

# The *Volunteers' Voice*

## LEAD WITH EXPERIENCE

### Thoughts from the Director's Desk



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It's Spring! Or is it? According to the calendar it IS indeed the spring season, however, I think Mother Nature just loves keeping us on our toes. In March, I had packed my coat away only to dig it out again a few days ago.

Regardless of the weather, this time of year is when we typically do some spring cleaning. This year, as you sift through your closets and garages, please remember to donate unwanted items to the Hoisington RSVP Thrift Shop. The RSVP Thrift Shop employs volunteers to work at the shop and all monies received benefit crucial RSVP programs. And while you are enjoying the warmer weather, be sure to stop in and shop! The RSVP Thrift Shop is full of bargains. It is open 11-4 Monday through Saturday.

It is also nearing Memorial Day. Again this year, you can honor your loved ones for a fraction of

the cost. VIA/RSVP is selling recycled Memorial flowers. Flowers are **available now** at the offices located at 1025 Main Street in Great Bend or in the RSVP Thrift Shop in Hoisington.

With students leaving the Barton Campus for the summer, the College will be closing on Fridays for the summer again. This includes our office. Our summer hours begin on May 23, 2014. Office staff may be available extended hours Monday through Thursday. The Meals On Wheels program will continue, without interruption, with meals delivered Monday through Friday weekly.

Enjoy the next couple months, as before we know it, we will be beating the heat of summer and looking forward to cooler days of fall!

~Joy Crawford

### We All Need Someone to Be There

Planting the seed,  
To help the need  
Being a friend,  
Prayers and hope to send  
Not walking away,  
But trying to stay  
Not turning away,  
No matter what day  
Being there,  
No matter where  
Giving hugs,  
Instead of tugs  
Not pushing aside,  
Getting to know the person inside  
We are all human,  
Sometimes we just need a hand  
It can do so much  
So take the time,  
Everyone gets in a bind  
Let's all show random acts of kindness,  
No matter how big or small  
We're all in need of  
Someone to care,  
We all need someone to be there

~Judy Kilgore



### Yvonne Strecker Appointed as Meals On Wheels Program Assistant

Volunteers In Action and RSVP would like to welcome Yvonne Strecker as a new Barton Employee. Yvonne has worked in the VIA/RSVP office for two years with SER (Senior Employment Resource). SER is a program that partners with non-profit organizations to train seniors a new skill-set. The goal of this program is to get the trained individuals hired in permanent positions. Due to Meals On Wheels increased administrative support funding, Yvonne was appointed as Meals On Wheels Program Assistant effective May 1. She will continue to provide valued support to our Meals On Wheels program and assist with other VIA/RSVP programs as her time allows. Her hours remain 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please stop in and welcome Yvonne as a new Barton employee!



## Volunteer SPOTLIGHT

Spotlight



### Lorrayne Eveleigh

Lorrayne Eveleigh, a retired teacher of 53 years, gives her time and talents to RSVP as an office volunteer. She is the project manager for the EARS program. EARS is a reading program at local elementary schools whereby volunteers spend time with a child reading and tutoring.

“What a joy it is to watch children improve their reading!” She said. Lorrayne began the program at Riley School in Great Bend. “I have worked with one of my students, starting in the 2nd grade through the 8th grade. She now graduates from High School this year, as an honor student. This shows that volunteer time pays off in a positive way. I’m really proud of her!” She added.

Lorrayne is instrumental in many RSVP programs including, planning the volunteer appreciation events, designing and organizing the RSVP scrapbook, and she is a critical link in our survey process. In addition, she is the person behind the Birthday Cards that volunteers receive from RSVP.

“I truly enjoy helping at the RSVP office. The Volunteer office is so much more complex than I ever imagined. The services they provide are very diversified. Every opportunity has such an impact on our total community. Everyone helps out to make someone’s life better in some way.” She said.

Lorrayne comes from a large family of seven children. She began teaching schools when she was 18 years old. She married Bob Eveleigh 60 years ago, at age 21. They have a son and a daughter, two grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. They all live in Kansas, except for a grandson who works in Afganistan. She enjoys getting together with all of her family as often as possible.



Program Spotlight

## VIA Needs You!

The new initiative in the volunteer world is utilizing skills-based volunteers. In the past RSVP has utilized what is called the traditional volunteer or the “hey y’all come and help.” This new movement towards skills-based volunteers allows a volunteer to use skills that they have earned over their years through their professional career, special training or hobbies.

Some of the jobs that a skills-based volunteer might fill include, Strategic and Business Planning Human Resources and Organizational Development, Marketing and Communications Finance and Accounting, Information Technology Logistics, Product Development Fundraising and Development, Project and Program Management and Multi-media Strategy.

If these sound way over your head think, fundraising, volunteer recruitment, newsletters, creating marketing materials, public speaking, leading a project, accounting, organizing an office, building something, ect. Many of these jobs are not meant to be on-going but projects with a start and stop date. They can also be on-site or from your home.

