2015, is about inspiring, recognizing and encouraging people to seek out imaginative ways to engage in their communities. In Adams County we know volunteer service builds and strengthens our community. Each of you touches the lives of individuals and families by giving of your personal time and sharing your skills and talents. Our community is stronger because of your dedication and care.

RSVP is very pleased to work with each of our 545 active volunteers and partner with the not-for-profit community to build a spirit of volunteerism. We thank you for giving of yourself and we encourage you to share your stories with others. The best way to market a program or an opportunity is word of mouth – so please take time during National Volunteer Week to share some of your stories of volunteering with others.

There are many organizations in need of great volunteers just like you. If you have friends and family looking for new opportunities, encourage them to volunteer one or two hours a week. We encourage you to check out the “Get Connected” website on the United Way of Adams County website (www.unitedwayadamsco.org) and see what opportunities await volunteers in our community – also share the listing of opportunities in this newsletter. We want everyone to have the positive benefits that volunteering can bring to their lives!

	Please LIKE RSVP On Facebook:
www.facebook.com/pages/Adams-Brown-and-Pike-County-RSVP/190385341109757	

Resource Expo 2015

The Quincy Senior and Family Resource Center is sponsoring their ninth annual Resource Expo. This is an informational Expo for seniors and persons with disabilities. They are having a motivational speaker along with live entertainment and demonstrations throughout the day. Lunch will be served from 11:00am to 1:30pm. There will be a raffle, giveaways, door prizes, and a 50/50 drawing.

Save the date of May 21, 2015 from 10:00am to 2:00pm, 639 York, Quincy. Please stop by and visit the RSVP booth!

Volunteer Carry-In Luncheon

Mark your calendars for our annual Carry-In Luncheon to be held at noon on May 19th at Salem Church Hall in celebration of **Senior Corps Week**. The cost of the meal is a covered dish. RSVP staff and Advisory Council will provide the table service, drinks, meat and 3 side dishes. Friends and family are welcome. The invitation and a list of the raffle items along with tickets have been mailed out. See you there!



Summer hours for RSVP will begin on May 18th: 7:30 am—4:00 pm Monday through Friday. The doors will be locked at 4:00 pm and the phones will go directly to the answering machine. Summer hours will end on August 7th and we will return to our normal 8:00 am—5:00 pm schedule.

ADAMS COUNTY VOAD CALL CENTER DISASTER DRILL

An Adams County VOAD Call Center Disaster Drill was held on Thursday, February 26 at the Adams County Health Department. **VOAD** (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) was founded in 1970 in response to the challenges faced following Hurricane Camille, which hit the Gulf Coast in August 1969. The founding organizations were committed to fostering the four C's: communication, coordination, collaboration and cooperation in order to better serve people impacted by disasters.

Established in 1994, the Adams County VOAD is a local network of human service agencies, faith-based organizations and local businesses that have a role to play in the aftermath of disaster. VOAD member agencies work with local government partners to see that immediate needs are addressed by sharing information and resources, and mobilizes volunteer manpower during the immediate response and throughout long term recovery efforts. VOAD has representation at the Adams County Emergency Operations Center in time of a disaster and vital relationships with both Illinois VOAD and other regional chapters throughout the state.

The VOAD Call Center Disaster Drill combined the efforts of the Adams County Emergency Management Agency, United Way of Adams County, Adams County RSVP, American Red Cross, Medical Reserve Corps, Adams County Health Department, Health Occupations Students of America, Blessing Hospital, St. Peter's Catholic Church, and the 1st Baptist Church of Quincy. Volunteers from RSVP DAT (Disaster Activation Team) and the Medical Reserve Corps fielded phone calls from volunteers from partner agencies to mimic the actual VOAD call center during a disaster.



Liz Akers and Anita Crowley



Mary Wilson and Sarah Bonness



Bob Hesse and Ruth Bange



Connie Hornsey and Glenn Gage

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American Red Cross: Seeking volunteers to act as disaster responders who will work longer hours providing direct aid to disaster victims; general office assistance a few hours a week; and outreach positions that are just a few hours a year. The local Red Cross is located at 3000 N. 23rd St. in Quincy.

