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The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Recognition Event



Joy Shields, AmeriCorps Senior and
Station Supervisor of Mission Central
HUB

The annual RSVP Recognition Event was held on October 14, 2025, at Greenland's Lodge where AmeriCorps Seniors from Blair and Huntingdon Counties celebrated their volunteer services together. At the event, AmeriCorps Seniors received gifts of appreciation which included a red insulated bag, a sherpa blanket, a travel manicure set, and a \$25 Sheetz gift card.

Once guests finished arriving at the event, Kathy and Chuck Greenland, owners of Greenland's Lodge, served a delicious meal of turkey, ham, baked corn, mashed potatoes, and a choice of cheesecake or apple crisp for dessert. After the meal, six nominated AmeriCorps Seniors received an RSVP Spirit of Volunteerism Award. These AmeriCorps Seniors were nominated for their outstanding volunteer service at their RSVP Station. Lucinda (Cindy) Corle, AmeriCorps Senior at Fort Roberdeau, received the award for going above and beyond her volunteer duties. Susan (Sue) Davis, AmeriCorps Senior at CONTACT Altoona, received the award for giving it her all while doing her volunteer service. Jay Fornwalt, AmeriCorps Senior at Mission Central HUB, received the award for always being available to help the needy. Robert Geissinger, AmeriCorps Senior at Huntingdon Meals on Wheels, received the award for serving in every aspect of

Meals on Wheels by preparing meals, delivering meals, and serving on their board of directors. Kenneth Graham, AmeriCorps Senior at Blair Senior Services, received the award for never failing to assist anyone with a problem. Finally, Rene Homer, AmeriCorps Senior and Station Supervisor of Altoona Food Bank, received the award for dedicating a lot of her time to the food bank.

Near the end of the event, table centerpieces made by Jinny Cooper, AmeriCorps Senior and Advisory Council member, were raffled off. Along with the centerpieces, a quilted blanket made by AmeriCorps Seniors at Mission Central HUB, an RSVP Station, was also raffled off.



The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Recognition Event (cont.)



Duane Ehredt, Sr, AmeriCorps Senior and Advisory Council member (left) and Frank Chalan, AmeriCorps Senior (right)



Marti Shiffler, AmeriCorps Senior



From left to right: Betty Hayes (AmeriCorps Senior), Emilie Deffenbaugh (Fort Roberdeau Station Supervisor), Bill Benson, III (AmeriCorps Senior), Cindy Corle (AmeriCorps Senior), Rick Kalos (AmeriCorps Senior), Peggy Fields (AmeriCorps Senior), Dan Sinal (AmeriCorps Senior), and Jean Sinal (AmeriCorps Senior)



From left to right: Dorothy Anderson (AmeriCorps Senior), Shirley Franke (AmeriCorps Senior), Rosemary Gill (AmeriCorps Senior), Gini Kelley (AmeriCorps Senior), Jinny Cooper (AmeriCorps Senior and Advisory Council member), and Kelsey Dunn (Huntingdon County Government Register and Recorder's Office Station Supervisor and Advisory Council member)

RSVP Spirit of Volunteerism Awardees



Danielle Shrout, RSVP Project Coordinator (left), and Cindy Corle, AmeriCorps Senior (right)



Sue Davis, AmeriCorps Senior (left), and Danielle Shrout, RSVP Project Coordinator (right)



Jay Fornwalt, AmeriCorps Senior (left), and Danielle Shrout, RSVP Project Coordinator (right)

