The year has gone by so fast. It’s July already. Summer, picnics, fun…..Award for Excellence submission, signing up for national conference, working with students that are out of school and all those varied things that volunteer leaders do. It’s a busy time.

Thank you to those who turned in your MAHVRP Award for Excellence nominations by the July 15th deadline. We have some quality programs here in Missouri. It’s so exciting listening to all the ideas at conference in the fall.

Turning to national conference; I sincerely hope that most of you get to go. I know budgets are tight; we’re all feeling that pain. The conference is such an important way to keep up with what’s going on and learn new things. The networking is invaluable. It’s also a great way to get those credits that you need to keep your CAVS current. Once you pass that test; you certainly don’t want to let the certification go. Lastly, August 2 is the deadline to apply for the scholarship for national conference. You can access the application on the MAHVRP website.

I’m looking forward to seeing you all soon. Have a peaceful summer.

Barbara Frogue, CAVS
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A goal is nothing more than a dream with a time limit.

~~ Joe L. Griffith ~~
Picture Request…

As your Historian for this year, I would like to ask our membership to send any pictures of this year’s activities to me at Phylis.Long@coxhealth.com.

Thank you...

Historian

Pat Long
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Our Mission...

It is the mission of MAHVRP to promote and enhance the practice of administrators of organized volunteer programs in a healthcare organization by providing educational programs, networking opportunities and recognizing service and program excellence.
Take advantage of education opportunities, networking, and idea sharing through…

“UNCOMMON COURAGE ~ Redefining the Possible”

MHA 89th Annual Convention and Trade Show Event

November 9-11, 2011

Enjoy three days of learning, sharing ideas, and networking with other Healthcare Volunteer Program Administrators and Auxiliaries at the MHA 89th Annual Convention and Trade Show Event at Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach, Missouri.

Listen to guest speaker, Ben Newman, presents the “Power of Legacy” that will leave you feeling inspired to do something great.

Make sure to attend the breakout session facilitated by one of MAHVRP’s own, Paula Gangel, Director of Volunteer Services at the University of Kansas Hospital. Paula will lead a discussion, based on her new book, *Leading with the Carrot*, which is useful to Volunteer Administrators new to the field of healthcare volunteerism and seasoned professionals alike.

Thank you to our sponsors for helping make this another successful event! Program sponsors include Kilbourne & Kilbourne, Shoe Road Productions and HCI Fundraising. Remember, save the date for November 9-11, 2011!

For more information about conference details contact:

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TREASURER / MEMBERSHIP UPDATE...

What a great conference we had in St Louis! It was nice seeing everyone again. Our $50 annual dues are a wonderful value, especially if you’re able to take advantage of the conferences!

Through our Silent Auction at the spring conference, we made $480 to go toward scholarships for our members. Check out the web site for guidelines in applying for a scholarship for the national conference and fall convention.

Currently, MAHVRP has 69 members, down from last year due to the economy, members changing jobs, and position eliminations. Having an organization that supports one another in these times is very important. I encourage everyone to use the available tools like the web site, discussion board and picking up the phone and calling a fellow volunteer administrator when you need ideas.

Luckily, MAHVRP is financially sound and part of that is due to our wonderful sponsors at the conferences and conventions: Scrubs and Beyond, Life Uniforms, Laurie’s Shoes. Kilbourne & Kilbourne, HCI Fundraising, and our newest sponsor Bowers and Associates. We are good stewards of the money they give us for education, which also keeps our annual dues to a minimum. Many other states charge a lot more annually plus $300 or so for their conferences. We’re all doing a great job of keeping costs down and value high.

Thank You For The Opportunity to Serve You!

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Region 5 has a new member: Terri Hall, Fund Development Director from Lake Regional Hospital. This year I experienced my first gift market in Dallas, TX!

Missouri Hospital Association (MHA) has created a fund to assist with this year’s devastating tornadoes and floods. The charitable organization of MHA Center for Education is affiliated with the Missouri Hospital Association and has established the HERO fund — Hospital Employee Relief Operation — that will receive contributions and coordinate distribution of monies to deserving employees of affected hospitals. Contributions are tax-deductible. Because the MHA Center for Education will not use any contributions for administrative fees, 100 percent of your donation will go to hospital employees affected by these disasters. To find out more about how you or your hospital can contribute, please visit the Missouri Hospital Association website.

http://web.mhanet.com/
Hello…I wanted to share with you that I’ve achieved a life-long goal of mine. My first non-fiction work, Leading With the Carrot—a Practical Guide to Volunteer Management, was published on May 5th. I was fortunate that Diane Stafford, a Kansas City star career columnist, found out about it, interviewed me, and wrote about it in a recent edition of the Star. Since that article, I have heard from people all over the United States, the UK and England who are interested in how to manage volunteers. Pretty wild that one article can reach beyond the Kansas City region like that. Inspired by that, I decided to join the Social Media Revolution and have signed up with Facebook and will soon start Twittering. I guess I’m entering the 20th Century kicking and screaming, but here I go!

In our niche field, I don’t think there’s been anything new and innovative written since the heyday of Susan Ellis and Steve McCurly—the mid-80’s to early 90’s. That’s part of the motivation for writing my own book—I wanted to provide a basic guide book for people new to the field who may not know where to start when it comes to supervising a volunteer workforce—something many of us have had to learn by trial and error! I also wrote the book with the experienced volunteer manager/director in mind.

I hope you will find my chapters about Volunteer Recognition and useful websites beneficial.

The book is available through my personal e-mail: pkgangel@yahoo.com, and my newly constructed website, www.leadingwiththecarrot.com, and can be obtained as an e-book through Amazon’s Kindle store. It will also be available in the AHVRP bookstore in Orlando, at our national conference. I will also have copies available at our MHA conference, in Osage Beach, MO. I’m teaching a workshop there this year, and am looking forward it.

For those of you who would like to read the book, I am truly interested in your feedback. If there is a topic you would like me to cover in more detail, or if there’s anything I’ve forgotten—I want to hear from you, my trusted colleagues and friends in the trenches, and experts in the field! I can update the book for future editions.

Please contact me if you’d like to obtain a copy of the book. I’m very excited about this new venture in my life. Now I need to publish the fiction book, called Blind Dates and Other Forms of Social Torture. Some of you single gals can surely relate. Think of the American version of Bridget Jones’ Diary! Stay tuned! ~~~~~ Paula

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Growing Together & Planting the Seeds for Tomorrow

Special thanks to Kylie for all her planning and coordination of our Spring Conference!

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Welcome to the second issue of 2011!

What an exciting year so far…and so much more to look forward to with our National AHVRP Conference and Fall Conference at Tan-Tar-A.

I’ve included our MAHVRP website information on this page as a reminder to take advantage of the discussion board and keep up with events that are occurring in our professional organization.

If you would like to submit articles or information for upcoming editions, please feel free to contact me or your region representative. Newsletter deadlines are included on this page.

Congratulations to Paula Gangel on her newly published book! I look forward to seeing her and many of you at the upcoming conferences!

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