

Resources

The Bare Bones of Volunteer Program Management

Below are just a few resources to get you started. Be sure to check the Volunteer Program Management collection at the Lake Oswego Public Library. Go to the NOVAA website: www.novaa.org and click on Library; then follow the bibliography link for a complete listing of the collection. There are checkout instructions on the Library page.

Energize, Inc. website www.energizeinc.com Susan Ellis is a well-known expert in volunteer management and has a bookstore, hot tips and timely topics and interactive discussions. You buy the books - the other stuff is free. She also lists all sorts of other web resources. This is a gold mine of info.

Betty Stallings is a national trainer with loads of experience and has a website with a host of training materials, including "Training Staff to Succeed with Volunteers". www.bettystallings.com

Other international trainers are Linda Graff (www.lindagraff.ca), Rick Lynch (www.ricklynchassociates.com), Steve McCurley (www.e-volunteerism.com) and Martin Cowling (www.pfts.com.au). Their websites and their training materials are outstanding.

Oregon Volunteers website www.oregonvolunteers.org A website devoted to volunteer issues in Oregon.

Other websites to check out:

<http://avrm.org>

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cybervpm>

www.voluncheer.com

www.pointsoflight.org

These are not all the websites by any stretch of the imagination. Just a tip of the iceberg. They'll get you started, though.

Linda Gray-Mitchell - the local guru of volunteer recognition. She has books and CDs and does lively presentations on recognition. She is a fountain of knowledge about no-or-low budget recognition. To contact or order materials, email her at xlnt84@aol.com.

Mid-Valley Volunteer Managers Association (MVVMA) meets monthly in Salem to network, discuss hot topics, provide support. Dues are \$25 per year. The next day-long conference is Spring, 2010. Conference rate is usually around \$80-90 for a full day including lunch, a national trainer and multiple workshops.

Northwest Oregon Volunteer Administrators Association (NOVAA) meets monthly in Portland to network, discuss hot topics, provide support. Dues are \$40 per year. The next day-long conference is Fall, 2009. Conference rate is usually around \$100-125 for a full day including lunch, a national trainer and multiple workshops.

(MVVMA, NOVAA, Institute for Nonprofit Management and Oregon Volunteers are sponsoring a joint national conference for advanced volunteer program managers with Ellis, Lynch, McCurley, Graff and Cowling above on Oct. 27-29, at Portland State University. For more info, go to the Oregon Volunteers website listed above.)