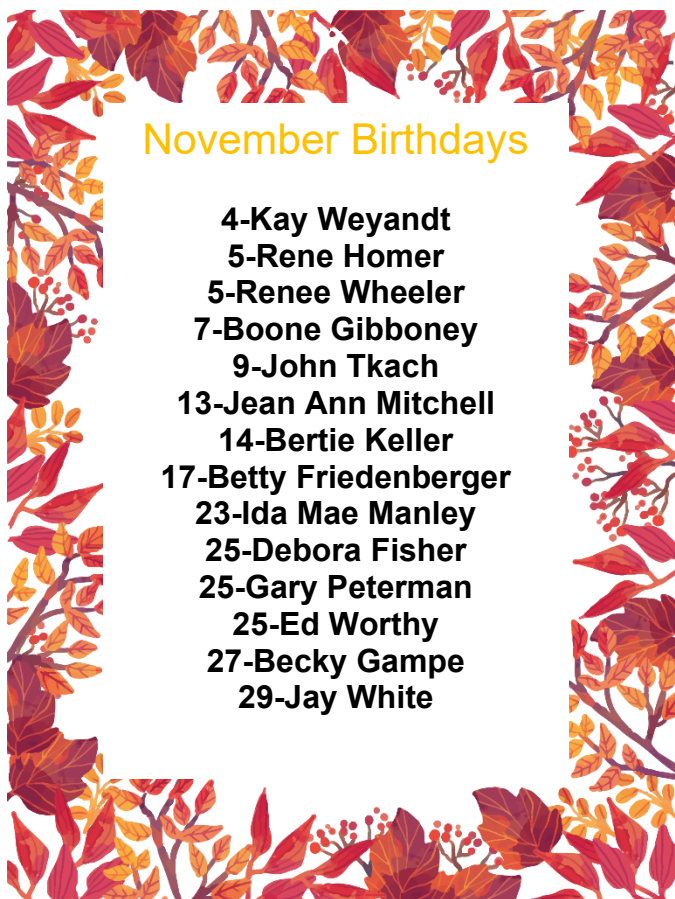


Rene Homer, AmeriCorps Senior (left), and Danielle Shrout, RSVP Project Coordinator (right)

Holiday Quiz

RSVP wishes AmeriCorps Seniors a season filled with warmth, joy, and meaningful moments. May your days be merry, and your hearts be light. Below are questions regarding the upcoming holidays and the answers to this quiz will be posted in the next RSVP newsletter.

1. Which United States President made Thanksgiving a national holiday?
2. Which state of the United States consumes the most turkey every Thanksgiving?
3. Which countries invented pumpkin pie?
4. True or False: In a botanical sense, pumpkins are vegetables.
5. Which tradition brings good luck at Thanksgiving?
6. Which popular Christmas beverage is also called "milk punch"?
7. The charity Toys for Tots is run by the reserve force of what branch of the United States military?
8. What hot-spiced cider is a popular Yuletide tradition?
9. What do children typically get in their stockings if they are on the Naughty List?
10. In which war was a "Christmas Truce" spontaneously enacted?



Answers to Labor Day Quiz

Below are answers to the September/October newsletter quiz:

1. In which country did the first labor movement protests occur that led to the establishment of Labor Day?
The United States
2. What major event helped expedite the adoption of Labor Day as a national holiday in the United States? **Pullman Strike of 1894**
3. Labor Day originated due to the efforts of which labor union in the United States? **Central Labor Union**
4. Who are the two men often credited with proposing the Labor Day holiday in the United States?
Matthew Maguire, a machinist, and Peter J. McGuire, a carpenter and labor union leader
5. Which United States President signed the bill making Labor Day a national holiday? **Grover Cleveland**
6. In what year was Labor Day first celebrated in the United States? **1882**
7. Which city in the United States hosted the first Labor Day parade? **New York City**
8. Which state in the United States was the first to make Labor Day a state holiday? **Oregon**
9. Labor Day often marks the end of which season in the United States? **Summer**
10. Why was the date for Labor Day chosen in early September? **It's halfway between Independence Day and Thanksgiving**
11. What is the most common symbol associated with Labor Day? **Hammer and wrench**
12. The Haymarket Affair of 1886, significant to labor rights, took place in which United States city?
Chicago, Illinois
13. What tragic event in 1911 highlighted the need for labor reform and improved factory safety in the United States? **The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire**
14. What event in 1877 is known as the first nationwide strike in the United States? **The Great Railroad Strike of 1877**
15. What does Labor Day honor? **The contributions of American workers to the country's strength, prosperity, and well-being**