

## Volunteers join forces to maximize the services they offer



Barbara Moretsky is now working towards publicizing National Volunteer Week, proclaimed April 18-24, from Volunteer Network's office in her West Bloomfield home. She is president of the network

that coordinates the efforts of 96 member organizations that depend on volunteers in the tri-county area.

By Loraine McClish

When the second annual Career Conference for Women is held in Cobo Hall this spring, Barbara Moretsky will be lecturing on "How to Find the Right Volunteer Position for You."

She knows her subject well. The long-time volunteer is now heading up Volunteer Network of Metropolitan Detroit, the only organization in the tri-county area dedicated solely to the promotion of volunteerism and the enhancement of the status of the volunteer.

"We fill the void at all economic levels," the West Bloomfield resident said. "Whether it's government or private-for-profit sectors, many believe it's the volunteer sector that humanizes the services delivered by the other two. The network was formed to pull us all together."

Volunteer Network pulls both the volunteer and the organizations who depend on volunteers together through

quarterly meetings, a newsletter and a calendar.

Moretsky anchors the network by serving as its president, writing the newsletter and compiling the calendar with very little money, no typewriter and, until recently, no phone the network could call its own.

NONETHELESS, membership is high, with 96 organizations on the roster now and about the same number of individuals.

"We believe that by joining forces to share skills, knowledge and experiences, volunteers can maximize their potential to better serve their communities," Moretsky said.

"We share training information through the calendar," she said, when giving an example of the network benefits.

"If that training is applicable to your recruiting, fund raising or better utilizing your volunteers, you can get that training, and it is very often a training

workshop that your organization alone couldn't afford to sponsor."

The network acts as a clearinghouse so that major fund raisers of different organizations are not planned for the same day. It also aims to see that duplication of efforts are eliminated.

"There is no sense in having six as-sertiveness-training sessions going on in one community when the need is for a support group for the divorced," she said.

"We've had several instances where we've been able to coordinate efforts in one area, and introduce new directions in another that have been very effective."

WHETHER TIMES are good or bad, or whatever societal movements are coming or going, demographics show that the number of volunteers in any one geographical area remains pretty steady.

"The traditional Lady Bountiful is shrinking in numbers because she's going back to work. But others are tak-

ing her place," Moretsky said. "She is being replaced now with more teens, more seniors and more men."

In 1980, roughly 84 million Americans contributed 8.4 billion hours. This translates — in payroll figures — to \$64.5 billion which was saved by agencies that depend on volunteers.

Of the volunteer sector, Moretsky said, "Individually they make an important contribution. Collectively they represent a powerful body that can make an even greater impact."

This year, under Moretsky's presidency, the network will strive to make an impact on several legislative issues affecting the volunteer, through the network's collective strength.

"The mileage that the volunteer is allowed now, which is nine cents a mile, will be one issue we'll be concerned with. The pending raise for bulk-rate mail is another that could put a lot of us in deep trouble. Tampering with the charitable tax benefits could be another."

"One of my goals for our next meeting is to put together a legislation task force, just to be on top of things that come up that are dear to our hearts," she said.

MORETSKY is a native Detroit, mother of two daughters and holder of an art education degree from Wayne State University.

She taught art for five years and from there went immediately into volunteerism for the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW).

Through that organization she became chairwoman of the committee which founded Orchard's Children's Service, a residence for emotionally troubled adolescent boys in Southfield. She still serves on several NCJW committees.

She learned of Volunteer Network by chance and attended one of its first organizational meetings.

"It was a dream come true for me," she said. "I know it was exactly what was needed here and I up and stayed that evening by volunteering to put out the next newsletter."

"I know that networking could be the answer for a lot of organizations survival."

Her biggest boon since that time, she said, was seeing the willingness to share that she's found among the member organizations.

"There is a great empathy for the other guy who must depend on its volunteers," she said.

"I've seen improvement and expansion and changes in many programs, all for the good. I've seen the network serve to give new programs and new ideas. And there are a couple of agencies here that we've helped to stay in business."

Inquiries are taken by the network's new answering service, 642-4010.

## Eight named DAR Good Citizens

Quakertown Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) has named eight senior students "DAR Good Citizens."

