



NORFOLK COUNTY RSVP VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Your Invitation to Respond to Your Community

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Dedham Savings Bank is the 2017-18 Leadership Sponsor of Norfolk County RSVP

Norwood Community Volunteers recognized on 'National Service Recognition Day'



The National Senior Corps, Norwood Town Administrator Tony Mazzucco and the Norfolk County Commissioners honored thirty Norfolk County RSVP Volunteers at the Norwood Senior Center on April 3rd. All honorees received Certificates of Appreciation for their years of community service. Volunteer speakers sharing their stories included: Steve Eosco, Rides for Veterans Driver; Rosemary Smith, Norwood Hospital volunteer and Lois Darr, Cleveland Elementary School volunteer.

Norfolk County RSVP announces new and expanded Friendly Visitor Program

Sally, Cris and Robert are excited to announce that Norfolk County RSVP is building new partnerships with our community Councils on Aging and Veteran Service Officers to offer Friendly Visiting and caregiver relief in the homes of isolated elders. Our goal is to provide opportunities for elders at home, to socialize through conversation, assistance with writing, playing games, being read to, or enjoying coffee and snacks. In some cases, participation in outdoor activities like walking or assistance with food shopping may be possible.

Typically RSVP will recruit and interview prospective volunteers to better understand the visitors' interests and strengths. Usually the Senior Center of the town where the client resides will make the match with a compatible client. A 1-1.5 hour visit would be scheduled once a week or every other week.

We look for friendly visitors that are good listeners, and want to engage in client focused activity. A visitor should maintain confidentiality of the recipient or family members and overall possess a compassionate, non-judgemental and outgoing attitude.

If you are interested in becoming a friendly visitor OR wish to be visited, please contact Robert at 781-234-3445.



All New and Returning School Volunteers - Save this date

On Wednesday, June 27th, RSVP will be hosting our third annual End of School Year Celebration for all new and returning RSVP school volunteers. This is our chance to celebrate you. We hope you will join us for lunch, cake and enjoyable conversation. This is a great opportunity to get to know other school volunteers, share experiences and confirm your placement plans and preferences for the fall.

This year's luncheon will take place at the Canton Public Library, 786 Washington Street, from 12-2PM.

Call or email Cris by Friday, June 15th (781-234-3447).

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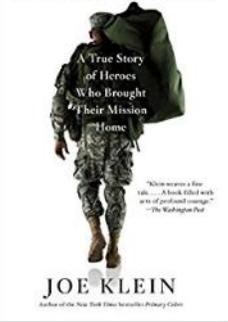
• Peter H. Collins of Milton, Commissioner

• Joseph P. Shea of Quincy, Commissioner

• Francis W. O'Brien of Dedham, Chairman



CHARLIE MIKE



RSVP Veteran Book Club meeting in Norwood

Our Book Club returns on Tuesday, June 5th at the Norwood Senior Center @ 9:30 AM with a discussion of "Charlie Mike: A True Story of War and Finding the Way Home" by Joe Klein. Thanks to Norwood Hospital for the donation of large print copies of this book. 'Charlie Mike' focuses in large part on Veterans helping Veterans at home through an organization called 'The Mission Continues'. Veteran Jonathon House, who is part of this organization and works as part of Congressman Joseph Kennedy's Office helping Vets, will facilitate the discussion. Come join us! Call Robert at 781-234-3445 for details.



PHOTO ALBUM



Thank you to our Knitters and Crocheters from Franklin and Medway

Once again we wish to thank the Norfolk 'Knitwits' for their contribution of afghans for Veterans at the VA hospitals and in hospice. They created an array of patriotic and other patterned quilts as seen below. We also appreciate Medway crocheter Christa Fein for her donation of beautiful afghans for our Veterans. Christa is pictured below right, and stands left of Medway volunteer coordinator Susan Bernstein. Christa also plays guitar for the Respite group in Medway as seen above right.



SAVE THE DATE: Norfolk County RSVP Annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon will be held on Thursday, August 9, 2018 at 'The Lantana' in Randolph from 11:30 AM—2:30 PM.

Please arrive at 11 AM to make your raffle selections.

Invitations will be mailed out in early June.

Susan and Sandy in a Model-T

We did not know how much of an adventure friendly visiting could really be until we heard about RSVP friendly visitors Susan Kanopkin and Deb Rose enjoying a event with friendly visiting client Sandy C. of Randolph. Deb informed us that Susan and Sandy came to her BBQ and had a ride in a Model-T. Thanks to Susan for the photo. It is unusual for an RSVP client to have more than one friendly visitor, let alone, have an opportunity for all to get together outside the home. How wonderful that they have become fast friends. Deb mentioned that as she recovers from knee surgery, Susan and Sandy will once again come over and have a visit over lunch.

What fine examples of adventures in friendly visiting.

