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*Inspiring, strengthening, and  
supporting volunteerism in  
Frederick County.*



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Volunteer Frederick's



### What?

The BIG Sweep is a county-wide clean up AND fundraiser for local nonprofits. It is structured like a walk-a-thon, but instead of walking, groups pick up trash from a Frederick County or City roadside, park or dumpsite.

### Who?

Volunteer Frederick coordinates the event and hundreds of volunteers from area nonprofits participate in the BIG Sweep. ANY local nonprofit organization can participate in the BIG Sweep; businesses, families and other groups can put together teams and support their chosen nonprofit. Last year, more than **900 volunteers, from 72 partnering nonprofit organizations** took part in the event.

### When?

The BIG Sweep will be held on **Saturday, April 25, 2009**, in conjunction with Global Youth Service Day. Teams can clean up anytime before Monday morning in case of scheduling conflicts.

### Where?

You can choose your own clean up site or pick one from a list provided by Volunteer Frederick – all are located in Frederick City and County.

### How?

Contact Eve Shafi at [eves@volunteerfrederick.org](mailto:eves@volunteerfrederick.org) or 301-663-5214 ex. 7# to register. You can also visit [www.TheBIGSweep.org](http://www.TheBIGSweep.org) for more information and downloadable forms. •

### Agency Profile:

## Fredericktowne Players

**“Volunteers create theatrical entertainment and build a sense of community”**



Are you interested in volunteering in a fun and exciting atmosphere while helping to create entertainment for others? This season do something you really enjoy and display your many talents while you volunteer!

The Fredericktowne Players is a nonprofit community theatre company located in downtown Frederick. They have been providing accessible and affordable entertainment to people in the surrounding

Frederick area for the last forty years.

The Fredericktowne Players stage three shows a year, usually at Frederick Community College or The Weinberg Theatre. Auditions and practices are held at their downtown location at the corner of Patrick and East Street. In the past they have put on productions such as *The Complete Works of Shakespeare*, *The King and I*, *Not Now Darling*, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, *Damn Yankees* and recently, *Grace and Glorie*. Many members of the Fredericktowne Players are also members of the Towne Singers, who perform at local events, civic organizations, and nursing homes.

Next in line is their summer production, *Annie*, about an orphaned girls' adventure of finding her real family. Auditions are open to the public and will be held on Sunday, May 3, at 1pm for the part of Annie and the orphans. These auditions are open to elementary and middle-school aged children and they should be prepared to dance and to sing sixteen bars of the well-known songs “Maybe” and “Tomorrow.” Adults are also encouraged to audition on either Sunday, May 17 or Monday, May 18 for a part and are expected to have a song and dance prepared as well.

Although they are always looking for new actors for their plays, they are also in need of a wide range of other types of volunteers. Individuals interested in becoming part of the production process can do so in the following ways:

- Production volunteers assist with the scenery, costumes, painting, props, stage managing and producing
- Special events volunteers can help to coordinate opening night receptions, cast parties, and membership meetings
- Publicity and marketing personnel are needed before a production

The Fredericktowne Players next production, *Annie*, will be showing on July 24, 25, 31 and August 1 and 2. For tickets please call 240-315-3855 or for more information about volunteering, contact Jeanne Lloyd at 301 662 7302. •

# MOVIE MADNESS



## 2008 VIPs at Your Service

### Movie Madness Themes Provide Entertainment for all at Fundraising Dinner



Karen Maduschke of Enforme Interactive won the Most Appreciated VIP Waiter Award at Volunteer Frederick's 9th Annual VIPs at Your Service fundraising dinner at Martin's at Walkersville on November 14, 2008.

Twenty four "Very Important People" served as VIP Waiters at this hilarious event that had an overarching theme of "Movie Madness." The Head Waiter, or emcee, for the evening was Todd Walker, from Comcast's 'Dining Out' show and Macintosh Realtors. Each waiter chose their favorite movie, ranging from *Mama Mia* to *Fiddler on the Roof*, and decorated themselves and their tables accordingly. They then tried to solicit the most tips from their guests and win the Most Appreciated Waiter Award. With the help of these waiters, over \$11,000 was raised to help sustain Volunteer Frederick's ten programs that mobilize volunteers to make a difference in Frederick County.

Karen Maduschke (Enforme Interactive) dazzled guests

as Aerial from the *Little Mermaid*, winning not only Prince Eric's (Sven Maduschke) heart, but also Most Appreciated Waiter award after raising \$1,370 in tips and silent auction items. Meredith Welty (FCPS) and Jessica Smith (Volunteer Frederick Board) received the Most Beautiful Table award for their *Memoirs of a Geisha* table, adorned with gorgeous bamboo sticks and ornate dragon sculptures. Entertaining (and frightening) the crowd were Leslie Schultz and Mimi Mack (Daybreak Adult Services) as Jane and Blanche from the creepy thriller *Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?*; they received the Funniest Table award. Todd Walker (Comcast's "Dining Out") and Michael Herbst (Costco) saved the day with their *Batman & Robin* table which was awarded the Most Creative Table award.

