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Community Organization Newsletter

September 2008

Volunteer San Diego Executive Director's Message

Volunteering is the new black, said a presenter at a service conference. And so it is. A number of forces are merging to bring a new level of attention to service and the solutions it can provide for our communities. Next week, I'm attending the ServiceNation Summit in New York. This event kicks off with Obama and McCain detailing their plans for national service and continues with a cross-sector conversation about how we increase and sustain service. It's a tremendous opportunity to spur debate and discussion among nonprofit, corporate, foundation, and government leaders about how we can improve our country by improving the infrastructure and policy support for service.

The summit is followed up by a national Day of Action, a grassroots campaign to give everyone an opportunity to serve. The event coincidentally takes place on the biggest day of Hands On San Diego, September 27, with more than 30 projects available locally.

We're excited by the attention; we're hopeful that it will further the good work that is happening by volunteers in our organizations. I look forward to representing San Diego and our national organization, HandsOn Network, and to sharing what I learn.

Sue Carter, Executive Director
Volunteer San Diego

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DOVIA Program Updates



Directors **O**f **V**olunteers **I**n **A**gencies (**DOVIA**) of San Diego County is a program of Volunteer San Diego. DOVIA's mission is to develop volunteer management skills and strengthen leadership through continuing education and support. Check out the [DOVIA](#) page for details on our programs.

As a reminder we have a volunteer manager discussion group on Google! You can continue networking that way. [Click here](#) to view the Google group.

Brown Bags

The DOVIA Advisory Committee held a planning session this past month and has come up with some great plans for the year. Many thanks to everyone who gave us your thoughts about subject matter for upcoming Brown Bags and 1/2 day workshops.

We have heard many people say that volunteer retention is one of the most important and complex issues in volunteer management. This year our Brown Bag topics will center on best practices that can lead to greater volunteer retention, including the volunteer social connection, infusing meaning into volunteer projects, and developing a case for support for your program. We hope you will join in our discussions, and share you successes, sticky issues and ideas with fellow volunteer managers. Anyone who leads volunteers in an organization is welcome to attend.

September 17

The first brown bag will be held on Wednesday, September 17, from 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM. The topic will be "Creating a Positive Volunteer Culture." Please come join Sandra Bishop (San Diego Regional Center & DOVIA Advisory Council Chair) and Jeannine Moeder (2-1-1 San Diego) as they facilitate this discussion. With the start of the school year, this is a wonderful time for us to start thinking about tweaking our volunteer programs! [Click here](#) for more details.

October 16

Save the date for the October's session on "Risk Management." Location and more details to follow.

Dee Warford-Kutch Award Award

The Dee Warford-Kutch Award honors professionals who exemplify the highest principles and ethics in the field of volunteer administration. It recognized you, who leads the activities of volunteers, and acknowledges your contributions to the San Diego community. The Dee Warford-Kutch Award Nomination Packets will be sent out within 10 days. [Click here](#) for more information.

Other Volunteer San Diego News

Hands On San Diego Updates

[Hands On San Diego - September 22-28](#)

Help us promote Hands On San Diego! Please help us spread the word to your volunteers, clients, students, and even employees! Join thousands of your fellow San Diegans by supporting Hands On San Diego 2008. You can choose to volunteer at one of over [100 different projects](#) by yourself, with a group of your friends, or adopt a project as a team. You can decide if you want to help paint or renovate a building, work on an environmental cleanup project, work with children or seniors, do some gardening, help with sports and recreational activities, or many other activities.

Even if you can't make it to a project, you can be a virtual volunteer and help us by donating or becoming a [fundraiser](#). All of the paint, brushes, plants, tools, and many other items we use for Hands On San Diego do have some costs. Our year-round programs at Volunteer San Diego also rely upon the generous donations from our community.

Find out more about Hands On San Diego by visiting our website at www.volunteersandiego.org.

What's New

VSD in Cyberspace

There are many ways you can connect with Volunteer San Diego in Cyberspace these days!

- Join our cause and/or group on [Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/volunteer.sandiego)
- Friend us on [MySpace.com](https://www.myspace.com/volunteer.sandiego)
- Join our group on [LinkedIn.com](https://www.linkedin.com/company/volunteer-sandiego)
- Subscribe to our [podcast](#)
- Subscribe to our [blog](#)

Volunteers wanted to help us keep up with all of the above! If you are interested, please email [Jocelyn](mailto:jocelyn@volunteer.sandiego.org).

A big "Thank You!" goes to our newest volunteer blogger - Anna Schulz. Be sure to check out her latest post: "[Volunteering vs. Loneliness](#)."

Volunteer San Diego's New Web Pages

Check out our new [web pages](#) on programs for volunteers with disabilities. We have information for both volunteers and volunteer managers.

Do you need something assembled or put together?



We have a corporate group offering 80 volunteers and 2-3 hours of time to support a local nonprofit with an assembly project. The project date is October 16th from 1-3 PM and will take place in a local hotel.

Possible project ideas are care packages for seniors or youth, military care packages, necessity kits for the homeless, emergency kits, materials for a 5K run and more. We will be able to supplement your supplies with envelopes, boxes, bags or baskets, but we need the basic supplies and concepts from you.

Please email your needs to [Elise Rollinson](mailto:elise@volunteer.sandiego.org). Thank you for sending us your ideas and current needs.