The eight sponsored by the local chapter are John Clappison, Karen Bedwell, Rita Mangione, Lynn Adams, Robert Case, Diana Lynn Napier, Theresa Chadwick and Donna Trevino.

All were chosen for the distinction on the basis of their leadership qualifications, their dependability, their service to the community and their patriotism.

Each will receive a Good Citizens pin and certificate during an award luncheon hosted by the sponsoring chapter for the honorees and their parents. And each is an automatic contender for the

title of Michigan DAR Good Citizen. The person chosen for that award automatically becomes a contender for the National DAR Good Citizen title.

CLAPPISON is a member of the National Honor Society and studies in the intellectually gifted program at Farmington High School.

In his junior year he received All-League honors as a high jumper in track and was selected as the Junior Scholar-Athlete of the year. This year he won All-Division honors as an end on the school's football team.

He represented Farmington High at University of Michigan's Boys State, and hopes to be back there next fall in the school's College of Engineering.

BEDWELL plays varsity basketball, volleyball and softball for Novi Christian High School, as well as sings in the school's choir.

Music is one of her special interests. Her instrument is the flute. Vocally she pursues the interest as a soloist for her church where she also teaches Sunday School to a class of four and five year olds.

Currently she is captain of her basketball team, president of her church's youth group and heads up a hot lunch program for senior adults based in her school.

She is a volunteer in a nursing home in her community and plans a career in cosmetology.

MANGIONE is active in the drama club, forensics, the marching band, the National Honor Society and participates in language club activities at

Harrison High School.

She has garnered nine awards for forensics in the past two years, received three varsity letters for leadership positions in the marching band, and won a membership in International Theatrical Society. She is currently president of the National Honor Society.

She serves as a Eucharistic Minister and a reader of scripture during Sunday mass, and last fall organized a Christian Youth Group in her school.

She plans to study the health sciences at the University of Michigan this fall working toward a career as a doctor.

ADAMS has been on the honor roll since she entered Harry S. Truman High School where she served as president of her sophomore and junior class.

A varsity cheerleader, she was voted her school's 1982-83 homecoming queen.

She was her school's representative to Girls State, and has played on her school's softball, tennis and powder-puff football teams. She is also a member of her school's Booster Club.

She takes shorthand at 80 words a minute and types 65 words a minute, and will pursue secretarial and business courses at Henry Ford Community College.

CASE is a National Honor Society member and Student Council president at North Farmington High School. He won the Human Relations Award when he attended O.E. Dunckel and took the Dwight Rich Award at the 1982 Boys State.

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Donna Trevino



Karen Bedwell



John Clappison



Robert Case



Rita Mangione



Lynn Adams



Diana Lynn Napier



Theresa Chadwick

## Good Citizens hosted at DAR award luncheon

Bruce Richard will lead a program called "Highlights From The American Revolution — Stories Our Postage Stamps Tell," when Quakertown Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) entertains its "Good Citizens" and their parents at a luncheon this month.

Mrs. Don P. Fairchild, regent of the chapter, will preside at the luncheon meeting at noon Jan. 15 in the down-

stairs auditorium of Farmington Hills Branch Library.

Mrs. Ervin W. Love, the chapter's Good Citizen chairman, will present each of the guests of honor with a Good Citizen pin, a certificate and a copy of Washington Landmark.

The seniors honored are Robert Case from North Farmington High School, Rita Mangione from Harrison, John Clappison of Farmington High, Diane Napier of Our Lady of Mercy, Karen

Bedwell from Novi Christian High School, Lynn Adams from Harry S. Truman High School in Taylor, Donna Trevino from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel High in Wyandotte and Theresa Chadwick from Romulus High School.

RICHARD'S program will be a collection of events from the Revolutionary War, illustrated with slides of the Bicentennial Commemorative Stamps, accompanied by narrative and authen-

tic Revolutionary War era music.

Richard retired four years ago from Ford Motor Co. and is a charter member and past president of Plymouth Lions Club. He is a volunteer worker at Plymouth Historical Museum and writes a newsletter for the Historical Society and the Plymouth Lions Club.

He makes reproduction Shaker Boxes for the Plymouth Historical Museum gift shop.