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***Members of the "1,000 Hour Club"***

***RSVP Names Senior of the YEAR for Sullivan County***

***Special Thanks....***

***Donations***

***New Volunteers 2012***

***Volunteer Opportunities***

***RSVP Update:***

The 40th Annual Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Recognition Day Luncheon was held on Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at the ***Villa Roma in Callicoon.***

***Deborah Allen***, Director of the Office for the Aging, welcomed the 200+ crowd that gathered to honor the RSVP seniors.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited lead by our Veterans and Director ***John Crotty.*** ***Pastor Bob Paquet***, gave the invocation. ***Marcia Heller***, Attorney at Law, sang "God Bless America". Cindy Kurpil Gieger & Scott Samuelson represented the Sullivan County Legislature to congratulate our volunteers and present awards. ***Caryn Mathews***, Director, RSVP gave opening/closing remarks.



**A total of 283 RSVP volunteers performed over 55,583 hours during 2012 making a huge difference in our community. 9 volunteers served over 1,000 volunteer hours during 2012 received a special award certificate (1,000-Hour Club). Members of the "1,000 Hour Club"**

Barbara Burns – 1,072  
William Burns- 1,105  
Margaret Ippolito – 1,016  
Patricia Curtis– 4,800  
Marcelle Wagner – 2,432  
Sonny Smith– 2,420  
Helen "Pat" Muniz– 1,006  
Barbara Viele- 1,071  
Sharon Rider– 1,072

***Members of the "1,000 Hour Club"***



A Certificate of Appreciation was presented by: ***Caryn Mathews RSVP Program Director*** to Michelle Semerano and Mike Sakell; WDNB Thunder 102.1/Bold Gold Media Group for announcing the RSVP volunteers birthdays each morning on the radio and their on-air support of the RSVP program. During 2011 there were 316 RSVP volunteers' birthdays read on air. air.

## ***“Senior Sullivanites”***



### **Seniors of the Year By Legislative District**

District#1	Claudia Chaiet	Bethel
District# 2	Sophia Martynec	Lumberland
District# 3	Stanley & Yvonne Martin	Rockland
District# 4	Thomas Seiderer	Mamakating
District# 5	N. Fred Fries	Callicoon
District# 6	Barbara Burns	Liberty
District# 7	Marlene Stoutenburg	Neversink
District# 8	Norma Selman	Fallsburg
District# 9	Sharon Rider	Thompson

### **Our Sponsors:**

Sullivan County RSVP is sponsored by the Sullivan County Office for the Aging. Funded by the County of Sullivan,  
the New York State Office for the Aging, and

### **2013 Sullivan County Legislators:**

***Scott B. Samuelson – District 1, Kathleen LaBuda – District 2,  
Kitty Vetter–District 3, Jonathan Rouis – District 4-  
Cindy Kurpil Gieger– District 5, Cora Edwards–District 6,  
Gene Benson– District 7, Ira Steingart– District 8,  
Alan Sorenson – District 9***

### **2013 Town Supervisors of Sullivan County**

***Bethel:*** Daniel Sturm, ***Callicoon:*** Thomas Bose, ***Cochecton:*** Gary Maas, ***Delaware:*** Edward T. Sykes  
***Fallsburg:*** Steve Vegliante, ***Forestburgh:*** William Sipos, ***Freemont:*** George Conklin,  
***Highland:*** Andrew Boyar, ***Liberty:*** Charles Barbuti, ***Lumberland:*** Nadia Rajs, ***Mamakating:*** Harold Baird, ***Neversink:*** Mark McCarthy, ***Rockland:*** Edward Weitmann,  
***Thompson:*** Anthony Cellini, ***Tusten:*** Carol Wingert.

***“We appreciate your continued support.”***

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*We appreciate the following businesses for their door prize gifts, raffle prizes and donations:*

*Any One Can Fitness/jessi-ann Rosenbaum  
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Big Ben Jewelers  
Bon Tress Unisex Salon  
Catskill Mountain Sugar House  
CJ's Sub Shop/Youngsville  
Christopher Mathews /Master Carpentry & Construction  
Custer's Last Stand/Wurtsboro  
Danny's/Wurtsboro  
Family Drug Store  
Forestburgh Playhouse  
Frankie & Johnny's Restaurant/Nardi's  
In2Retro/Amy Ronai  
Jeff Bank/Monticello  
Jim's Automotive/Monticello*

*Lanza's on Shandeelee  
Leprechaun Lines/Newburgh  
Last Licks  
Liberty Diner  
Monticello Casino & Raceway  
Monticello Professional Car Wash  
Parkville USA Music Festival/2013 Concert Series  
Shortline Bus System  
Stardust Dance Productions, LTD  
Sullivan County Democrat/Catskill Delaware Publications  
Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop  
The Towne Gift Shoppe/Youngsville  
Wan Bo Buffet  
The Welsh Cabin/Youngsville  
Yanni's Gyro Express Cafe  
Youngsville Garage, Inc.  
Johnstons Toyota of Monticello  
Watershed Ag Council*

### **RSVP "Senior of the Year for 2012"**

Each Legislative District chose a  
"RSVP Senior of the Year".