One such on-going project has been EARS. Lorrayne Eveleigh has been the project manager for this program for several years. Though she might not consider herself a project manager, under these definitions she is. Lorrayne recruits volunteers, works with the schools and teachers, and keeps track of progress. Much of this she can do from home if she chooses and puts in as little or as much time as she wants. As a retired teacher she is ideal for this project. She understands the needs of the students and the teachers.

Other projects in our office could include working with social media, accounting, volunteer recruitment for specific projects or working with the Volunteer Software. We also are looking for a skills based volunteer to help with the Medical Transportation program.

Volunteers In Action wants to be a model for volunteerism and the many skills of our current volunteers will help us attain this goal. Please call or come in and let us find the perfect project for you.

~Article written by Linn Hogg



*Memorial Day Flowers*  
*Now Available*  
*for Purchase*



**M**emorial Flowers to remember your loved ones are available to **purchase at a fraction of retail costs**. Volunteers in Action/RSVP Memorial Day Flowers are recycled and look brand new. Remember your loved ones without straining your budget! Flowers are available in Hoisington at the RSVP Thrift Shop and at the Volunteers in Action/RSVP office in Great Bend.

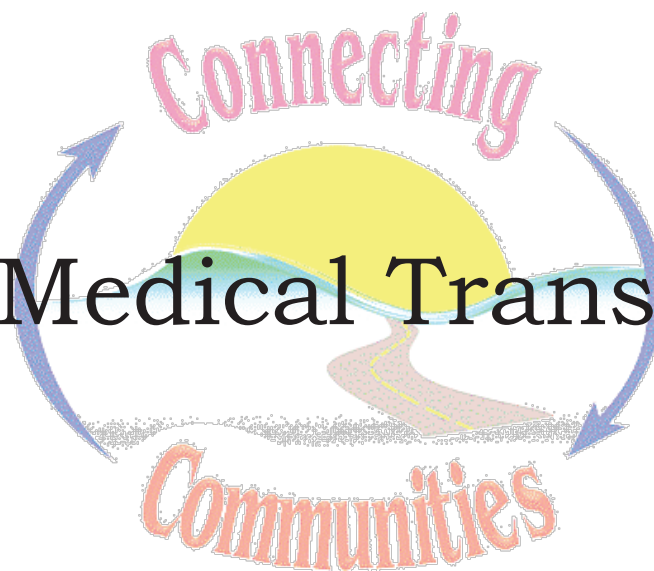
**RSVP Thrift Shop**

158 S. Main  
Hoisington

**Volunteers in Action/RSVP**

1025 Main #D114  
Great Bend

**ALL proceeds benefit valuable volunteer programs  
in Barton and Pawnee Counties.**



# RSVP Medical Transportation

**RSVP is actively seeking new volunteer drivers!** Our Medical Transportation Program provides rides to community members who no longer drive and need to attend medical appointments. Volunteer drivers use their private vehicle to drive patients to their scheduled appointments. Drivers are given a 27 cents per mile via gasoline vouchers. In addition to Great Bend, RSVP schedules medical rides to Hays, Hutchinson, Wichita. Drivers can request local travel only or can accept longer trips as desired. This service provide approximately 30 rides to community members each month. If you enjoy driving and want to help others in our community, please contact us! For more information, or to sign up, contact the RSVP office at 620-792-1614.



## Red White & Blue Berries

### INGREDIENTS

- ⇒ 12 ounces white chocolate chips or white baking chocolate
- ⇒ Strawberries
- ⇒ Blue Decorator Sugar

### Directions:

1. Melt chocolate according to package instructions using microwave or double broiler.
2. Make certain strawberries are completely dry.
3. Dip half the berry into the melted white chocolate.
4. Then, Dip bottom quarter of berry into blue decorator sugar
5. Allow to dry on Wax paper.

# Volunteer with us

## **Skilled and Pro Bono Volunteers**

Volunteers In Action (VIA) was awarded a new grant which is designed to build capacity in non-profit organizations through the use of skilled and pro bono volunteers. We are currently seeking people with a specific skill or knowledge they can share with us. Some examples include, project managers, task force members, web designers, and MANY others!

Please contact Linn Hogg at 620-792-1614 for more information on how your skills can be used for the good of your community.

## **Meals On Wheels**

Meals On Wheels is always looking for drivers to provide hot and nutritious meals to homebound seniors. This program provides a warm, balanced, noon meal to those signed up to receive the service. Currently Meals On Wheels has nine routes in Great Bend and also serves meals in Hoisington and Ellinwood. We are always building a "substitute driver" list and can always use an extra hand. For more information please contact Yvonne Strecker, Meals On Wheels Program Assistant, at 620-727-1614

## **RSVP Office**

The office of Volunteers in Action and RSVP is always needing volunteer support to answer phones, greet visitors, and help with various projects. Please contact Joy to learn more about our office 620-792-1614.

## **RSVP Medical Transportation**

Volunteers provide transportation to Barton County residents needing help getting to necessary medical appointments. Volunteers drive their personal vehicle and RSVP reimburses 27 cents per mile. RSVP has a van available to help transport passengers that require a wheelchair. Volunteers can choose long distance or local trips with the option to drive the van when necessary. Volunteers have full discretion to accept a trip or not. Call RSVP for more information at 620-792-1614.



