

"Enhancing Professionalism in Volunteer Management"

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President's Corner

Can you believe Summer is here! I am so excited about the upcoming events for this rest of the year. Be sure to check out the awesome variety of topics and times the Program Committee has scheduled for you.

One of my favorite events is the annual *"We Count on You" Award Luncheon* that was held on Friday, May 4th. This heart-warming event always brings me back to why I love the field of volunteer management. We are so fortunate to work with people who are here to help in so many ways, not for the paycheck, but because they believe in our mission. So please take advantage of this opportunity next year to recognize someone special in your organization or just come and join your fellow volunteer managers for an inspiring afternoon. You can see the complete list of winners on page 2 and our website has many great pictures from that special day.

Another great event for all to look forward to will be the *Summer Social*. This year we are going to try something a little different and I hope everyone can attend! The information on the Summer Social is below.

What is DOVIA to you? I see DOVIA as my professional support network. I look to all of you as leaders in our field and value your ideas, suggestions and opinions. Facing challenges and changes in these hard times -- that is what your Denver DOVIA is all about. But we need you to give us guidance and support to make sure we are meeting your needs. With that in mind, I ask you each to consider volunteering with one of our committees. Can you think of a better way to meet associates and make new friends with those who share your interests? Next time you attend a workshop or event, please feel free to speak with any of your board members. We are here for you!

Sincerely,

Pamela Mayhew



Save the Date...

DOVIA Summer Social

When: Tuesday, July 10th

Time: 5:30-7:30pm

Where: Colorado History Museum, Rooftop Terrace

Join us for food, fun, friendship and much more!

Mission Statement

The mission of Denver DOVIA is to promote professionalism in the field of volunteer management, advocate for issues concerning volunteerism and provide networking and educational training opportunities for the membership.

We Count on You

On May 4, 2007, the 16th Annual DOVIA "We Count on You" award luncheon was held at the Denver Merchandise Mart. The "We Count on You" award affords a wonderful opportunity to show appreciation and recognition to a star volunteer within your non-profit organization. This year, there were 33 nominations submitted and unlike most award opportunities, every volunteer nominated was also recognized. Thank you to everyone that took part in this amazing day!

Please help us in congratulating the following Award Recipients:

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| WCOY Youth Individual: | Katie Marble from Family Tree |
| WCOY Board Member: | Kevin Kelley from Attention Homes |
| WCOY Adult Individual: | Debranne Hamilton from Arvada Police Department/Arvada Child Advocacy Center |
| WCOY Adult Group: | Adaptive Devices Volunteers from Hamilton Middle School |

Please visit our website at www.denverdovia.org for pictures from the "We Count on You" Awards.



Katie Marble



Kevin Kelley



Debranne Hamilton



Adaptive Devices Volunteers



Never Goodbye...Always Good Luck:

A Letter from Sharon Routt

Many years ago as a new Volunteer Coordinator I found DOVIA to be a real blessing. I learned a great deal from the monthly program trainings. For a couple of years, that is all I took advantage of. I'd meet people - but not connect again until the next training. I didn't really develop friendships or gain insight into the world of Volunteer Management.

Eventually, I offered to help on a committee - and it was terrific! I met fantastic people who were so dedicated to their profession and willingly share. During that time, the AVA national meeting was in Denver and I volunteered to help. I met a lot of wonderful people and desired to emulate their enthusiasm for the profession. It was an eye opener to me that the top leaders were so available and encouraging. I had asked one session trainer from across the country about a specific problem. He not only gave great advice but told me to call any time I needed further help! This desire to help is true of local DOVIA leaders as well.

I changed to a different committee at DOVIA just to meet more people! I served on that committee for a couple of years - the last two as the Co-Chair and Chair. I also was invited to be on the Board, which I accepted. The meetings have been fun, sometimes a challenge, but mostly very rewarding. The best part is that I have made many friends. There is another benefit, the advantage of listing involvement in a professional organization on your resume.

DOVIA is YOUR organization, but it takes a lot of people and new ideas to make it an organization we are proud of. Think about these advantages, ask at the next training how you can be involved, or call a Board member to learn more. You'll be glad you did!

Sharon will be leaving the DOVIA Board to pursue new opportunities. The DOVIA Board and community would like to wish Sharon the best of luck in her new adventures.



Thank You Sharon!

Who We Are

We are one of the country's largest and most successful DOVIA's. Our members are enthusiastic and committed professionals who care deeply about promoting excellence in volunteer management. We offer professional growth, networking, and leadership opportunities to both the experienced and new members in the field of volunteer management.