From these 9 nominations, one senior was chosen by  
our RSVP Committee as the Sullivan County  
"RSVP" Senior of the Year for 2012. Sullivan County  
Legislator, Cindy Gieger and Caryn Mathews  
Presented...to Sophia Martynec  
from the Town of Lumberland, with a well deserved  
plaque honoring her for all of her achievements and  
dedication to RSVP and Sullivan County.

#### *The RSVP Program Staff:*

Caryn Mathews, RSVP Project Director  
& Elaine Finkle, RSVP Specialist,  
would like to extend our  
Sincere Thanks and Gratitude to:  
The Acting County Manager  
and the  
County Legislature  
for their  
continued and resolute support!



*A Special Thank You to: Joyce Salimeno-Gitlin for her  
Memorial Endowment Fund in Honor of her Beloved  
Mother. Helen Lowe.*

#### Individual Donations:

*Gladys Walker; Ida Crawford, James O'Rourke &  
Robert & Gloria Paquet, Shirley Johnson*

### **A Certificate of Special Appreciation**

was presented by:

**Caryn Mathews** to all of the RSVP Volunteer  
Medical Transportation Drivers  
*for their excellent work for our County in 2012.*  
**GREAT JOB!!**

**Thank You to our RSVP Advisory  
Committee! We are thankful for your time  
and devotion to the RSVP program. We  
could not do it without your support!**

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**Please Clip and Save:**

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## Donation Form

Enclosed is a donation for:

**Comments:**

RSVP transportation    RSVP Advisory

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Transport         | <input type="checkbox"/> General fund       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home Delivered Meals      | <input type="checkbox"/> Caregivers Respite |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sullivan County Transport | <input type="checkbox"/> EISEP              |

Amount of Your Donation:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER   |

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**Thank you for your Caring and Generosity!!**  
*Sullivan County Office for the Aging &  
 RSVP Of Sullivan County*



**RSVP**  
**Lead With Experience**





***The Value of the Contact...*** What can be said about the value of reaching out to another person who is in need ,homebound, alone and has nobody to talk with to receive a reassuring word or help when they might need it. In our county there is a vast group of people in that situation. ***YOU CAN HELP.***

Join our **Telephone Reassurance Program** ...You will help in providing isolated seniors a “friendly voice” and assist OFA outreach staff in maintaining regular contact with those seniors. **You can do it from your own home when it is convenient for you.** We are also looking for seniors who are in need of this service in our county ...***if you know someone please refer them to us.***

Your Voice can make a difference in someone's life! Call today to join or refer: 807-0251



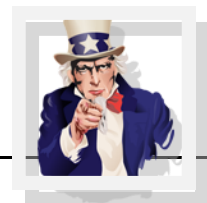
### **“Veterans for Veterans Program”**

#### **Veteran’s / RSVP Collaboration proposal:**

1. Veterans will be recruited from the veteran’s administration and RSVP to transport other veterans to local medical appointments.
2. The veterans will transport **only** other veterans unless they request otherwise.
3. **All** transportation will be coordinated through the RSVP office.
4. The transport veterans will sign up as medical transport drivers and must be **55 + and live in Sullivan County.**
5. Any patient: veteran or otherwise referred to us **must be 60+** and have a **county ID card.**

All volunteers must be 55+ and a Sullivan County Resident.

***Call us at 807-0241 to volunteer today!***



### **We have Positions open in the following areas:**

<b><u>Service area:</u></b>	<b><u>Provider(s):</u></b>
Medical Transportation Services	OFA/ RSVP
Telephone Reassurance	Do it from home!
Food Distribution / Collection/Homebound meals	A much needed service for frail, elderly homebound seniors.
Homeless	Federation for Homeless (Monticello) ,CACHE (Liberty)
Hospice / Terminally Ill	Hospice Training for Sullivan County is: Village of Woodridge Town Hall on Wednesdays from 9:30-4:30 October 12 <sup>th</sup> ,19 <sup>th</sup> ,26 <sup>th</sup> November 2 <sup>nd</sup> and on November 9 <sup>th</sup> at Hospice Administrative Building 800 Stony Brook Court Newburgh NY 12550
Safety-fire Prevention / Accident Prevention	<b><i>Become a Driver training instructor for Free with AARP !</i></b>
Thrift Store	Noah’s Arc, (Monticello) ,United Way (Monticello), Orange Regional, CACHE (Liberty), Callicoon Thrift shop.
Museums and Education	Fort Delaware Museum, Time and the Valley Museum (Grahamsville) Bethel Woods, Hurleyville Museum.

## **Sullivan County Meals on Wheels Program**

### **CAN YOU HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS?**

The Sullivan County Office for the Aging Senior Dining Program delivers a hot noon-time meal to homebound seniors residing in Sullivan County. This supportive service allows seniors to remain in the home environment and be independent.

