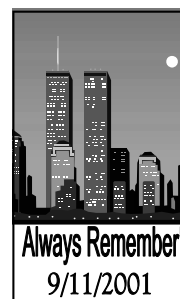


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HATS OFF TO YOU...

Volunteer Appreciation Event in March 27, 2009

- ◆ **Callahan Edfast Mortuary and Mike and Nikki Blackburn** for agreeing to be our Diamond Presenting Sponsor.
- ◆ **Board Members** Sandra Austin, Andrea Clark-French, Clayton Dause, Kay Fiegel, Rochelle Larson, Terri Potente, Verna Seal, Beth Somerville, and LeAnn Zetmeir for helping plan and put on this event.
- ◆ **Mildred Dause** for all of the help she gave us at our event.
- ◆ **Diana Landes, Chuck and Jeanie Thomas and Eleanor Sadoris** for entertaining us before the luncheon.
- ◆ **Mesa State College Jazz Ensemble** for playing so wonderfully at our event March 27. Those young people did a great job and we have had a lot of compliments.
- ◆ **Str. Pat Lewter** for giving the invocation at our event.
- ◆ **Dixie Burmeister** for giving the Keynote Address.
- ◆ **Gab Huszarik** with Palisade Chamber of Commerce and **Sheryl Thompson**, Banquet Manager at Two Rivers Convention Center for helping blow up balloons.
- ◆ **Rick Thurtle** for being a great Emcee again this year.
- ◆ **Joy Bush and Marianne North** helping with the SHIP Booth.

SAVE ON YOUR AUTO INSURANCE



The AARP Driver Safety Class, hosted by RSVP will be held on April 22 and 23, 2009. Bob Schneller, AARP State Coordinator, will teach the class from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on both days in the RSVP multi-purpose room, 422 White Ave.,

Grand Junction (US Bank basement).

After attending the two day session, a certificate of completion will be given. All seniors age 55 and older taking the class will receive a discount on their auto insurance. The class fee is \$12.00 for AARP members and \$14.00 for non members. Class size is limited.

For reservations call Ruth McCrea at RSVP at 970 243-9839

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S.H.I.P. News

By: Ruth McCrea, RSVP Volunteer Manager and SHIP Coordinator

Mesa County RSVP, Inc. sponsors the SHIP program, a counseling program for Medicare beneficiaries and their families as they navigate the muddy waters of Medicare.

- The purpose of the SHIP program is to assist consumers in making informed insurance choices about increasingly complex Medicare issues.
- We have counselors at the RSVP office by appointment or by telephone.

The second year of training classes for SHIP counselors will be in June.

We are once again recruiting volunteers who want to become SHIP counselors. Attend a three-day training class at RSVP in June (exact dates to be determined). Follow-up classes will be bi-monthly for the first several months, then monthly to keep up-to-date on Medicare issues.

This takes dedicated volunteers who love solving puzzles! We need you!

Call Ruth McCrea at RSVP at (970) 243-9839 if you are interested in being a SHIP counselor.

BEACONFEST



Join the Party!

Wednesday, April 15, 2009
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Two Rivers Convention Center
Downtown, Grand Junction

Free Admission
to this reader appreciation party.
Hourly prize giveaways
Informational Booths
Live Entertainment

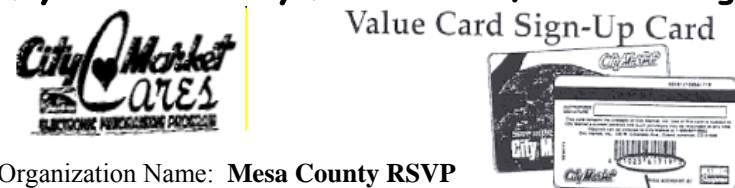
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- ♥ Register all Active Value Cards in your Household
- ♥ Use your card every time you shop at City Market
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- ♥ Please register **all new cards** with RSVP
- ♥ City Market or King Soopers- Sooper Cards can be registered for RSVP
- ♥ Fuel Center purchases DO count for our organization

City Market Cares through people like you, has donated a total of \$6,027.86 to our organization since April 2001!
THANK YOU!!!

