



## **VOLUNTEERISM IN LEWES AND SUSSEX COUNTY**

**A series of lectures given by knowledgeable presenters on a variety of local volunteer opportunities. Five presenters share unique opportunities to serve the community in and around Lewes and Sussex County. Representatives from Village Volunteers, Paws for People, Habitat for Humanity, Lewes in Bloom and the Lewes Historical Society will share their experiences and the benefits of becoming a volunteer. In person on Wednesdays at the Trinity Faith building in Lewes, 10/16 - 11/13, 10:45 - Noon**

### **Village Volunteers**

**10/16/24**

**Anna Moshier**

**Village Volunteers** is a nonprofit group dedicated to helping older adults live independently for as long as possible. The Village provides volunteer support, services, and programs that enhance the lives of members by helping them remain engaged and active.

#### **Anna Moshier**

Anna Moshier is the Executive Director for Village Volunteers. Prior to working for Village Volunteers, Anna was the Program Manager for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Delaware in Kent and Sussex Counties for 12 years. She holds a BS from Temple University and an MPA from the University of Delaware. She's lived in Sussex County for over 30 years with her husband, Jason and two grown children. Helping others is her passion.

### **Habitat for Humanity**

**10/23/24**

**Lindsay Schulze**

**Habitat for Humanity** is a nonprofit organization that helps families build and improve places to call home. They believe affordable housing plays a critical role in strong and stable communities. Habitat believes that everyone deserves the security and stability of a decent home that they can afford. Their work with planning and construction, as well as advocacy have aided communities world-wide.

#### **Lindsay Schulze**

Lindsay Schulze is a passionate champion of safe and financially accessible housing. As the Director of Programs at Sussex County Habitat for Humanity, she oversees Homeownership, Financial Literacy, Construction, and Volunteerism. These initiatives are crucial in advancing Sussex County Habitat's mission to provide safe, affordable housing. Before joining Habitat for Humanity, Lindsay played a pivotal role in scaling and leading multiple housing-related for-profit businesses in Delaware. Her extensive experience in the private sector, coupled with her passion for growth and love of technology, has equipped her to develop and implement best practices for the affiliate. Lindsay's commitment to her work ensures that Sussex County Habitat continues to thrive and expand its impact on the community.

### **Lewes in Bloom**

**10/30/24**

**Dianne Stephens and John Roecker**

Lewes in Bloom is a Sussex County all volunteer organization that promotes the beautification and maintenance of Historic Lewes with seasonal floral displays. With over 400 members, we are dedicated to planting and tending many public gardens throughout Lewes. Every fall, Lewes in Bloom plants over

30,000 flower bulbs, including tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths, which bring beautiful spring color to the community.

**Dianne Stephens and John Roecker, Ed. D.**

Dianne Stephens moved to Lewes from Montgomery County, Maryland, where she was a teacher for close to 30 years. After arriving in Lewes 10 years ago, she was looking for some volunteer opportunities. A mutual friend persuaded her to attend a Lewes in Bloom new member information session in 2015. At that time, there were about 80 members. Now 9 years later she has helped the organization grow to be the largest non-profit in the area, with over 425 volunteers.

Dr. John Roecker was the Director of Education for Large Scale Systems Education at Unisys Corporation for 35 years. Upon retiring from Unisys, Dr. Roecker lead a committee that selected technical papers to be presented at Project Management Institute conferences for 8 1/2 years.

**Lewes Historical Society**

**11/06/24**

**Patricia McCarthy**

As the oldest town in the oldest state, Lewes has a rich history that has played a critical role in the establishment of our country. The Lewes Historical Society promotes and advocates the preservation, interpretation and cultural enrichment of the Lewes region, through museum exhibits, educational programs, historical research and publications.

**Patricia McCarthy**

Patricia (Tri) McCarthy retired from the U.S. Department of State as a career minister in the U.S. Foreign Service. As a senior management professional in the U.S. diplomatic corps, Tri served for almost 30 years in Washington, DC, Haiti, Nicaragua, Germany, Afghanistan, and China. She is a graduate of Georgetown University.

Tri and her husband Brian retired to Lewes in 2017 and she now works at the Lewes Historical Society as an HR manager and volunteer coordinator. She is also on the LHS volunteer interpretation team, the Society's living history education program.

**PAWS for People™**

**11/13/24**

**Tracey Marino**

**PAWS for People™ (Pet-Assisted Visitation Volunteer Services, or PAWS)** is a nonprofit organization committed to providing therapeutic visits to any person in the community who would benefit from interaction with a well-trained, loving pet. What makes PAWS for People stand above other pet therapy services is the emphasis we place on providing individualized therapeutic experiences for every person we visit. Our strict standards in training and testing dogs, cats, and bunnies make sure every therapy team is capable of meeting the various needs of our diverse clientele.

**Tracey Marino** is a retired educator and a life-long learner. Currently, she fills her days by working part-time for OLLI in Lewes and with various hobbies and volunteer opportunities. She and her beloved beagle, Biscuit happily volunteer with PAWS for People.