Volunteer Frederick thanks the Waiters, sponsors, volunteers, guests and everyone else who helped to make this event successful. •



## Nonprofit Summit

### Empower your organization with Volunteer, Resource, and Board Development

Volunteer Frederick, in partnership with the Ausherman Family Foundation and The Community Foundation of Frederick County, will be hosting a summit for nonprofit organizations on March 25, 2009 from 8am until 4pm at the Mount Saint Mary's Frederick Conference Center.

The three-track summit will focus on Volunteer, Resource, and Board Development with four different workshops in each track. Workshops cover topics ranging from successful grant writing to recruiting volunteers online.

Keynote speaker, Susan Ellis, President of Energize, Inc. will be sharing her knowledge about attracting community energy and managing volunteers. Ellis is well known as the editor of *e-Volunteerism: The Electronic Journal of the Volunteer*

*Community* and writes the bi-monthly "On Volunteers" column for *The NonProfit Times*.

Other speakers include Ted Hart, who will host workshops about online and traditional fundraising, Greg Powell, an organizational and clinical psychologist who will run the "Psychology of the Ask" workshop, and Patricia Schwartz who will discuss how to get the board you want.

Pre-registration is required and a per-person fee of \$50 includes a continental breakfast and lunch. To download a detailed brochure and registration form, visit [www.volunteerfrederick.org/NPSummit.pdf](http://www.volunteerfrederick.org/NPSummit.pdf) or for more information, contact Lisa Orr at 301-663-5214 ext. 3#. •

# Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Fair a Huge Success

**"A day on, not a day off!"**

It was a day full of service, giving, and learning for attendees of the 3rd annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration and Service Fair at the Cultural Arts Center on January 19.

The day began with proclamation readings and presentations by local public officials and a keynote address by Lord Nickens, past NAACP President.

Throughout the day over 400 people poured into the Cultural Arts Center and completed various service projects such as cards for troops in Iraq, friendship bracelets benefiting hospitalized children, a tiled mural based on the theme of non-violence, anti-smoking kits and banners, and canned food for the local food bank and Frederick County Animal Shelter and many more.

"The Martin Luther King Day of Service is a special day. It brings together people who might not ordinarily meet, benefits local nonprofits, and provides an opportunity to recruit new volunteers for ongoing volunteer work," said Stacey White, Youth Service Director for Volunteer Frederick.

Thanks to all of the volunteers and attendees for making this a "day on, not a day off!" ●



## SummerServe Registration Open



Volunteer Frederick is excited to announce that registration for *SummerServe* and *SummerServe Express* is now open! Both *SummerServe* and *SummerServe Express* engage youth ages 11-17 in diverse service learning and recreational activities. Both programs operate 4 full days per week from 8:30am – 5pm. The cost for the *SummerServe* program is \$825, and each *SummerServe Express* session is \$265. We offer financial assistance and no one will be turned away for inability to pay.

*SummerServe* is a 5-week program that begins on July 6<sup>th</sup> and ends on August 7<sup>th</sup> with an end of service celebration. Youth have a choice of serving on 15 different service projects throughout Frederick County. Some projects include working with rescued horses, performing puppet shows for young children, and environmental restoration.

*SummerServe Express* consists of three separate, two-week

sessions, where youth participate in service during the mornings and project related recreational activities in the afternoons (i.e. field trip to nature center). Service projects relate to the sessions overall theme. *SummerServe Express* Session 1, "Serving Animals in Need" runs from June 22 – July 2<sup>nd</sup>; Session 2, "Environmental Action" runs from July 6 - 16<sup>th</sup>; Session 3, "Living the Farm Life" runs from July 20 – 30<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like more information please contact Youth Services at 301-663-5214 or [youthservice@volunteerfrederick.org](mailto:youthservice@volunteerfrederick.org). Registration materials can also be found at [www.volunteerfrederick.org/summerserve.html](http://www.volunteerfrederick.org/summerserve.html). ●

## The RSVP Breakfast Club

The **Volunteer Frederick RSVP Breakfast Club** had its first meeting on January 16, 2009 and it was a great success! Ten RSVP volunteers joined Volunteer Frederick staff to hear Jamie Sonnenberg, an AmeriCorps VISTA Volunteer with Volunteer Frederick present the **Plan to be Safe Plan 9 Campaign**. Breakfast and an open discussion followed where members shared RSVP experiences and talked about what volunteering means to them.

The **RSVP Breakfast Club's** purpose is for RSVP members to get to know each other and to learn about different volunteer opportunities via guest speakers from area agencies.

