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The Scoop



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RSVP Salutes Those Who Make A Difference

Out of the mouths of babes. The next time you doubt that your contribution is making a difference, remember Miss Idaho's parable of the little boy and the starfish.

Those who make a difference in Ada and Elmore counties under the banner of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program were acknowledged for their contributions at the annual Recognition Luncheon on May 13th at the Doubletree Riverside Hotel.

Sharlene Brown, Project Director, welcomed the 200 volunteers and guests, and after a moment of thankful silence invited Victor Paul to lead all in the Pledge of Allegiance. After lunch Kara Jackson, Miss Idaho 2009 was introduced. The self-proclaimed "genuine farm girl" who helped her family raise pigs, beef cattle, sheep and horses and is currently a Biology major at Boise State University delivered a perceptive speech describing her reign and comparing it to volunteerism.

Next, Sharlene introduced special guests and thanked table sponsors: *Vince Trimboli/City of Boise, Public Works Department; Jerry and Kelly Sorenson/Heatherwood Retirement Center and Michele Swantek/Touchmark at Meadowlake Village.*

She also thanked the agencies that contributed to the event: *Boise Valley Habitat for Humanity; Delta Dental, Lisa Bloomquist; Elmore Medical Center; Family Advocate; Friends of Idaho Public TV; Genesis World Missions; Idaho Fish and Game, Esther Victory; Idaho Humane Society, Melanie Larson; Mountain Home Senior Center, Ruthada Powell; U.S. Department of Agriculture, Karen McIntosh; and St. Vincent de Pauls, Mardi Kline.*

Among the 606 volunteers who gave 115,000 hours of service representing \$2.3 million to 150 agencies in 2009, the following achieved honor roll status. For serving 500 to 999 hours: *Luana Amidon, Joan Bennett, Joann Bess, Dolores Bowdler, Ruth Brooks, Vlieta Brand, Josephine Daves, Chester Goodell, Juanita Graham, Rose Graci, Lois Hibbs, Edith Hufford, Joan Margares, Karen Murphy, Esther Orban, Bobbie Parrish, Victor Paul, Charles Seldon, Ruby Struble, Hazel Sullivan, Michael Tessier, Carmen Wolfkiel and Pat Zaske.*

Nineteen volunteers each gave between 1,000 and 3,000 hours to the community. They are: *Margaret Bush, Margaret Cobos, Barbara Coleman, Margaret Christensen, Shirley Dix, Toni Elliott, Edna Evans, Mary Ann Gould, Janet Holland, Charles Kennedy, Daphne Ladd, Emma/Albert Miller, Ruthada Powell, Marie Preston, June Ryther, Doris Snead, Clorese Stewart, Dorothy Ward and Kay Weidel.*

Last but by no means least, a special lady, Pearl James, was recognized for her 35 years of volunteer service. All to the organization and coordination of the band of volunteers known as the JOY Group, Just Older Youth. Over the years Pearl and the JOY



Group have handled millions of bulk mailings, training packets, dental packs for children, recycling and health information, and more. As a token of appreciation for her service, RSVP presented her with a commemorative plaque/clock.



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Members and guests enjoyed lunch and the viola playing of Miss Idaho, Kara Jackson at the 2010 RSVP Recognition Luncheon



Ruthada Powell is Mountain Home's Citizen of the Year

Behind every successful enterprise there is a driving force. For the Mountain Home Senior Center it is President elect Ruthada Powell. Ruthada was instrumental in obtaining a grant through Sage Resources and the Department of Commerce for remodeling the center, including a new roof, siding and portico, and new kitchen appliances and cabinetry.

When Central District Health notified



the center last April that they would no longer be providing food service for Meals on Wheels and the congregate meals program in Elmore county, it was Ruthada who came to the rescue.

The center took over both programs that are vital to the community and negotiated for the necessary dietician services with Elmore Memorial Hospital.

Recently, the Sage Community Resources' Roy Watson Senior Award was presented to Ruthada in recognition of her devotion to voluntary community services for the elderly of southwest Idaho.

Idaho Legal Aid Services' Senior Legal Hotline: New Hours of Operation and Eligibility

Due to the expiration of the grant that established the Idaho Legal Aid Services' Senior Legal Hotline, starting June 1, 2010 free service to low-income seniors will be reduced to: Monday and Tuesday from 9 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 3 pm, and Wednesday from 1 pm to 3 pm (MST).

The Hotline will continue to enable seniors aged 60 or older to speak with an attorney to obtain

legal advice on consumer, family law, landlord/tenant, public benefits, advanced directives, wills, probate and other civil legal issues. An online library of interactive legal forms for seniors will continue to be available at www.idaholegalaid.org.

To find out if you qualify for services, call the Senior Legal Hotline at 1-866-345-0106 (or 345-0106 in the Boise area).

Volunteer OPPORTUNITIES

ELKS REHAB SYSTEM

Childcare Services – SLER Meridian Pediatrics. Needed for quarterly evening parent seminars.

Drivers – Meals On Wheels M-F, 11 am-1 pm.

Greeter – ERH Administration M-F, 2 & 4 hr. shifts, 8am to 6 pm.; Sat & Sun 10am to 4pm. Greet visitors & patients, answer questions and escort as necessary.

Fund Raising – Volunteer Services Department M-F varied schedule, assist with coordinating, marketing, annual fund raisers.

Lunch Service – Meals on Wheels Boise Senior Center location. Assist with set up and service for lunch time MOW Congregate meals service.

Patient Dining Room Host/Hostess – ERH Nursing M-F, 2 hr. shifts. During meals assist with serving and clean up after meals.

Pool Monitors – SLER DT M-F, 2 & 4 hr. shifts. Assist staff and customers; stock supplies & pool equipment.

