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RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

We make a difference!



ANNIVERSARY

5 DECADES OF SERVICE

to Sullivan County, NY

1973-2023



WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

11am to
3pm

VILLA ROMA CLUBHOUSE
Callicoon, NY

To Our Amazing Volunteers and Esteemed Guests,

Thank you for joining us today as we celebrate and show the utmost gratitude to our fellow Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) volunteers. This year marks RSVP's 50th anniversary in Sullivan County and we can all see the same fire that burned so bright in 1973, when RSVP was first established in our county, burning bright today in all of us.

I want to thank the Office of the Sullivan County Manager and Legislature for graciously supporting RSVP throughout the years and offering the support that allows our program to thrive in the face of any challenge. With such an experienced and dedicated team behind us every step of the way, our volunteers continue to have a far-reaching positive impact on our community in ways unique to every individual.

I also want to thank AmeriCorps who helps sponsor RSVP along with the Corporation for National and Community Service and the New York State Office for the Aging. By offering their myriad of knowledge and resources in addition to sponsoring us, AmeriCorps allows RSVP to reach far beyond our county and adopt a legacy of volunteerism and positive change across our great nation.

Through the dedication of our talented volunteers and the opportunities created by our long-established volunteer sites, we see the mountains of opportunities that mark our county's emblem live on in the hearts of all our volunteers both past and present. There are no words too kind or numbers too high to measure the good works of our volunteers, and we all stand together in collectively saying 'Thank You!' for helping our beloved community prosper and making us proud to call Sullivan County our home.



Here's to 50 historic years and many more to come!

Keven Salavarria, RSVP Coordinator

Event Schedule

~ Event Begins 11:00 am ~

Pledge of Allegiance

Warm Welcome

by Lise-Anne Deoul, Director of Office for the Aging

Opening Remarks

by Keven Salavarria, RSVP Coordinator

Special Recognition

by Aileen Gunther, New York State Assemblywoman

Special Recognition

by Peter Oberacker, New York State Senator

Special Recognition

by Sean Lisker, Representative for Congressman Marc Molinaro

Start of Ceremony

by Liliam Stettner, RSVP Advisory Council Chairwoman

Raffle / Tricky Tray Drawing

~ Event Conclusion 3:00 PM ~

*Thank You to the Villa Roma for graciously accommodating us
and thank you for joining us for this momentous occasion!*

Our Sincerest Gratitude to our Legislators and County Managers



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Thank you to the RSVP Advisory Council

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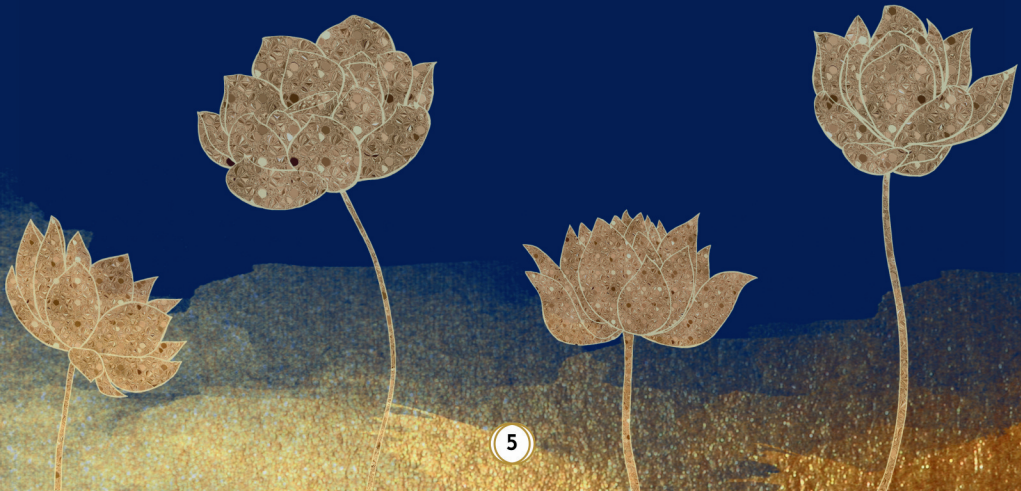
In Loving Memory of Marcia Salton



1933-2023

and to all our dearly departed volunteers.

