MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear members,

I am happy to share some exciting new developments that my team has been working on.

Open House@RSVP

We are piloting a new format to welcome volunteers into the RSVP family!

OpenHouse@RSVP is a fortnightly get-together session for any senior who is interested in RSVP's services or curious about volunteering. Our idea is to share with them RSVP's cause and mission, bring them on a tour of our centre, and have them chat with our experienced volunteers in an informal setting. This way, they would understand more about who we are and what we do and better appreciate real-life volunteering experiences. After which, we want to be able to help them kick-start their own volunteering journey.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of our OpenHouse volunteers and my team, we now have had five runs since we started in early April. I am happy to say that we have been able to reach out to 129 volunteers over 5 sessions over the last 3 months!

As more people go through these sessions, we will try to improve the process to make sure that more seniors are deployed into our community as volunteers - My team and I have a goal of 10,000 volunteers in 3 years!

Do check our weekly email blast and Facebook page for upcoming sessions. And don't forget to bring a friend!

Silver IT Fest e-registration

Since 2007, through our partnership with the Infocomm and Media Development Authority (IMDA), we have been encouraging seniors to go digital. We are the largest training provider in Silver IT Fest (SITF); training an average of 700 participants over any given SITF weekend.

All this time, application forms had to be filled in by hand. While it served its purpose, it also caused a lot of headache for our staff and volunteers if forms went missing (As these things usually do!).

Furthermore, at the end of every day, staff and volunteers had to manually count the available vacancies and update each of the classes for the next registration day.

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In addition, for recording purposes, we were printing a receipt for each class a participant signed up for. Each participant was allowed a maximum of 6 classes, and we had to print 2 more copies of each receipt for our audit and IMDA reporting. I shudder at the amount of trees we may have killed by printing on so much paper!

Now I'm proud to share that RSVP SITF registrations have gone digital - everything is now done online. If we don't walk the talk of going digital, who will? Course availability is updated in real-time. With this, we can accurately advise the public which classes are still available. Participant details are captured via an online form, eliminating the need for an additional step of data entry.

Thanks to our intern, Esther Choong, we have made a video showing this process.

National Senior Volunteer Month (NSVM)

Our annual NSVM will kick off on 9 September 2017 at ITE College Central. A couple of exciting new initiatives are:

1) The launch of The RSVP Cookbook which will contain a collection of recipes from our volunteers and selected VIPs. Thanks to Marie Mattar and a team of talented volunteers who have supported us in making this idea into a reality.

2) We will be organising the Opening Night for Chui Huay Lim Club's Teochew Opera Show on 19 September at Kallang Theatre. Another project driven by our President Juay Meng, proceeds from the opening night will be donated to RSVP. Our GOH is Minister Heng Chee How, Senior Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office. We will be calling out for volunteers in the next month or so, so do come and spend the evening with us.

3) Closing the NSVM will be the International Day of Older Persons (IDOP) on 1 October. This year RSVP has been designated by the National Council of Social Service (NCSS) to drive the celebration of IDOP in Singapore. We are very proud to have been chosen to run this event as it is a great recognition of our work in the sector. More details will be coming as we start to work on the plans for this. And yes, do look out for our call for volunteers for the day. Better yet, do let my team know that you are interested to attend or volunteer by emailing idop-sg@rsvp.org.sg.

To close, I would like to wish all Muslim friends an advanced Selamat Hari Raya, and to all friends an advanced Happy Long weekend.

Thank you.

SILVER IT FEST ROADSHOW

RSVP Singapore participated in the Infocomm and Media Development Authority's Silver IT Fest (SITF) over the weekend on 10 & 11 June.

It was an amazing experience for all as we interacted with seniors who were keen to upgrade their IT skills. Other organisations at the roadshow included Singapore Police Force, National Library Board and Personal Data Protection Committee.

Dr Yaacob Ibrahim, Minister for Communications and Information, and who was the Guest of Honour for SITF dropped by our booth and spoke with some of our senior volunteers.