**Presentations will last 15 minutes.** Our next meeting will be held on February 20, 2009 at 9am at the same location (Perkins Restaurant in Frederick) and Terry Miller from the Alzheimers Association will be our guest speaker. If you are interested in attending, please email [Suzannefranklin@volunteerfrederick.org](mailto:Suzannefranklin@volunteerfrederick.org) to register. **Please bring a friend!** •

### Future Guest Speakers include:

**February 20-** Terry Miller and Cathy Hanson, Alzheimer's Assoc.

**March 20-** The Frederick County Landmarks Foundation

**April 17-** Sharon Hannaby, Frederick Memorial Hospital

**May 22-** Dianne Khara, Frederick County Hospice

### Save the Date...

**March 27 from 11 am- 3pm**

### ***Volunteer Frederick's RSVP Volunteer Recognition Ceremony***

*Join us for light refreshments and a buffet of finger foods while honoring our RSVP members.*



*RSVP Volunteer Skip Irwin, chats with volunteer Joan McGrath (left) and Liz Martin from the Frederick County Landmarks Association at the January RSVP Breakfast Club meeting.*

## ***Become a Volunteer Frederick Sweetheart through Avon!***



Now you can purchase your favorite **Avon Products** AND support Volunteer Frederick! Go to the Avon fundraising website: <http://beautyfundraising.com>

1. Select the "Register a Fundraiser Customer" link toward the upper right of the page.
2. Fill out the form with all of your information. Enter "690026" (without the quotes) in the "fundraiser code" field.
3. Complete the registration and then browse through the rest of the website. You can shop by brand, category or brochure
4. When checking out, select your "DIRECT DELIVERY" method, enter the coupon code "FSANY" for free shipping and enter your payment information

Your Avon products will be shipped directly to your door and 15% of the total cost of merchandise will be donated to the Volunteer Frederick. If ever you have any questions or problems, you can contact Donna Broniak at [donnab63@ameritech.net](mailto:donnab63@ameritech.net) or use the "Contact Me" link at the website. •

# Theater & Arts Volunteer Opportunities



The **Kids' Theatre** in Middletown is in need of creative volunteers for costuming, set construction, advertising & marketing, fundraising and music performance. These positions are open to people ages 14 and up. For more information contact Colleen Carrick at 240-285-4747 or [cmm020@mcdaniel.edu](mailto:cmm020@mcdaniel.edu).



**Frederick Festival of the Arts** committee is looking for volunteers to assist with various duties during the first weekend in June, including taking money, handing out brochures, booth-sitters and assisting with putting up and tearing down displays. Contact Apple Reese at 301-694-9632 or [areese@frederickartscouncil.org](mailto:areese@frederickartscouncil.org) to help!



The **Weinburg Center for the Arts** is in need of volunteers for their 2009 season. Volunteers can serve as ushers as well as sell refreshments, tickets, and merchandise. For more information, please contact Linda Despeaux at 301-600-2867 or e-mail her at [ldespeaux@comcast.net](mailto:ldespeaux@comcast.net).



Interested in photographing nature and have your own camera? Volunteer with the **Frederick County Landmarks Foundation**. They are in need of one volunteer to photograph their Heritage Garden over the course of a year to document seasonal changes. They also are in need of a photographer to take pictures during special events and tours for newsletters and press releases. Please contact Elizabeth Martin at 301-668-6088 or [eamartin@fredcolandmarks.org](mailto:eamartin@fredcolandmarks.org).

The **Schifferstadt Architectural Museum** is in need of a volunteer assistant to provide general office support to volunteer staff and



chairpersons for the annual Oktoberfest event. In addition, they are still in need of chairpersons for the following Oktoberfest committees: Museum Tour, Heritage Garden, Publicity Team, Set-Up/Take-Down, Fundraising and sponsorship, Vendor, Activities, and Food. For more information and to volunteer, contact Jerica Randolph at 301-663-3885 or [volunteeroktoberfest@yahoo.com](mailto:volunteeroktoberfest@yahoo.com).



**The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra** is looking for a volunteer to assist in promoting symphony concerts in the Frederick area. The volunteer is needed 2-4 hours per week to maintain databases and fulfill marketing and public relations elements. Contact Barbara Clary at 301-371-8920 or [earthmom@barbaraclary.com](mailto:earthmom@barbaraclary.com) to volunteer.



**The Fredericktowne Players** are looking for volunteers to assist with the scenery, costumes, painting, props, stage managing and producing. Special events volunteers help to coordinate opening night receptions, cast parties, and membership meetings. In addition to actors for their productions, they are also in need of help with publicity and marketing before the productions as well as ushers during the plays. Please contact Jeanne Lloyd at [jeannemlloyd@comcast.net](mailto:jeannemlloyd@comcast.net) or 301-662-7302.



**The Able and Willing International Education Foundation** is in need of an experienced volunteer to edit 6-20 hours of video footage from various trips to Africa. The video footage needs to be edited into a ten minute presentation targeted to a certain audience. For more information please contact Jim Carpenter at 301-685-3282.

# SAVE THE DATE!

In a disaster...



**Volunteers Can Help!**

## Volunteer Mobilization Center Drill

**March 17, 2009**

**Brook Hill United Methodist Church**

**10:00am-1:00pm**

**Lunch is provided!**

Will your organization be able to operate following a disaster? What happens if your agency is short staffed? Learn how volunteers can help your organization in a disaster!

### To Register:

Contact Stephanie Schepp

301-663-5214 ext. 4#

[StephanieS@volunteerfrederick.org](mailto:StephanieS@volunteerfrederick.org)

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