Additional volunteer resources can be found at their website: www.redcross.org.

Blessing Hospital: is getting ready to open the *Moorman Pavilion* in April 2015 and has two new volunteer positions: Way-Finding Volunteers (for a limited time only); and Discharge Team.

Other needs are various shifts in the following: Tea Room, Hospitality House, Shuttle Driver, Nurse Server Replenisher, Blessing Health Center Receptionist and ICU Waiting Room.

Quincy Senior & Resource Center: Needs help with the bulk mailing of News and Views beginning at 8:00am on Tuesday, April 28.

Historical Society of Quincy: New location at 332 Maine St. needs volunteers to be a front desk greeter, information person, and to answer phones and take messages or transfer calls. This person may also work at crafts for sale in the Gift Shop while at the desk—such as crochet ornaments, fold corn husk ornaments, assemble greeting cards, etc. Other duties as needed to help in the Gift Shop or Museum.

Quincy Alzheimer's Association Office: Is in need of volunteers to cover the morning hours Monday – Friday 9:a.m. – noon. Job includes answering phones, greeting visitors and assisting office staff as needed. Job can be split among one or more volunteers.

Volunteers interested will be asked to fill out an application with the Alzheimer's Association and to sign a Conflict of Interest, confidentiality and compensation policy form.

Good Samaritan Home: is looking for a couple of “manicurists” to help on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00p.m. You are not required to be a professional. You will be taking off polish, filing nails and applying new polish.

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Disaster Activation Team (DAT): Volunteers are trained and then called to assist with the Emergency Operations Center when opened to answer questions and field information to the public in the event of a large scale emergency.

Villa Kathrine: Immediate openings for Volunteer Hosts at the Villa. Duties include greeting visitors, answering questions, sharing information about the area, collecting admissions for tours, and souvenir sales.

Adams Co Health Dept: Volunteer readers are needed in the WIC waiting room at the Adams Co. Health Dept. Readers needed for children 0-5 years. Volunteer hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 9-11am and 1-3pm. If you can give one hour, two hours or more, please call!

Junior High and High School Tutors: needed to help two students—one with Biology and one with English class work.

RSVP Carry-Out Caravan: needs 2 volunteers to each take one Monday morning a month from 8:00a.m. – 1:00p.m. Job is answering the phone and filling our grocery orders. Usually we receive between 15 and 20 orders each week. Requires legible handwriting and attention to detail.

RSVP Local Medical Transportation: needs additional drivers to help with our large volume of requests. We work around your schedule and do not ask for more than one trip per week.

Kroc Center: looking for volunteers to help with their first decathlon (of life-size board games) which will take place on Saturday, April 25th. The volunteers are needed from 8:15am until 12:30pm that day and will be put in charge of a specific activity as well as filling out score sheets for that activity. More information on the games can be found at their website:

<http://www.krocquincy.org/decathlon/>

If interested in any of these volunteer opportunities, please call our office

ADAMS COUNTY MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS



WE NEED YOU! The Medical Reserve Corps is a national network of volunteers using both non-medical and medical persons to serve in our local community during a public health emergency or disaster response effort. Our mission is to engage volunteers to strengthen public health, emergency response and community resiliency.

Many MRC members are just like you-nurses, doctors, pharmacists, therapists, public health officials and other community members who believe in keeping your local area healthy, prepared, and resilient. Many are currently still part of the work force and many are retired. They all share your commitment to helping others and making a difference.

Every MRC unit is led by a local MRC Coordinator, who matches local volunteer capabilities and schedules with local needs for both emergency responses and public health initiatives

MRC volunteers train-individually and with other members of the unit-in order to improve their skills, knowledge, and abilities. Sometimes the training is coursework, and other times it is part of a drill or exercise conducted with partner organizations in the community. Continuing education units and credits are even available for some programs. Volunteers choose their area of activity and level of participation in our local unit. Volunteers like you help make our community's health initiatives a reality!

For more information on our local MRC Unit contact Triena Dietrich, Emergency Response Coordinator, at (217)222-8440, ext. 112 or email at tdietrich@co.adams.il.us. You can also visit our website at www.medicalreservecorps.gov.

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