



MEALS ON WHEELS
of Salem County, Inc.

The Lunch Bunch

A newsletter for volunteers and friends of Meals on Wheels

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15th Giant Pumpkin Carve: Help Us Help Our Elderly

Meals on Wheels of Salem County (MOWSC) will present the 15th Anniversary Giant Pumpkin Carve on October 15, 2011 from 5 pm to 9:30 pm. The event will be held at the Salem County Fairgrounds on Route 40 in Pilesgrove Township, which donates the fairgrounds each year. Race car driver Al Carter will help commemorate the 15th anniversary of the event.

Admission is a \$7 donation and free for children five and under. The carved pumpkin exhibit, which fills two barns,

includes 65 pumpkins all weighing no less than 70 pounds. To participate as an artist, decorate a trunk, or to sponsor a pumpkin or other activity call (856) 935-3663.



The 15th Anniversary of the Giant Pumpkin Carve features race car driver Al Carter and his Motorsports BMW #45.

Proceeds benefit Meals on Wheels

Proceeds from the event help Meals on Wheels provide hot, nutritious meals to elderly and disabled homebound resi-

dents. More than 42,750 meals were served to 280 clients in 2010.

As many as 40 professional, student and amateur artists will

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MOWSC Receives Grants

Meals on Wheels of Salem County was awarded a grant from Salem Health & Wellness Foundation.

The grant will support Meals on Wheels' continued expansion initiative for the Senior Apartment route, serving hot, nutritious meals to approximately 30 clients.

"We are so pleased to receive the grant from Salem Health & Wellness Foundation at a time when future funding from other sources is very uncertain," stated Rebecca Gower Call, Chairperson of Meals on Wheels Board of Trustees. "It

means 30 Salem County seniors who depend on our program will continue to receive meals."

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Spotlight: Turnpike Inn, Voros Plumbing

During 2011, each issue of The Lunch Bunch will feature corporate volunteer groups.

As Meals on Wheels grew, delivery drop-off points were established to reduce driving distances. This month, we recognize two businesses in opposite ends of the County, which have donated their sites for meal drop-off for many years.

Voros Plumbing & Heating Supply, Elmer NJ, is owned and operated by Pete and Susan Voros. Sue also volunteers to deliver meals. MOWSC's Elmer and Pitts-grove routes are delivered to Voros Plumbing, and distributed by volunteers daily.

Turnpike Inn, located in Penns Grove, has been a dedicated partner for many years. It is the central drop-off point for three of MOWSC's routes: Penns Grove, Carneys Point and Pennsville.

Recently, Turnpike Inn customers and staff took up a collection to purchase new coolers because they noticed many of the coolers being used were broken. This small act of kindness enabled MOWSC to replace the broken coolers for *all* three routes!

Thanks to everyone who helps Meals on Wheels at these two locations.



Voros Plumbing, one of Meals on Wheels drop-off sites, is pictured in the background. From left to right, volunteers deliver during a Mayors for Meals day: Leigh Bostwick, Pat Snyder, Bruce Bobbitt and Cecil Burns.

Volunteer anytime

Volunteers make Meals on Wheels a success. Here are ways you can help:

- Deliver frozen meals
- Deliver hot meals
- Assist in the office or at special events
- Serve as speaker
- Train volunteers
- Invite your friends and neighbors to volunteer.

Give Ruth Ann McKee a call at 935-3663 to learn more.



15th Giant Pumpkin Carve ... cont'd.

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carve the giant pumpkins the morning of the event. A variety of crafts and activities for the entire family, including musical entertainment, free hayrides, Trunk-R-Treat, a straw maze, children's crafts, food vendors, as well as other events begin at 5 p.m.



in the youth category. Area high schools will also compete.

Prizes for Pumpkins, Pageant, Costumes, and More

When darkness falls, the giant gourds take on a life of their own as they are lit one by one. The first 1,000 visitors to visit the pumpkin display become judges who vote to award six cash prizes for categories such as prettiest, funniest, most Halloween and original pumpkin. An additional prize goes to a high school art student for best of show

Winners of the second annual Pumpkin Princess Pageant will be crowned at 5 p.m. at the Giant Pumpkin Carve. Children ages 5 to 12 will compete for one of two crowns during a preliminary competition on October 2, 2011 at the YMCA in Carneys Point.

Prizes will also be awarded for the Trunk-R-Treat contest, for children 12 and under in costume, as well as a Monster Mash

dance contest. An expanded Pumpkin Bake-off, judged by students from the Salem County Vocational Technical Schools, will include sale of the baked goods.

Dean Cipriano, who organized the very first event to help a local charity said, "I am thrilled to see the event expanded. Since Salem County is an agricultural community this is an appropriate event for a very worthy cause."