Upcoming Events

San Diego Service Inclusion Network Event!

The Network is going to hold an inclusive volunteer fair for people with and without disabilities. "Everyone Can Serve 2008" is scheduled for September 18th from 10 AM-1 PM at the Blind Community Center of San Diego.

For more information email [Rebeca](#) or call her at 858-636-4125.

Engaging Students: Fall Service Event

Volunteer San Diego invites you to attend the Engaging Students: Fall Service Event hosted by the Service-Learning Council of San Diego on October 9, from 4:00-5:30 PM.

For more information and to join us for this free event, visit our [website](#) or email SAVY@volunteersandiego.org.

If you are interested in presenting your project or organization at our networking fair and receiving special recognition, please fill out an [application](#) and return to SAVY@volunteersandiego.org.

Upcoming Trainings and Conferences

2008 National Mentoring Summit

"Mentoring--The Magic of Connections"

September 18th - 19th

Anaheim, California

Join the event as a participant or as an exhibitor.

MENTOR and the California Mentor Foundation (CMF) will be hosting the Summit with the purpose of invigorating and mobilizing the mentor community, while motivating and inspiring business and civic leaders to increase their support for mentoring efforts. More than 500 people are expected to attend. [Click here](#) for more information and registration.

Points of Light Institute

Here are two online trainings offered by the Points of Light Institute:

"Volunteer as Leaders: Setting the Stage for Success"

September 23rd

Online

Organization benefit from a robust volunteer infrastructure that include volunteer leaders - volunteers who lead others in service. Explore the concept of volunteer leadership and learn ways to build a strong volunteer leader program.

Presenter: Lori Jean Mantooth, HandsOn Network

[Click here](#) for more information and registration.

"What Volunteer Managers Really Think"

September 24th

Online

The eye-opening findings from a survey of volunteer managers reveal how organizations view their volunteers, what the career path looks like for volunteer managers and other emerging trends.

Presenter: Martin J. Cowling, People First - Total Solutions

[Click here](#) for more information and registration.

Nonprofit Management Solutions

"Volunteer Management: Tools for the Next 10 Years"

September 25th

San Diego, California

In three-hours, you will learn how to transform your volunteer program to meet today's economic challenges while tapping into a growing pool of talented and reliable volunteer resources. Learn how to apply the Human Resources Model of Volunteer Management to integrate qualified volunteers into your organization. Interactive instruction, practical examples, and ideas you can easily adapt for immediate use are included.

For more details, [click here](#).

Conference for Professional Volunteer Management

"Responding to the Paradigm Shift in Volunteerism"

October 2nd - 3rd

Las Vegas, Nevada

Introduction to Volunteer Management 101: Topics include: including persons with disabilities, developing successful collaborations, project development, and a board training dinner and discussion. Presented by DOVIA of Southern Nevada. For more information, email info@dovialv.org.

Advanced Volunteer Management Conference

"Climbing Higher, Diving Deeper"

October 27th - 29th

Portland, Oregon

Join internationally known volunteer management experts Susan

J. Ellis, Rick Lynch, Steve McCurley, Linda Graff, and Martin J. Cowling as they lead us through timely and relevant topics designed for the experienced manager of volunteers. Don't miss this opportunity to gather best practices and develop new skills from the top trainers.

There is limited capacity, so [register now!](#)

Superheroes of the Month

Volunteer Manager Spotlight

Congratulations, Maryam Davodi-Far for being recognized as one of four "Exceptional Women of San Diego" by Bellissima Magazine. Maryam is the Executive Director and Co-Founder of the Cancer Coping Center. The Cancer Coping Center is one of Volunteer San Diego's long-term partners and is a Build Member.

To read the article recognizing Maryam Davodi-Far, [click here](#).

Volunteer of the Month

This month we would like to recognize **Todd Neuman**, a volunteer with Loma Portal Klassic Kids. Klassic Kids (a program of Harmonium, Inc.) provides counseling, childcare, and community services to children and families.

Todd has been volunteering tirelessly for the last 10 years at Loma Portal Klassic Kids with little thanks and he has been a role model to others. He participates in all the school activities and Klassic Kids events; as well as returns to the school for evening events and field trips.

Each month, Todd volunteers a total of 136 hours, dividing his time working in the classroom and working with children.

Candace Snell states, "Todd brings positive disability awareness to the classroom by being a positive role model for students, and by being understanding, giving guidance and supportive to others".

If you would like to nominate a volunteer, [please let us know!](#)

SAVY Leaders Looking for Advisors

Support our SAVY Leaders, a group of dynamic youth that come together to form a youth leadership council! We are looking for volunteers with two to ten hours to give between October and April to advise these youth in a task that you would like to mentor them on. We are looking for volunteers with experience in project planning, outreach, marketing, connecting with elected officials, fundraising, grant writing, etc. If you would like to share your talents and mentor the SAVY Leaders when they need you the most, please contact [SAVY](#), 858-636-4123, for more information.



Fire Recovery Needs?

VSD welcomes Seth Connelly, our new Fire Recovery Volunteer Coordinator, who can help your agency staff volunteers for fire recovery efforts. We are specializing in the needs of fire survivors who are either frail elderly or have a disability and require assistance with brush removal. In the Winter, our efforts will turn to helping these homeowners with rebuilding projects. For further information, email [Patricia](#).

For more information on any of the above topics:

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