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**RSVP Station Spotlight – Garvey Manor**



Garvey Manor is a nursing home located at 1037 S Logan Blvd, Hollidaysburg PA, 16648 that promotes and provides personal and professional quality care and service for the elderly. In 2015, Garvey Manor became an RSVP Station and, presently, there are twelve AmeriCorps Senior volunteers at Garvey Manor who help with events and provide hospitality to residents.



Kathy LaVelle, Station Supervisor and Assistant Activities Director/Volunteer Coordinator

“The residents greatly appreciate the volunteers who assist with escorting residents to routine and special events as well as to scheduled appointments such as therapy, beauty shop, in house dental, etc. They may also provide a listening ear during visits or a helping hand at BINGO or other games, crafts, cooking groups, or leading special programs. Residents greatly appreciate the one-to-one attention they receive on special outings such as shopping trips and they feel safe and in good hands as they navigate an unfamiliar space to engage in a familiar task. The residents truly love getting out with the staff and volunteers because it gives them and their families peace of mind,” says Kathy Lavelle, Assistant Activities Director/Volunteer Coordinator and RSVP Station Supervisor.

Kathy and her volunteers enjoy the work that they do at Garvey Manor. Kathy says, “I love working at Garvey Manor. This coming February I will celebrate my 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary of working at this amazing place. The Mission and Core Values (Hospitality, Compassion, Shared Commitment and Sanctity of Life) are not only words they are a way of life at Garvey Manor. Here: the difference is love.”

If you are interested in volunteering at Garvey Manor, contact Kathy LaVelle at 814-695-5571, by email [klavelle@garveymanor.org](mailto:klavelle@garveymanor.org) or by going to the Garvey Manor website under “Ways to Give” and click Volunteer: the volunteer application is listed here.

If you are interested in enrolling in the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program to become an AmeriCorps Senior, please contact Danielle Ochs by phone at 814-643-4202 ext. 4202 or by email at [dochs@ccaofpa.org](mailto:dochs@ccaofpa.org).

**Garvey Manor AmeriCorps Senior Volunteers left to right: Andrea Reffner, Eileen Porta, Paula Crow, and Sister Jane Miller**



## RSVP Station Spotlight – Huntingdon County Government Register and Recorder’s Office



Rosemary Gill, AmeriCorps Senior Volunteer

The Huntingdon County Government Register & Recorder’s Office is located at 223 Penn St, Huntingdon PA, 16652 and serves Huntingdon County in three distinct areas: The Register of Wills, The Recorder of Deeds, and Clerk of the Orphans’ Court. In 2016, the Register & Recorder’s Office partnered with RSVP to become an RSVP station. At the office, there are books filed away that date back to the 1700s and include information like wills, deeds, and marriage licenses. To have the information easily accessible to people who need it, the pages of the books are scanned. Currently, there are four AmeriCorps Senior volunteers whose responsibility is to confirm that the information from the books has been successfully scanned.

Rosemary Gill, AmeriCorps Senior volunteer, explains more about their duties, “The books have been scanned into the computer and then we are responsible for verifying that nothing has been missed. That each page has everything on it and each page is there.” Dorothy Anderson, another AmeriCorps Senior volunteer, further explains, “Sometimes if they put the pages in the wrong place, then we have to put a sticky note in there telling them that they need to correct it.” Kelsey Dunn, RSVP Station Supervisor and elected Register and Recorder, says, “Gini Kelley (AmeriCorps Senior volunteer) verifies the marriage licenses, so we scan the books into the computer, then she goes through to make sure there are no spelling errors and that the dates are correct.”

While the AmeriCorps Seniors are verifying the books, they realize that some of the information that they contain is quite interesting, “It’s interesting because this book, year 1798, they are paying in pounds and shillings. I looked up to see when they switched over to dollars and it was 1792, but Huntingdon County was still paying in pounds and shillings in 1798” says Rosemary, who also adds, “We have been doing these books for a couple years. In the beginning, there were folders that we would open, and we would need to use alcohol to take out the creases.” Dorothy further explains, “I think the folders dated back to the 1700’s-1800’s. They were interesting to do because you got to see what happened back in that era.” Shirley Franke, an AmeriCorps Senior volunteer, continues, “Those were wills, they were fun. The farmers would give chickens away and eggs.”

Shirley explains why they enjoy volunteering at the office, “What we like about working here is we can come and go and be able to set our own schedules.” Kelsey also says, “There probably will never be a time when you walk down those steps, and you don’t hear them in here laughing and having fun while they are working. They truly have been a blessing to our office.”

Left to right: Rosemary Gill, Dorothy Anderson, Shirley Franke, Kelsey Dunn, and Virginia (Gini) Kelley





# We Love Our Volunteers

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Candy  
Chocolate  
Heart  
Roses  
Valentine

Card  
Community  
Hug  
Service  
Volunteer

Care  
Flower  
Love  
Sweetheart

## January Birthdays

5-Charles Grove  
 6-Bonnie Haverstock  
 6-Mike Kemp Jr.  
 8-Bill Benson, III  
 8-Barb Grove  
 12-Dolly Grissinger  
 14-Mary Beatty-Sharisky  
 14-Peggy Fields  
 14-James Gatehouse  
 22-Joni Garber  
 23-Eric Glover  
 24-Philip Conlin  
 25-Ben Kreidler  
 27-Barb Stapleton  
 29-Carolyn Parks  
 30-Andrea Reffner

## February Birthdays

3-Cathie Yingling  
 11-Scottie Scott  
 13-Park Armagost  
 13-Becky DeArmitt  
 16-Gini Kelley  
 19-Millie Foust  
 22-Connie Angeski  
 25-Kitty Lucas  
 29-Patty Kough

### Answers To Winter Puzzle

Below are Answers to the November/December newsletter puzzle:

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