Make an Easy Painless Donation to RSVP. Fill this out, mail it to RSVP, and use your card when shopping at City Market.

If you have already filled one out, that is enough.



Organization Name: Mesa County RSVP

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Handyman Services

What We Do . . .

- Minor Plumbing Repair
- Minor Electrical Repair
- Window Mounted Coolers
- Furnace Check up, Servicing
- Minor Furniture Repair
- Installing Grab Bars
- Wheelchair Ramp Building
- Minor Home Adaptations for Disabled
- Minor Carpentry

What We Don't Do..

- Yard or Garden Work
- Roof Repair/ Replacement
- Roof Top Coolers
- Furnace Repair
- Furniture Assembly
- Electrical Wiring
- Remodeling
- Carpet Cleaning
- Moving/Heavy Lifting
- House Cleaning
- Appliance Repair
- Rental Repairs

**To Help or if You Need Help,
Call RSVP at 243-9839**



Article by Jean Brewer, Executive Director, Mesa County RSVP, Inc.

DOVIA? WHAT IS THAT?

DOVIA is an acronym for Directors of Volunteers in Agencies. This is a professional organization for people who manage volunteers. The staff at Mesa County RSVP are very involved in this organization and I thought you might like to know more about it.

This organization has been around in Mesa County for a long time. I have been with RSVP for almost 15 years and it was going strong then. The purpose of the organization is networking and professional development. Our group gets together to learn from and help each other be better volunteer managers.

We meet at least once each month. We have a morning coffee on the first Wednesday of each month. We either select a discussion topic in advance, or talk about whatever we want regarding volunteers and volunteer management. Starting in January, we have a luncheon business meeting and training presentation on the third Thursday of every other month (January, March, May, July, September and November).

In April 2008, our group planned and held the state Colorado Conference on Volunteerism here in Grand Junction. There are four DOVIA organizations in the state of Colorado. They are in Grand Junction, Fort Collins, Denver and Colorado Springs.

To learn more about DOVIA, check out the RSVP Website at:
www.rsvpgrandjunction.org
and click on DOVIA

Calendar of Events

April

Turn in your March timesheets

8 RSVP Handyman Coffee 9 a.m.

8 RSVP Board Meeting at Noon

10 Good Friday

12 Easter Sunday



25-26 ShareFest Weekend Event



May

Turn in your April timesheets

10 **Mother's Day**

16 Armed Forces Day

20 RSVP Board Meeting at

25 Memorial Day - RSVP Office Closed



June

Turn in your May timesheets

14 Flag Day

17 RSVP Board Meeting at Noon

21 Father's Day



Welcome New RSVP Volunteers

Through March 24, 2009

Linda Allin	Virginia McGriffin
Sharon Babic	Ward Nair
Harley (Bill) Bailey	Conrad Pyle
Judy Bangert	Cynthia Reed
Sheri Bernhart	Willa Southard
Donna Birr	Richard Specht
Diane Blaylock	Sue Sullivan
Rojean Chaparro	Robert Tenney
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Mary Hartley	Gala Wenzel
Robert Hartley	Kay Wheeler
Delbert Hitchcock	Jonathan Wilson
Ray Keenan	Mary Ann Wilson
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SENIOR SCHOLAR NEWS

by Ruth McCrea



Retired bilingual teacher Sheryl Fitzgerald taught another tutor training class in February, 2009. We were able to add another seven Senior Scholar volunteers with this training.

If you are interested in helping school children become better readers or in being a school mentor, with as little as one hour per week you can forever change a child – a family – a community – or the world! Our schools always welcome helpful Senior Scholars, even during the summer.

If you are interested in becoming a tutor/mentor:

**Call Ruth McCrea
with Mesa County RSVP
at 243-9839**

Volunteer Opportunities

Lost your job? Have extra time on your hands? Volunteer! Learn new skills while you look for that perfect opportunity. Mesa County RSVP connects individuals 55+ to volunteer positions in any of our 100+ member agencies. Why not put your knowledge and experience to good use?