The meal delivery is a community effort. Volunteers are needed to deliver meals in your community between the hours of 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Volunteers may help as little as a half-hour a month and still make a difference in the life of seniors residing within their own community.

Without the support of volunteers, seniors' nutritional needs cannot be met.

Your support of our services contributes to the enhancement of the quality of life for the seniors in your community.

Those who are interested in volunteering at one of our 13 senior nutrition sites may call 845-807-0241 Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM.

## **Senior Dining Program**

The Senior Dining Program provides nutritious meals to eligible people aged 60 and over. While no fees are mandated for congregate or home delivered meals, confidential voluntary contributions of \$3.00 per meal are suggested. These contributions expand the program.

## **Congregate Dining Service**

Monday through Friday, seniors gather at different sites throughout Sullivan County to be served a nutritious noontime meal while enjoying social, health and educational programs. Reservations to attend a dining site are required 24-hours in advance, and can be made by calling Office for the Aging at 845-807-0241.



***Give the gift of volunteerism to your community.*** You really can make a difference! Spend part of your retirement doing what you do best and achieve results that make a real difference. Join us we have over 40+ sites available... ***We're RSVP of Sullivan County.***

If you are interested, please call:

**Caryn Mathews, RSVP Project Director** at 807-0251  
or **Elaine Finkle, RSVP Specialist** at 807-0255 for more information.



## **NEW VOLUNTEERS IN 2012**

*“We are so grateful for every heartfelt deed.  
You make a difference to those in need”*

<i>Karen Barone</i>	<i>Kathleen Doellmann</i>	<i>Dorothy Meddaugh</i>
<i>Marie E. Biedinger</i>	<i>Milton J. Doyle</i>	<i>Irina Micheletti</i>
<i>Nenita “Nita” Bott</i>	<i>Sara Furey</i>	<i>Charles Middleton</i>
<i>Mary Ellen Boyd</i>	<i>Susan Goodreds</i>	<i>John Minauskas</i>
<i>Elvira Brey</i>	<i>Grant Hammer</i>	<i>Neil Rapkin</i>
<i>Bruce Buckman</i>	<i>Clark Heins</i>	<i>Annette J. Rein</i>
<i>Jean Cellini</i>	<i>Phyllis Heins</i>	<i>Donna Rae Robitaille</i>
<i>Edward Coney</i>	<i>Denise Jakaitis</i>	<i>Thomas Rudzinskas</i>
<i>Justina Constable</i>	<i>Gregory Kahns</i>	<i>Doris J. Ruggiero</i>
<i>Theresa A. Curtis</i>	<i>Linda A. Keesler</i>	<i>Maria Schoe</i>
<i>Dorothy Delfino</i>	<i>Cheree Lemmerman</i>	<i>Dorothy Schultz</i>
<i>Elsie DeLuca</i>	<i>Josephine Lynch</i>	<i>Donna Steele</i>
<i>J.J. DeMartine</i>	<i>Maxine Masters</i>	<i>Marlene Stoutenburg</i>
<i>Cecilia DiDomenico</i>	<i>Dorothy McMurrer</i>	<i>Carolyn Williams</i>

## ***“Senior Sullivanites”***

### **RSVP Update:**



### **HISTORY OF RSVP IN SULLIVAN COUNTY**

In 1973, the Sullivan County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution establishing the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). The County's Office for the Aging became the local sponsor. RSVP had a home in Sullivan County.

In 40 years since its inception the program grew from three volunteers performing 10 hours of service to one that 40 years later has over 300+ volunteers and 55,583 hours of service in just 2012 alone. Since our 30th anniversary in 2003 we have served Sullivan County with 623,595.00 hours of service.

In the early years of RSVP services consisted of: visiting hospital patients and nursing homes. Peer visits and friendly visiting were the most popular. As the program grew the talent of our seniors began to shine and a needlework program began. Today we serve thousands of individuals at 40+ non-profit station in our county making a measurable difference in their lives with quantifiable statistics attesting to the impact of our RSVP seniors on the Sullivan County community

As we begin our 41<sup>st</sup> year, we face many new challenges ahead. More than ever before, our non-profit agencies are in need of our volunteers to keep in pace with the continued demand to provide needed services as well as making due with less fiscal resources from year to year. Our Sullivan County Legislature and Local Community Leaders continue to be steadfast and confident in our RSVP project. Their support and continued financial commitment helps our volunteers carry on the dedicated service provided to our community.

Our volunteers are generous, knowledgeable, vigilant, understanding, compassionate, creative, and most of all dedicated in their commitment to civic duty with pride in Sullivan County and the United States of America.

As the *RSVP Project Director*... I want to say ***Thank You*** which is certainly not enough to fully express the admiration I have for you all *and* the incredible community spirit and fellowship you embody. I am honored to be a part of such a wonderful program with the opportunity to work with a remarkable group of people: Our Sullivan County Legislature, OFA staff, all of our community partners and most of all the ***RSVP*** volunteers!

***Congratulations on 40 years and many more to come!***

*Caryn Mathews*

**RSVP Project Director Sullivan County Office for the Aging**

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