## **RSVP Thrift Store**

The Thrift Store in Hoisington is a large fundraising opportunity for VIA/RSVP. The store is operated by a dedicated group of volunteers. It is open Monday-Friday from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. It is also open on Saturday from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The Thrift store is always seeking volunteers to assist in the day-to-day operations. Please contact Selma Webb to obtain more information 620-653-4118.

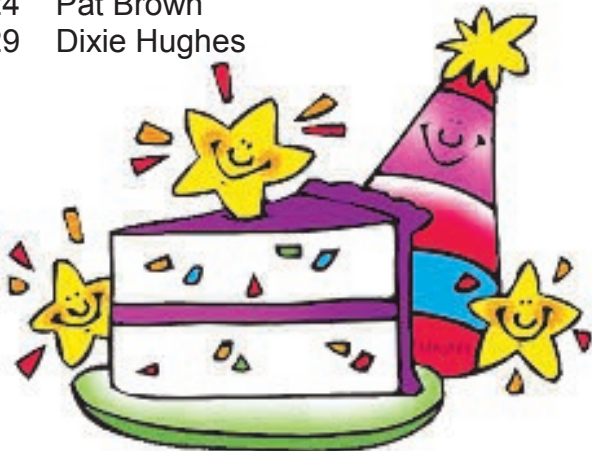
## **Substitute Volunteers**

Don't have enough time to commit to a specific volunteer role? Call us anyway! We have opportunities for substitute volunteers for Meals on Wheels, transportation, office assistance, specific projects, mailings, etc. Call us! 620-792-1614



## May

- 1 Robert Meyers
- 2 Ann Palmer
- 3 Betty Schneider
- 4 Evelyn Reiser Kaiser
- 5 Kathleen Burt
- 5 Aleta Ehrlich
- 5 Virginia Hogsett
- 5 Eunice Wendelburg
- 6 Eileen Bayer
- 7 Sue Parmer
- 7 Barbara Unruh
- 11 Janice Rose
- 12 LaVeta Miller
- 12 Edward Ruble
- 13 Grace Bell
- 13 Jane Delong
- 13 Lois Schuster
- 15 Sue Wagner
- 17 Phyllis Bosley
- 17 Ladonna Dirks
- 17 Louise Gunn
- 18 Don Halbower
- 19 Richard Ahlvers
- 20 Lola Michael
- 21 Sharon Dunlap
- 22 Arlene Keil
- 23 Loretta Schroeder
- 24 Pat Brown
- 29 Dixie Hughes



## June

- 1 Mary Lou Button
- 1 Beth Holl
- 2 Patricia Cook
- 4 Lila Beltz
- 7 Anne Graner
- 7 Jean Wagner
- 8 Eunice Dreher
- 9 Sharon King
- 10 Jennie Kern
- 11 Evelyn Hoffman
- 11 Thomas Starns
- 12 Susan Stricker
- 14 Kay Wilbur
- 15 Edis Schauvliege
- 15 Calista Stuart
- 18 Jean Peevyhouse
- 18 Judy Turner
- 19 Doris Simmons
- 20 Eleanor Ramsey
- 21 Gerald Donovan
- 21 Kathy Ahlvers
- 23 James Jay
- 24 Janice Morgenstern
- 24 Delilah Winkler
- 25 Marlin Isern
- 26 Marguerite Davidson
- 27 Jean Cavanaugh
- 27 William Popp
- 28 Mary Bayer
- 28 Sally Brown
- 28 William Titsworth
- 29 Kathy Bowen
- 30 Paul Berscheidt



## RSVP Time Sheet

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Month of Service \_\_\_\_\_

***Your hours are important to us. Thanks for all you do!***

The following partners report your volunteer hours so you don't need to list them below:

**Elementary Schools**  
**American Red Cross Bloodmobile**  
**Weekday Meals on Wheels**  
**Knit/Crochet (RSVP)**

**RSVP Transportation**  
**Historical Village**  
**St Rose Amb Sur Center**  
**Hoisington Thrift Store**

**Food Banks**  
**Senior Centers**  
**Shafer Gallery**



What did you do?	Where did you work?	Hours Served:
Churches: quilting, funerals, board meetings, all other volunteer jobs.		
Veterans and military family projects: American Legion, VFW, Military Moms, etc. (please be specific)		
Nursing Homes, Assisted Living Communities (please indicate location name)		
Community Organizations: fund-raising, office work, meetings, bookkeeping, board meetings, advisory councils, etc.		
One-on-One Assistance: errands, handyman chores, yard work, transportation, friendly visiting, cooking, etc.		
Education Projects: after-school programs, early childhood, preschools, etc. (please specify the location and project name)		
Nutrition Programs: commodities, Prairie Land Foods, etc.		
Environmental: Recycling, etc		
Health Projects: other hospitals, clinics, etc. (please be specific)		
Other: Please be specific		

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