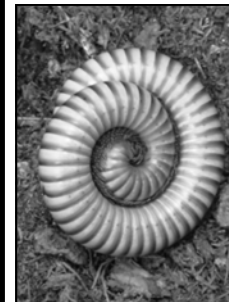
Listed below are several current volunteer opportunities:

- **The American Red Cross** is in urgent need of a temporary receptionist for the month of April. This can be a job for more than one person. Try job-sharing with a friend!
- **Strong Families, Safe Kids** needs Bright Beginnings program presenters as well as volunteers to assemble packets. Bright Beginnings is a home visitation program for parents of children infant through age three.
- Get your toes wet in the volunteer world! Do you want to volunteer but don't want a long-term commitment? **RSVP's ONE TIME PROJECT** is always looking for volunteers.
- **Gray Gourmet** is looking for drivers to deliver meals as well as meal-site volunteers at any of their nine dining locations.
- **Audio Information Network of Colorado** is in need of readers to record local news for broadcast to the visually impaired.
- **The American Cancer Society** needs drivers for its "Road to Recovery" program and office assistance with phones and general clerical work.
- **AARP** needs Special Events Volunteers to help with events – as many as five times a year.

Call 243-9839 for information or check our website for a full listing of opportunities at: rsvp@rsvpgrandjunction.org

Agency Spotlight

Western Colorado Math & Science Center



Millipede

Bugs! Spiders! Lightning! Gears! Light and sound! Do you have a passion to see children and adults learn? To watch that "Ah-ha!" moment when someone's eyes spark as an idea is finally understood? Where can you help with hands-on learning in math and science?

The Western Colorado Math and Science Center, **founded by John McConnell**, is always in need of passionate volunteers and mentors. Currently the Center has over 62 dedicated volunteers. The Center's goal is to create enthusiasm for math and science in students and teachers, engaging students in hands-on science learning and sending science kits back to the classroom with the teachers.

With over 160 exhibits in a wide variety of subjects, there are exhibits on gravity, weather, sound waves, bees, vacuums, magnetism, spiders and bugs, and so much more! The new Executive Director, **Dr. Teresa Coons**, graciously let me experience the



Rack and Pinion Display

exhibits when I visited the Center in early March. Even a non-science person would be fascinated by what the Center has to offer!

Current volunteer needs include:

Presenters, people to help keep exhibits clean, people to pack science kits, and field trip volunteers.

For more information on how to volunteer at The Western Colorado Math & Science Center, call RSVP at 243-9839. "Math & Science Are Cool!"

HANDYMAN PROJECT NEWS

by Sherry Taylor Warner

Most of us are feeling the pinch of tough economic times. The mission of the Handyman Project has been to aid seniors and people with disabilities to live safely and independently in their homes. With personal investments dwindling and the cost of living rising, there is even less money to fix those minor repairs than in the past.

RSVP is fortunate to have such a talented and generous group of volunteers that donate their time to serve this ever growing community need. Because of greater need, there are always opportunities for more Handyman volunteers and project donors. If you know of a skilled, handy person that might be interested in volunteering, feel free to email me at handyman@rsvpgrandjunction.org, or telephone our office 243-9839. Volunteers need not have all the general skills of a typical Handyman. I only refer volunteers to jobs that match their individual talent and interest.

If you are interested in making a donation, make your check payable to RSVP, with a designation directing the funds to the Handyman Project. Please know that the contributions of the volunteers and project donors directly impact people's lives in a very basic, but significant way every day.

We have a new Handyman to welcome. **Michael O'Connell** began his tenure with the Handyman Project December 8th 2008, and has assisted several clients already. In addition to donating his time with RSVP, Michael has a wood-working business.

We have two project volunteers to whom we need to say "Thank you and farewell." These volunteers have elected to retire. **Isabel Hansen**, who served as a surveys data collector, decided to retire; and **Mark Roberts**, a handyman, has plans to commit more time to his real job. Thank you both for your time in service to the project.

I would like to recognize Board member, **LeAnn Zetmeir of Waddell and Reed** for the beautiful desk that she and her organization donated. Thank you as well, to fellow Board members **Clayton Dause and Joe Moreng** for the transport and placement of the desk. It has been so appreciated.

RSVP will be hosting the Handyman volunteers for a coffee on April 8th at 9:00 a.m. Please email or phone to confirm your attendance to Sherry at 243-9839