Our deepest condolences to the family and friends of our beloved volunteers who gave so much and asked nothing in return



RSVP Through the Years

Republican Watchman News — Thursday, May 26, 1977

County RSVP Recognition Day

LIBERTY — Over 400 people attended Sullivan County R.S.V.P. Recognition Day.

Grossinger's Hotel, who graciously accommodated them, was the site of a culmination of efforts and just rewards by recognition.

The luncheon was attended by representatives of all the senior citizen groups who gave their efforts and time to myriads of volunteer work in the Sullivan County area, with guidance from the Office of the Aging's staff.

Eleanor Knack, Director of R.S.V.P., accepted in behalf

of the County Board of Supervisors, a certificate thanking them for their work in advancing the program.

The presentation was made by Margaret Geffken, State Program Officer for Region 2.

Ms. Geffken also spoke of a new program recently introduced in this area. The program had to do with foster grandparents, being headed by Ms. Kay Portz.

James Galligan Director of the Office of the Aging, personally thanked all the volunteers who attended.

Other speakers were the

Hon. C. Albert Sharkey, who thanked the volunteers on behalf of the County Board of Sup.

Hon. Eugene Hanoffee made a moving speech on the preservation of the family unit, and he urged the senior citizens as grandparents and elders of the family, to lend a guiding hand to the youth.

Other dignitaries included Lou Carlsen, Program Coordinator, Office of Aging; Peter Gozza, Liberty Supervisor; Lloyd Shimer, Veteran Service Officer; Harry Wyatt, R.S.V.P. chairman; Carl Zehender, Vice chairman; Tim Kelly program director Liberty Parks; George Hecker, Supervisor Callicoon; Virginia Howard, Outreach coordinator; Ben Figueros, Fiscal Officer; Linda Reagan, Nutrition Coordinator; Diane Temple, Information Officer; David Kowachy, Assistant Director Liberty Parks; Herby Harper, Recreation Leader.



Mary Inghrim
RSVP Project Director



Elaine Finkle
RSVP Assistant



Eleanor Knack
RSVP Project Director
1973-1986



RSVP Entertainers at
Walnut Mountain Nursing Home



Fallsburg Reading Center

RSVP Through the Years



Nutrition Volunteer
Thank You Dinner
October 24, 1996



George L. Cooke School
Accepting hats & gloves for
school children



Monticello Crossroads Coalition
Annual Block Party



Lou Weisman, RSVP Project Director
1986-1990



Mary Coll, RSVP Assistant 1973-1990
and Marie Palumbo, Nutrition Coordinator
join Eleanor Knack at her Retirement Party



Mary Inghrim, RSVP Project Director
Elaine Finkle, RSVP Assistant



20th Anniversary
RSVP Recognition Day Luncheon

RSVP Through the Years



Community General Hospital
Gift Shop



Community General Hospital
Information Desk



Fifth Annual Apollo Plaza Community Fair
Saturday, October 5, 1996



May 1997 Recognition Day Luncheon



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One of our many council meetings over the
years



Volunteers helping our community be smart
with their money!

RSVP Through the Years



Caregiver Resource Center Coordinator
Bonnie Lewis RN



OFA Director James Lyttle



OFA Director Debbie Allenhard at work!



RSVP Coordinator Mary Inghrim



Congratulations to all our beloved
volunteers!



Smile for the camera!



Take a ride on the OFA Van!



Meals on Wheels ready to go!

RSVP Through the Years



Many great memories together



OFA Director Jim Galligan



RSVP Coordinator Caryn Matthews



Delivering hot meals since 1973!



Time to celebrate!



RSVP Assistant Elaine Finkle blowing out her birthday candles



RSVP Luncheons are tradition!



Jim Galligan with the first accessible transport van!

RSVP Today



Donna Harness



Doreen Murray



Elizabeth Yeno



Elsie Kopcha



Gail Cawein



Jack Costello



Jack Luster



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Visit to 1st Way
Life in Monticello



Visit to United
Methodist Church
in White Sulphur
Springs

Our RSVP Volunteer Sites

AARP Free Tax Assistance
Action Toward Independence
Alzheimer's Association
Bethel Woods Center for the Arts
CASA - Sullivan County (Dispute Resolution)
Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville
Delaware Valley Arts Alliance
Garnet Health Catskills (Formerly Harris Hospital)
Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties
IOU Main Street Thrift Shop in Callicoon
Liberty United Methodist Thrift Shop
Literacy Volunteers of America
Noah's Arch Thrift Shop
Needlework - Knitting/Crocheting
Meals on Wheels Delivery
Radio Catskill
RSVP Medical Transportation
RSVP Senior Advisory Council
Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association
Sullivan County Historical Society
Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless
The Time and the Valleys Museum
Telephone Reassurance Hotline
Veteran's Service Agency

Thank you to all the Volunteer Sites for providing us with the opportunity to improve our community and make a difference!