Roses & Grounds Maintenance – Engineering M-F, 2 & 4 hr. shifts. Rose garden, flower bed maintenance.

Transportation Cart Drivers – ERH Administration M –F, 2 & 4 hr shifts; must be 18 years of age. Assist customers to and from their vehicles.

For further information, contact IERS

Volunteer Coordinator Idaho Elks Rehabilitation System, 600 Robbins Rd, Boise, ID 83702 489-4916

PROJECT PATCH YOUTH RANCH

Clerical support, min. 2 hours a week, times flexible. Basic data entry, occasional phone calls. Project PATCH Development Office. **Contact** Jennifer Matoske at jmatoske@projectpatch.org or 375-8965.

IDAHO BOTANICAL GARDENS

Volunteers needed Thursday evenings starting June 3. Volunteers needed taking admissions, greeters, hospitality tables, and at resource/store table. June, July, August and September 6pm - 9pm.

Summer Garden Tour volunteers needed Sunday, June 13. Volunteer at one of 7 cottage gardens as a ticket taker. 9:45-12:15, 12:15 - 2:45 or 2:45 - 5:15pm.

Savor Idaho volunteers needed Sunday, June 13 to help with load in, taking admissions, greeting and directing, and at the wine cellar. Various shifts available.

Outlaw Field Concert volunteers for Widespread Panic Saturday, July 3. Must be on site at 2pm, can stay for the entire concert or arrive later for a second shift staying until end of concert.

Contact Karen at karen@idahobotanicalgarden.org or 343-8649 for more information.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Need volunteers to drive patients to and from treatment appointments. Volunteers use their own vehicle, must have a good driving record. Insurance and \$25 gas cards per 100 miles provided. Treatment hours are from 8-5. **Contact** Kerri Morkrid 208.422.0846.

BOISE VA HOSPITAL AND DAV

Need Volunteer Van Drivers. Must pass in depth physical exam and background check. **Contact** Jim Rosetti, 422-1000 Ext. 7555 or 941-6853 (cell).

CAPITOL TOUR GUIDES

If you're interested in volunteering to be a tour guide, please e-mail Robyn Lockett or call 334-4855.

USDA-AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

Volunteer to assist in producing pdf format files. **Contact** Karen McIntosh, Administrative Officer 208-422-0705, email: karen.mcintosh@ars.usda.gov

ADA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMUNITY GUARDIANS

Need volunteers to advocate on behalf of incapacitated adults. **Contact** Marika at 287-7977.

AGENCY FOR NEW AMERICANS

Need volunteers to help set up refugee apartments. Some furniture lifting, teaching English. **Contact** Yasmin, 336-5533 #269 or Heidi, 338-0033, #22.

IDAHO COMMISSION FOR LIBRARIES

Review and edit digital audio files for those who need alternative format reading materials. 2 hours per week, flexible schedule. Training provided. **Contact** Sheila Winther, 208-639-4169 or 208-334-2150 or sheila.winther@libraries.idaho.gov

CORPUS CHRISTI HOUSE

Volunteers to mentors and/or tutor guests who are working to improve their education or preparing for their GED. **Contact** Emily, 336-6649.

BOISE INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Volunteers needed to assist with set up, information, security, parking and traffic, maintaining trash receptacles and clean up after the fireworks show. Four hour shifts from 6 AM to Midnight Sunday, July 4 and from 8AM to Noon Monday, July 5.

Contact Jerry Pugh, Volunteer Coordinator Boise Parks & Recreation 1104 Royal Blvd. Boise, ID 83706 (208) 384-4060 ext. 319 jpugh@cityofboise.org

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COMING EVENTS

June 13 Sunday Lunaria League Garden Tour, 10-5pm. Rain or shine. Visit beautiful local gardens and support the Garden. 208.343.8649

June 13 Sunday Savor Idaho at the Botanical Gardens, 2-6pm. Idaho's premier wine and food event. , 21 and older, Tickets \$40 208.343.8649

June 26 Saturday 12 to 5 PM 7th Annual Spring Into Summer Fling BBQ, Waterslide, Carnival Games, Live Music, Raffle and more. Sponsored by Heatherwood Retirement Community to benefit MEALS ON WHEELS. Adults: \$7, Kids under 12: \$3 (must be accompanied by adult) 5277 Kootenai St. Boise Call 208-345-2150 for more information.

August 28 Saturday Meridian Police and Fire Department 2nd annual "Guns n Hoses" event at Buffalo Wild Wings. Live music, a beer garden and other fun events. Join us for this great fundraiser for both departments! Call 846-7340 for more information.

Guided Tours of the Idaho State Capitol Building
Offered year-round at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., Monday - Friday. Tours are available to groups with a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 100 people. Tours last approximately one hour. Reservations

must be made two weeks in advance. To schedule a tour, please call 332-1012.

Groups of 10 or fewer are welcome to tour the Capitol at their convenience. A self-guided tour booklet is available at the Gift Shop (free of charge), which is located in the Garden Level of the Capitol. The Capitol is open daily until 5:00 pm.

MORRISON CENTER

June 10, 11 & 12 Thursday, Friday & Saturday
MISS IDAHO SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT - Miss Idaho Scholarship Program 7 PM **Tickets:** Thurs. \$17; Fri. \$22; Sat. \$27

June 25 Friday BRIAN REGAN - Live Nation
Tickets: \$39.50 8:00 PM

July 19 Monday ADAM LAMBERT W/ ORIANTHI & ALLISON IRAHETA- AEG Live Tickets: \$38.50 8 PM

July 30 Friday FESTARA 2010 - Jaialdi 2010
Tickets: \$28 7:00 PM

August 6 Friday INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE OF LAUGHTER - R.A.C.E., Inc. Tickets: \$27 8:00 PM