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RSVP Recognition Event For AmeriCorps Seniors



On October 8, 2024, RSVP held a recognition event for AmeriCorps Seniors at Greenland's Lodge. It was the first event since 2019 where AmeriCorps Seniors from Blair and Huntingdon counties were able to celebrate their volunteer service together. The AmeriCorps Seniors who were able to attend the event were given a delicious meal provided by Kathy Greenland, owner of Greenland's Lodge. AmeriCorps Seniors were also given gifts of appreciation which included a red insulated bag, a word search book, a multi-use screwdriver, 2 Forget-Me-Not seed packets, 2 cork coasters, and 2 magnetic notepads.

At the event, four Legacy Awards were distributed to four AmeriCorps Seniors. Dave Fryer, an AmeriCorps Senior who served at Huntingdon Meals on Wheels and James E. Van Zandt VA Medical Center, received a Legacy Award for the longest serving AmeriCorps Senior in RSVP of Huntingdon County by serving 9 years and 11 months. Judy Kimberlin, an AmeriCorps Senior serving at United Way of the Southern Alleghenies and Center for Community Action, was rewarded a Legacy Award for being the longest serving AmeriCorps Senior in RSVP of Blair County by serving 9 years and 3 months. Margaret (Peggy) Loibl, an AmeriCorps Senior at CONTACT Altoona, received a Legacy Award for serving the most hours, which totaled to 1,066 since October 2023, in RSVP of Blair County. A Legacy Award was presented to Reeder Swartz, an AmeriCorps Senior serving at James E. Van Zandt VA Medical Center and Huntingdon County Military Share Food Program, for serving the most hours, 378 since October 2023, in RSVP of Huntingdon County.

Fort Roberdeau AmeriCorps Seniors

Lucinda (Cindy) Corle (left) and Margaret (Peggy) Fields (right)

Meals on Wheels AmeriCorps Seniors

From left to right: Shirley Mosbey, Linda Weir, Carolyn Brown



Volunteers are Winners in Winter

Winter Trivia Quiz Questions

The autumn leaves are falling from the trees and the temperature is slowly dropping, which can only mean one thing: winter is approaching! Below are quiz questions for the winter season and the answers to this quiz will be posted in the next RSVP newsletter.

1. The word winter comes from an old Germanic word. What does it mean?
2. When is the winter solstice?
3. Which U.S. state has the most snow days per year?
4. How big was the largest snowflake ever spotted?
 - a. 5 inches wide
 - b. 15 inches wide
 - c. 20 inches wide
5. How fast do snowflakes fall on average?
6. How many people were involved in the largest snowball fight ever?
 - a. 4,681
 - b. 6,681
 - c. 7,681
7. How tall was the largest snowman ever built?
 - a. 50 feet
 - b. 113 feet
 - c. 126 feet
8. What is the coldest temperature ever recorded at ground level on Earth?
 - a. -74.6°F
 - b. -128.6°F
 - c. -110.6°F
9. What continent has the coldest temperature ever recorded?
10. In which country is the International Hair Freezing Contest held?
11. What is the traditional winter dwelling of the Inuit?
12. When bears sleep during the winter, what is it called?
13. What animal famously predicts the length of winter every February?
14. What animals have a dewlap, a flap of skin under their throat, which helps regulate their body temperature?
15. What animal has the densest fur of any land mammal? It helps them stay warm in the Andes Mountains.



November Birthdays

5-Rene Homer
5-Renee Wheeler
7-Boone Gibboney
9-John Tkach
12-Judy Frederick
13-Jean Ann Mitchell
14-Bertie Keller
17-Betty Friedenberger
23-Ida Mae Manley
25-Gary Peterman
25-Ed Worthy
29-Jay White



December Birthdays

1-Vi Bettwy
3-Carol Holland
6-Chris Cohn
6-Ellen Filson
8-Cathy Tellish
10-Sally Wojtarowicz
14-Rick Laabs
16-Nancy Pickens
16-Joy Shields
17-Mike Spayd
18-Christy Black
20-Gaynell Boor
21-Lynne Arnold
21-Shirley Potter
22-Joe Holmes
22-Terri Krabill
27-Sue Whitfield
29-Sharon Hostler
30-Jean Chalan
31-Harold Snyder

Answers to We are Fall About Volunteering! Quiz

Below are Answers to the September/October newsletter quiz:

1. What is the first day of fall in 2024? **September 22, 2024**
2. In what fall month of 2024 does daylight savings time end? **November**
3. When does fall officially end in the Northern Hemisphere? **December 21, 2024**
4. In the Southern Hemisphere, which month is not part of fall? **October**
5. What is the name of the fall festival celebrated in Germany every year? **Oktoberfest**
6. What is the name of the festival celebrated in China every fall to give thanks for a bountiful harvest?
Mid-Autumn Festival
7. What green pigment, found in leaves, breaks down during the fall causing the leaves to change colors?
Chlorophyll
8. In the fall, animals begin gathering food to prepare for what? **Hibernation**
9. What is the name of the full moon that occurs near the fall equinox? **Harvest Moon**
10. Which type of tree does not lose its leaves in the fall? **Spruce**
11. Which 1987 comedy feature is an unlikely duo making their way home for Thanksgiving?
Planes, Trains, & Automobiles
12. Which of the following ingredients are not in Pumpkin Spice? **Pumpkin**
13. How big, by weight, is the record-holding pumpkin pie? **3,699lbs**
14. Which animal is given a Presidential pardon each fall? **Turkey**
15. Which of the following foods are not harvested in the fall? **Tomatoes**