Letter From Director of OFA Lise-Anne Deoul

Lise-Anne Deoul
Director

Kelly Soller
Coordinator of Services for the Aging

Keven Salavarría
RSVP Coordinator



Mountains of Opportunities

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Jane Bozan
Nutrition Coordinator

Kristen Kitson
Manager of Youth Services

Dear Volunteers,

The theme for Older Americans Month observed in May, was “Aging Unbound”. It emphasized the opportunity for all of us to explore an array of aging experiences without being boxed in by expectations and stereotypes. You have each proven this by your many ways of contributing your time and wisdom to make our community stronger. The countless number of hours that you have engaged in volunteering help ensure the mission of the Office for the Aging, that our seniors and others continue to live with independence and dignity.

Volunteering is the backbone of our society. It gives you greater life satisfaction when staying connected to your community. We at the Office for the Aging would not be able to provide the many services and programs without you, our dedicated volunteers. You are the “shining stars” of the county.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to volunteering!

CONGRATULATIONS RSVP ON YOUR 50th YEAR OF SERVICE TO SULLIVAN COUNTY!

Lise-Anne Deoul
Director of Aging Services



Letter From Assemblywoman Aileen M. Gunther Assembly District 100



Aileen M. Gunther
Member of Assembly
100th District

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Dear Friends,

I want to thank you for all the good work you do for the people of Sullivan County. You have served warm meals and provided safe transportation. You have inspired through art and preserved local history. You have helped others increase their own knowledge, self-sufficiency, health, happiness, and so much more.

It would take many pages to describe all the good you have done—and even that could never account for the positive effects that radiate from each kind deed, improving the world in ways you will never know.

Every hour you spend uplifting a neighbor is an immeasurable gift. I thank you sincerely for donating your time, talent, and expertise to others. We are all better off for the work you do.

Sincerely,

Aileen Gunther
Member of Assembly
100th District

**Thank you Senator Oberacker and
Congressman Molinaro!**



**NEW YORK STATE
SENATOR
Peter Oberacker**



**NEW YORK STATE
CONGRESSMAN
Marc Molinaro**

*Thank you to our representatives for their
continued dedication to Sullivan County and
our senior volunteers!*



Certificate of Appreciation

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In recognition of 50 years of promoting & delivering devoted, compassionate service to the people of Sullivan County. As our foremost champion of volunteerism, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program ensures dignity & independence for everyone it serves.

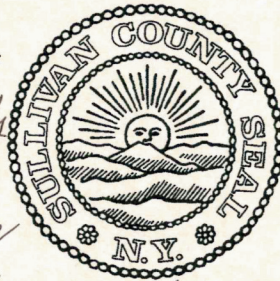
Given in admiration, gratitude and celebration this September 20, 2023

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volunteers for making a positive
difference in our county!”**

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Help ensure that the Sullivan County Office for the Aging understands the needs of seniors in YOUR community and can better provide services and programs that will benefit Sullivan's seniors.

Only takes 5-10 minutes!

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CONDADO DE SULLIVAN EVALUACIÓN DE LAS NECESIDADES DE LA COMUNIDAD DE PERSONAS MAYORES

VERSIÓN EN ESPAÑOL- SCAN QR O ENLACE USE A CONTINUACIÓN

Esta encuesta es parte de una evaluación de necesidades de la comunidad para personas mayores y análisis de brechas para el condado de Sullivan. Su participación en esta encuesta ayudará a garantizar que la Oficina para el Envejecimiento del Condado de Sullivan comprenda las necesidades de las personas mayores en la comunidad y pueda proporcionar mejores servicios y programas que beneficien a las personas mayores de Sullivan. La encuesta tomará aproximadamente 5-10 minutos!



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celebrating with us!