Don't Miss These Upcoming Programs:

June 27, 2007	Wednesday	8:30am – 10:00am	Brown Bag
Time Flies – Catch some to Call Your Own			
July 26, 2007	Thursday	11:30am – 2:00pm	Lunch & Learn
Cyberspace or Out of Space? – Managing Virtual & Field Volunteers			
August 28, 2007	Tuesday	11:30am – 2:00pm	Lunch & Learn
Partnering with Underutilized Resources			
September 27, 2007	Thursday	8:30am – 12:00pm	½ Day Workshop
Electronic Tracking & Reporting Pre-Registration Required			
Location: TBA			
October 24, 2007	Wednesday	11:30am – 2:00pm	Lunch & Learn
Addressing Diversity in Volunteering			
November 2007	Annual Meeting	Date, Time & Location TBA	

Costs are listed for DOVIA Member/Nonmember (respectively)

Brown Bag \$3/\$5 Lunch & Learn \$5/\$10 ½ Day Workshop \$45/\$55

Program Location (Unless Noted Otherwise): Volunteers of America 2660 Larimer Street, Denver, CO 80205

Time Flies

Catch some to call your own!

Wednesday June 27, 2007

Brown Bag Networking: 8:30am – 9:00am

Program: 9:00am - 10:00am

How much time do you have to call your own? Does your day get away from you and you don't know where it went? Come explore the options and solutions to get you back on track.

In this time-sensitive workshop you will:

- Understand myths about time management
- Identify your personal attitudes towards time management
- Discuss key steps in planning and prioritizing
- Recognize internal and external time wasters
- Utilize a variety of time management tools

Program Location: Volunteers of America

2660 Larimer Street; Denver, CO 80205

Note: Only visitor lot and street parking available

No pre-registration required. \$3/Members and \$5/Non-Members.

COVAA Updates

What is COVAA?

The Congress of Volunteer Administrator Associations (COVAA) began as an event. It was a first-ever convening of official representatives of existing associations of volunteer program managers throughout the United States.

The immediate goal of the Congress was to create a working network of associations with a designated steering committee to, in turn, carry any organization work forward.

There is a desire to reach out to all previous AVA individual members, colleagues who have chosen not to join their professional association, or those who do not have an association to join, and there will be future opportunities for individual colleagues to be involved.

Many positive things are happening as this group moves forward – please check out their website at www.covaa.org

DOVIA Membership

Renewals: Don't wait any longer, the programs and benefits are great and the networking can't be beat!

New Members: Are you ready to start receiving the benefits of being a DOVIA member?

Membership Benefits:

- Continuing education and training through workshops and seminars at a reduced cost or on scholarship basis
- The DOVIA member listserv to share ideas, make announcements or look for advice
- Annual DOVIA membership directory
- Region's most comprehensive awards program for volunteer managers through annual Outstanding DOVIA Member, Outstanding Achievement in Volunteer Management, Marlene Wilson Commitment to the Profession Award
- "We Count On You" award and luncheon for your volunteers
- Access to DOVIA website with updated association information, links to hundreds of resources for volunteer managers and member agencies websites
- Lending library of volunteer management and professional development resources
- Results of collaborative efforts with other volunteer organizations such as Metro Volunteers, Association of Volunteer Administration, etc.
- Opportunities for professional development and peer support through networking opportunities
- Information on legislative and legal issues regarding volunteerism and volunteer management
- Gain leadership skills throughout committee involvement or board involvement

Don't delay renew or sign up today by contacting Nora Simmons Daly at 303-282-1234 x308 or by email at noras@metrovolunteers.org.



Prices:

- Individual \$40 (1 person)
- Associate \$25 (1 student or volunteer)
- Agency \$100 (List main contact person)

Thank You DOVIA Board Members:

Executive Board

- President – **Pam Mayhew**
City of Westminster
- Ex-Officio – **Angela Caudill**
Colorado History Museum
- Vice President – **Patti Wright**
City of Westminster
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- Bevin Carithers
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- Karen Rivers
Volunteers of America, RSVP
- Kathi Conner
Children's Hospital

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Johnson & Wales University
- Mark Smith
Lakewood Heritage Center
- Nancy Young
Colorado Division of Wildlife
- Nora Simmons
Metro Volunteers
- Vicki Leigh
Colorado State Parks



What We Do

We provide opportunities for professional growth in the field of volunteer management. We host monthly workshops on a wide variety of topics. We also provide extensive resources through our website and provide access to a comprehensive lending library of professional resources. We offer networking opportunities for our members and have been involved in some of the major volunteer related events in the area such as National Philanthropy Day. We also offer opportunities to recognize outstanding volunteer managers and volunteers in our community. Our goal is to provide a variety of ways to further your journey to excellence in volunteer management.