Pumpkin Carve Events

- 65 Carved Pumpkins
- Race car driver Al Carter and his Motorsports BMW #45
- Pumpkin Princess Crowning
- Trunk-R-Treat for Kids 12 and Under in Costume
- Free Hay Rides & Straw Maze
- Pumpkin Bake-Off
- Crafts, Food and More Fun!

Need More Info?
Call 935-3663 or go to www.GiantPumpkinCarve.com

I Want To Help Make The 15th Giant Pumpkin Carve A Success

I would like to make a donation to Meals on Wheels, 118 Walnut Street, Salem, NJ 08079 ~ 856-935-3663 ~ mealsonwheels05@verizon.net

_____ \$115.00 provides hot meals for a month.

_____ \$65.00 provides frozen meals for a month.

_____ \$25.00 provides a hot meal for a week.

_____ \$15.00 provides frozen meals for a week.

_____ \$10.00 towards the campaign goal of \$50,000.

_____ Please call me, I would like to volunteer.

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Donation made in Memory of _____ In Honor of _____

Send Notice to:

Name _____ Address _____

MOWSC Receives Grants...cont'd.

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Funds from the \$66,324.00 grant will be used for food, the client assessment and delivery processes, as well as other supplies for the program.

Salem Health & Wellness Foundation established its grant-making program in 2004 and has awarded a total of \$9.9 million for programs focusing on access to healthcare, preventive care and wellness, and fostering career opportunities in health care.

2011 March for Meals grant awarded

MOWSC received a \$1,000 grant from the Meals

on Wheels Association of America in recognition of its 2010 March for Meals campaign. The grant was awarded at the MOWAA national conference in Chi-



cago, IL, August 31, 2011.

March for Meals is a national campaign to raise awareness about senior hunger and to encourage involvement on the part of the local community. In Sa-

lem County, local officials delivered on March 23, 2011.

MOWSC receives training scholarship

Peg Marshall was awarded a Bank of America Charitable Trust grant for the Meals on Wheels Association of America (MOWAA) Certificate Program and Institute for Board Members and Executive Directors. The \$375 grant funded Ms. Marshall's attendance at the MOWAA national training conference in Atlanta. The scholarship paid for conference registration.

Pumpkin Carve Sponsors Needed

Meals on Wheels seeks sponsors for the 15th Anniversary Giant Pumpkin Carve.

"The success of this event is essential to ensuring our nutrition program continues to serve home delivered meals to more than 250 area elderly and disabled homebound residents," said Peg Marshall, Executive Director of Meals on Wheels. "We rely on the Giant Pumpkin Carve, public and private donations throughout the year to help supply about 40% of our funding," she continued.

The annual event offers a fun and safe way to enjoy the fall season, while celebrating the richness of Salem

County and providing a venue for local artists to display their work. Proceeds help Meals on Wheels of Salem County, Inc. deliver nutritious meals to elderly homebound in Salem County.

To view sponsorship information and benefits, or to download the registration form, go to www.giantpumpkin carve.com/Sponsor or call 935-3663.

2010 Pumpkin Carve Winners

- Best of Show — Ann & Joe Doerty of Auburn
- Most Halloween — Sally Massimino of Ewan
- Prettiest — Heather Sakewicz-Frank of Pilesgrove
- Scariest — Tom Kopec of Woodstown
- Funniest — Dominic Cipriano of Woodstown
- Original — Really Crafty Artists 4-H Club
- Youth Under 18 — Kenny Gilcrest



Meals on Wheels Hires New Employees

Tiffany Stigile joined Meals on Wheels on August 1, 2011 as the new Finance Coordinator. Tiffany is responsible for all bookkeeping and financial reporting. Residing in Salem, she holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Lee University and is currently attending University of Delaware for a Master of Science in Finance. In her spare time, Tiffany enjoys soccer, guitar playing and reading.

Ruth Ann McKee joined Meals on Wheels on August 8, 2011. She is the Volunteer-Program Coordinator. She coordinates all volunteer needs for drivers and other items such as events and office support. Ruth Ann previ-



Meals on Wheels is pleased to welcome Tiffany Stigile (left) as our new Finance Coordinator, and Ruth Ann McKee as our new Volunteer-Program Coordinator. Both joined Meals on Wheels in August 2011.

ously worked for Warner & Co., Salem County Health Department and Walmart. She is a resident of Quin-

ton, and has two children and six grandchildren, all of whom reside in Salem County.

Volunteers awarded gas cards

Ten lucky volunteers have won a \$25 gas card as part of MOWSC's ongoing volunteer recruitment and retention campaign. The card was made possible by a grant from the Salem County Health and Wellness Foundation.

