Welcome to the 2017 winter edition of your Volunteer Newsletter. It’s hard to believe the end of the year is upon us. I feel that this year has been a successful one, mainly due to your continued spirit towards helping those incarcerated. Our success with assisting those individuals while here is truly remarkable. You all are to be commended. Thanks for making 2017 such a rewarding year. Happy Holidays to you all.

Looking forward...

“Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world.” – Malala Yousafzai

The future is upon us as we gaze upon the horizon. There will be many obstacles as we continue to assist those souls lost and alone.

“Coming together is the beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.” As we move forward we must work together to achieve our goals as a community of volunteers and professionals.

As Citizens of society we learn about gratitude and humility. Working together will ensure our success, from you the Volunteers who inspired us to the Officers who keep the facility safe and secure. We all must value everyone’s contribution and treat everyone with respect.

Every day is a new opportunity. We can build on yesterday’s success and put its failures behind as we start anew with a new goal every day.

The future is upon us filled with possibilities and obstacles that can be overcome if we work together. Let’s make 2018 a super year.

David B. Lothian
Volunteer Services Coordinator
As many of you know this year’s Volunteer appreciation dinner took place on November 9, 2017. The Jail sees Volunteers as a valuable resource that enables the Jail to offer unique services to its population. One of the ways the county acknowledges this resource is by having this wonderful annual event.

The evening started with a welcome message from the Director of Corrections, Mr. Daniel S. Keen. His message was one of encouragement and appreciation to the many individuals and groups who provide such wonderful services.

The evening continued with volunteers enjoying the delicious food provided by the “Our Lady of Lebanon Catholic Church”. Their generosity and devotion for this event has never been more apparent.

This year’s Keynote speaker was the county’s new Re-entry Coordinator Laura Savenelli. She thanked the volunteers for their role in this new venture. She explained the county’s need for assisting returning citizens and what the county has been doing to accomplish this.

The evening was capped off with the presentation of the spirit of volunteerism award. This year’s recipient was Loretta Oswald.

We all give from time to time. However, how often do you come across someone that gives to others without wanting anything in return? Deacon Koury of “Our Lady of Lebanon Church” is exactly that person. Deacon Koury has given to the Jail and the community for many years. Most probably are unaware of his kindness. Deacon Koury constantly gives back, 100 percent dedication, pouring himself into the community, his family and the church, where he was ordained as a deacon in 1982. Deacon Koury takes particular pride in the success he’s had with volunteerism. He and his wife “Cheffie” as she’s known to many continue to give back to the community in so many ways. He and his wife represent the true meaning of what the words “Giving back” means. The community is so fortunate to have them here in Easton.

Thanks is to be given to the many individuals who donated their time and talents to making this year’s Dinner so wonderful. Our Lady of Lebanon Church as always provided us with a delicious menu not to mention a superb area to host it. Thanks to all the men and women who helped with the cooking and cleaning.

A special thanks is to be given to Mr. & Mrs. Deacon Koury for their Hospitality. Hope to see you all again next year.
Training is an essential part of any successful organization. As many of you know all Volunteers must complete our orientation training. If you have not done so or would like to attend as a refresher please see the following 2018 schedule. You may contact Mr. Stahlnecker (See to the right) to confirm seating.

**2018 Training dates**
- January 15, 2018
- February 12, 2018
- March 5, 2018
- April 2, 2018
- May 7, 2018
- June 4, 2018
- July 9, 2018
- August 6, 2018
- September 3, 2018
- October 1, 2018
- November 5, 2018
- December 3, 2018

“*If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself.*
~ Henry Ford

Success starts with you…

Success takes hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do. Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful.

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