



VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

March 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS



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VOLUNTEER BANQUET: Everyone who has volunteered at least 25 hours within the past year will receive an invitation to our annual Volunteer banquet. The banquet is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20 at the Ale House, located on Highway 54 West. Please **DO NOT** rely on “someone else” to record your hours for you. It is also appreciated when your hours are turned in daily or as soon as possible. Remember, the cutoff date for volunteer hours to be included in this year’s totals is March 1, 2015. This is to ensure we have accurately computed your hours and still give us time to prepare awards. Social Hour starts at 11:00 AM followed by the luncheon beginning at 12:00 noon. To allow staff time to set up, please **DO NOT** arrive prior to 11:00 AM. “RESERVED” slips will be available eliminating the need to tip chairs. Invitations will be sent out March 23 and will need to be returned by April 11. We will be utilizing electronic invitations and reservations this year via Google Forms. If you don’t have email, we will send you a paper copy and you can always call Vicki to reserve your spot!

Some Interesting Stats from our 2015 – 2016 Volunteer year

With the initiation of Volgistics, our automated volunteer tracking system, we are easily able to pull reports and statistics. This system has really been a timesaver and we are learning more about its capabilities each and every day!

TOTAL Number of Volunteers March 1, 2015: 364

TOTAL Number of Volunteers January 31, 2016: 411

REMINDER: Volunteers who visit members with their pets are asked to please submit 2016 flea and heartworm prevention documentation as soon as possible. A photocopy of the container and/or a copy of the purchase receipt is acceptable. Also, any time you take your pet in for booster shots, please send us a copy of the updated veterinarian statement. Please know the members love the pet visits and we thank you for taking time to do this!

Coffee Shop Update:

The Grand Opening for the Avenue C Micro Market in our coffee shop will be Wednesday March 9, 2016 at 8:00 AM. Avenue C will be offering a vast array of sandwiches and snacks to choose from. Checkout will be at a kiosk and you will be able to use your debit/credit card or cash. We will have WVH staff in this area to assist members and patrons as needed. Volunteer lunches are still and will continue to be located in the coffee shop area. Until Avenue C opens, you will be able to purchase the same items you always have been able to buy in the Alley 5 area from 8 AM – 3 PM.

The overall plan in 2016 is to renovate the coffee shop with new cabinets, a new diner style counter overlooking the patio, new tables, chairs, and flooring. We will also be updating the furniture and flooring in the social room and Alley 5. We have put together a team of members so we can get input on what they would like to see in their new coffee shop. The current plan is for a four season room to be added in 2017.

Commissary Update:

The wood shop room is now vacant and very soon various crews will begin to clean and prepare this area for the move. We will be updating lighting, electrical, flooring, painting, etc. Once the construction is completed, we will be moving the commissary over to this space. We are hoping to have the new commissary up and running in April! Wood crafting classes are being held and we have a mobile cart with hand tools that members are able to use. Once things are set up across the street for our staff, we will be offering a wood crafting class in each building.

Volunteer Smocks:

Reminder - If you wish to wear one of the wonderful volunteer smocks which were generously donated by King Rec and the ALA, please see Vicki.

Resource Calendar

We are initiating a new calendar this month called the Marden Resource Calendar. This calendar will display times when the CVSO, ADRC, and various meetings will be taking place. You can access this calendar on our website. www.wisvets.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: If you can assist in any of these areas, please contact Vicki

Coffee Shop: Volunteers are needed to assist in the new coffee shop. You will be helping members to locate items in the Avenue C Micro Market, helping them to get food to the tables and spending time getting to know them. Times are available from 8 AM – 3 PM Sunday – Saturday. You can sign up for as many or as few hours as you like.

Vietnam Veterans Day:

We do not have the details of the program but as of right now it will be held on March 29th. We will be placing emphasis on Suicide Awareness following this program. We will need assistance to get members to / from the event.

BIRTHDAYS

Due to a shortage of space, we were not able to fit February birthdays in last month's newsletter. Here are February and March Volunteer birthdays.

Please NOTE: If you do not see your birthday listed, it means we do NOT have your birthday on file and in our system.

Please contact Vicki to have your birthday added!

Thank You!

FEBRUARY Birthdays

Al Hager	2/1
Lee Schuff	2/3
Wendy Hull	2/3
Joan Baumann	2/5
Linda Hagen	2/6
Lynn Cihlar	2/8
Patricia Daniels	2/11
Brianne Durrant	2/11
Samual Mason	2/11
Paul Weldon	2/13
Stu Holland	2/13
Dean Johnson	2/15
Rose Williams	2/16
Karen Conklyn	2/17
Jim Theis	2/19
George Bongert	2/20
Elizabeth Bettenhausen	2/21
Mavis Gerhardt	2/23
Jim Partridge	2/23
Kay Grosskopf	2/24
Carmela Brazil	2/27
Branden Brandenburg	2/27

MARCH Birthdays

Duane Miskulin	3/1
Jerome Kolberg	3/4
Kathy McEwen	3/4
Alice Bentley	3/6
William Nedd	3/6
Gordon Harmon	3/7
Mike Mears	3/7
Linda Tappa	3/7
Willis Pope	3/8
Mary Slattery	3/8
Dick Osby	3/14
Tom Neilitz	3/15
Karen Steinhofer	3/15
Patrick McPhee	3/16
Kevin Foote	3/18
Judy Traband	3/18
Brett Cady	3/19
Barbara Tourville	3/19
Mary Berg	3/20
Victoria Bergemann	3/21
Kay Rewey	3/21
Ramona Griesbach	3/22
Necia Kesler	3/28
Jennifer Lambert	3/28
Noritha Voigt	3/28
Gary Dumas	3/29
Lisa Hills	3/29
Will Johnson	3/29
James Schneider	3/29
Linda Taylor	3/29
Leonard Blank	3/30

A FINAL THOUGHT: The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention. ~Oscar Wilde