Photos from the first day of Silver IT Fest are available on our Facebook page.

Also congratulations to our volunteers who have been appointed as Silver Infocomm Wellness Ambassadors! And kudos to our current appointed SIWA volunteers who are now Tech Silvers.

Hope to see you at our classes from Friday, 30 June to Sunday, 2 July!

OPEN HOUSE@RSVP

We are proud to hold Open House@RSVP in April — a day where would-be volunteers can find out more about RSVP and the programmes we offer. It's a fun-filled half day event where staff and volunteers get together for a common purpose

We have since had a few Open Houses. Click on the dates to view the photos of the Open House on 11 April, 5 May, and 1 June on our Facebook page.

If you're wondering what happens at our Open Houses, our Videocast team has produced a video on what to expect and what participants have to say!

Next Open House date: Tuesday, 11 July 2017, 2.30 - 4pm

Come join us and bring your friends! Register at 6259 0802, or general@rsvp.org.sg

BISHAN PARK CLEAN-UP

RSVP Singapore organised a park clean-up together with the volunteers from Punggol North SCEC-AAC on Saturday morning, 6 March, at Bishan Park. Volunteers started the morning with some warm-up exercises such as qigong and aerobics, and then proceeded to do their part in keeping the park clean and green.

Photos are on our Facebook page here.

BAKING WITH A DIFFERENCE

This "Baking with a Difference" hands-on workshop was sponsored by Phoon Huat Pte Ltd, with PEC Ltd as our corporate partner for the community event.

On 11 March, 20 PEC volunteers baked Viennese butter cookies under the guidance of Chef Patrick at Phoon Huat Gourmet Studio. PEC volunteers later headed to Bright Hill Evergreen Home to visit and distribute the cookies to the 40 elderly residents there. The volunteers then fed the seniors and engaged them in scratch art.

Photos are on our Facebook page here.

Thank you Phoon Huat Pte Ltd & PEC Ltd!

COUNCIL FOR THIRD AGE'S 50PLUS 2017

RSVP Singapore participated in C3A's 50plus 2017 from 24 - 26 March 2017. Our volunteers and staff worked over the weekend to talk to members of the public about volunteering in your golden years.

Our volunteers and staff also had the chance to speak with Dr Amy Khor, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources & Ministry of Health, and presented her with a bouquet of balloon flowers, sculpted by our Balloon Activity Circle.

Our volunteer Cyril Ong also gave a talk on why volunteering is good for seniors. Our Videocast team has captured a short snippet of his talk here.

Thank you C3A for having us!

Photos are on our Facebook page here. Additional photos taken by Tang Chee Mun, RSVP Photography Activity Circle.

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A warm welcome to our new members!

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TAN Kee Hian
TAN Li Ling
TAN Susan
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Upcoming Events!

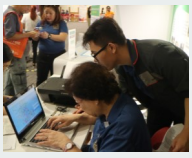
SILVER IT FEST

Friday, 30 June - Sunday, 2 July 2017

10am - 6pm

ITE College Central

*Registration for classes beforehand is mandatory.



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Tuesday, 11 July 2017

2.30pm - 4.00pm

RSVP MPH, Level 8

To register, please contact 6259 0802 or general@rsvp.org.sg

ABOUT RSVP SINGAPORE

RSVP Singapore - The Organisation of Senior Volunteers is a non-profit organisation and an Institution of Public Character as defined under the Charity Act. The Organisation was started in 1998 and launched by then-Prime Minister Mr Goh Chok Tong. It is a registered society under the Societies Act and a member of the National Council of Social Service (NCSS). Since its inception, RSVP has grown into one of the leading volunteer organisations in Singapore, in particular paving the trend of senior volunteerism. With over 1,000 members, RSVP Singapore serves more than 150,000 beneficiaries each year, including the mentally disadvantaged, at-risk children from low income families, as well as socially isolated seniors through its community service programmes.

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