Every time a volunteer delivers a meal their name is placed in contention for the route they deliver. Every new volunteer will receive five entries the first time they volunteer. Each quarter, MOWSC will pull a name of a volunteer from

each route. Names not chosen will remain in contention for the next drawing.



Gas Card winners from the quarter ending June 2011 were:

Alloway-Quinton:

Ted & Dot Haefner

Carneys Point: Bob Mathias

Elmer: John & Joy Brooks

Pennsgrove:

Jim & Lillian Lenig

Pennsville:

Tony & Peggy Rafine

Penn-Salem:

Bob & Joanne Davis

Pittsgrove: Judy Reigel

Salem: Paul & Lynn Harwood

Towers-Manor:

Susanne James & Nancy Asay

Woodstown: Harry Paulding

To Remember and To Honor (1/2011-9/2011)

To remember

BENNIE BUCKNER
Joan & George Gresk
Justin Nespoli

WAYNE CUNNINGHAM
Joan Gresk

SAMUEL ESSLER
Jeffrey & Tammy Elwell

FAMILY
Evelyn B. Kadany

ALBERT GEORGE
Gail Boyd

ESTHER T. LLOYD
Abby & Charles Erhardt

MAY LOTT
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Wayne & Kathy Ross

ANNA LUTZ
Cindy & Sebastian Pistritto
Residents of the Village Arms

JULIA JOHNSON
Win & Ken Coney

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Charlotte B. & James Carty

LOUISE MCMANN
Hilda L. Harris

DOROTHY PEDRICK
Charlotte B. & James Carty

AGNES SANDY
Sanderson & Marilyn Sandy

DORIS SERFASS
Tara M. Serfass

CHARLES SMALLBERGER
Joan & George Gresk

ELIZABETH STILL
Richard & Barbara Keen
Ken & Sally Moncrief

JOHN WYSHINSKI
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Mr. Mrs. Samuel L. Bleckley
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Mr. & Mrs. Frank Mahoney
Mr. Mrs. John P. Malusis
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Smith
Mrs. Ruth G. Lindsay
Little Family Trust
Margaret Lloyd
PennsGrove Exchange Club
James & Phyllis Piscopo
Ms. Sandra M. Pokalo
Mr. & Mrs. Russell B. Sherman
The Jay Boys
B.R. Williams, Inc.

To honor

MARIANNA YORK
E. Marion Layton

WINI CONEY
Anne Britton

JULIA BRANAN
Wini & Ken Coney

FAITH J. MASTEN
Wini & Ken Coney

JEAN M.H. POTE
Lucille B. Pote

33rd Luncheon Honors Volunteers

Volunteers of Meals on Wheels were recognized at the 33rd Annual Luncheon on May 18, 2011, titled "Hats Off to Our Volunteers". About 150 volunteers attended the event at the Elmer Grange.

The program was organized by the Volunteer Luncheon Committee, chaired by Staci Dempsey, member of the Board of Trustees of Meals on Wheels. It began with an invocation and moment of silence conducted by Rev. Dr. Julia Pizzuto Pomaco, Pastor of Pittsgrove Presbyterian Church. Several members of the church have been long-time volunteers of MOWSC.

Guest speaker Wayne Sheldon of the South Jersey Traffic Safety Alliance spoke about "Traffic Safety and Driver Tips", especially geared to our volunteers. Bill Loufik, Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Meals on Wheels helped Mr. Shelton with a demonstration of proper seat belt use.

A variety of door prizes were awarded and musical entertainment was provided by Peter McCarthy, who played lovely guitar melodies during lunch prepared by the Elmer Grange.



Volunteers were recognized for their dedication to Meals on Wheels at the 33rd annual luncheon, "Hat's Off to Our Volunteers", held at the Elmer Grange in May. Each volunteer received a hat with Meals on Wheels' logo.



WE ARE



MEALS ON WHEELS
of Salem County, Inc.

So no senior goes hungry™

This and that...

Staff available for speaking engagements

If you know a club or organization that is looking for a speaker, remember to tell them about Meals on Wheels.

Meals on Wheels staff will be happy to present a short program (tell us how

long!) about its work and mission, volunteering, or other relevant topics. For

more information or to arrange a speaker call Peg Marshall at 935-3663.



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15th Annual Giant Pumpkin Carve event tickets and 50/50 raffle tickets now available

Advance event tickets and 50/50 raffle tickets for the 15th Annual Giant Pumpkin Carve are now available. The event, which, benefits Meals on Wheels, will be held at the Salem County Fairgrounds on October 15, 2011. More than 65 giant pumpkins will be carved by local artists. See page one of this newsletter for more event details!



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