

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT TITLE: Town Forest brush cleaning

ZONE REPORTING: Northern **UNIT(s):** Clifton-Fine/Edwards

PROJECT DESCRIPTION- MAIN FEATURES:

In conjunction with the local high school, we cleaned brush and marked a trail in a local town forest that had been abandoned for several years.

CONTACT PERSON: Please provide name and phone number for the person(s) who has/have the best working knowledge of this project.

Name: Alice Galvin Phone: (315) 848-2312

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TIME-FRAME for the event or project: (How long did it take from start to finish?)
Approximately 2 sessions, 2 hours each session over a period of one month.

RESOURCES NEEDED: Please include estimate of the cost and what resources if any were donated.

No cost- volunteers brought their own chain saws, clippers, rakes, gloves, etc.

CHALLENGES THAT MADE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT DIFFICULT: (a tip to share?)

We had to make sure we did not interfere with plans of the high school class that also worked on the trail. We had to reschedule one work date because of bad weather.

NATURE OF PUBLICITY RECEIVED: Please attach any news releases or photos of the event.
Photo/article in the Watertown Daily Times as well as York State.

APPROXIMATE # OF YEARS the project has been sponsored by the unit/zone: 2 years

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS with whom you partnered on this event or project.

PLAN TO CONTINUE THE PROJECT? Yes X No ___ If continuing, please describe if there are also any plans to expand the project.

We plan to add picnic tables with the high school students actually building them.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT TITLE: Adopt-a-Book

ZONE REPORTING: Northern UNIT(s): Gouverneur

PROJECT DESCRIPTION- MAIN FEATURES:

In cooperation with the Gouverneur Library, a donor can choose a book to "adopt". When the librarian gets the ordered book, the donor has a bookplate and is the first to read the book before it goes into general circulation. Retirees donated as individuals, but the unit donated \$25 from the treasury and took a collection at our Christmas party. We left the book selection to the librarian.

CONTACT PERSON: Please provide name and phone number for the person(s) who has/have the best **working** knowledge of this project.

Name: Anne Audet Phone (315) 287-0011

E-mail:

TIME-FRAME for the event or project: (How long did it take from start to finish?)
One hour planning, two hours execution.

RESOURCES NEEDED: Please include estimate of the cost and what resources if any were donated.

Answered above

CHALLENGES THAT MADE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT DIFFICULT: (a tip to share?)

NATURE OF PUBLICITY RECEIVED: Please attach any news releases or photos of the event.
President's picture presenting check to librarian in local newspaper (Gouverneur Tribune Press).

APPROXIMATE # OF YEARS the project has been sponsored by the unit/zone: 2

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS with whom you partnered on this event or project.

PLAN TO CONTINUE THE PROJECT? Yes No If continuing, please describe if there are also any plans to expand the project.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT TITLE: Food Bank Donation

ZONE REPORTING: Northern **UNIT(s):** Clifton-Fine/Edwards

PROJECT DESCRIPTION- MAIN FEATURES:

For our annual Christmas party, we ask guests to bring a food item to donate to the local food bank in addition or in place of a gift exchange.

CONTACT PERSON: Please provide name and phone number for the person(s) who has/have the best working knowledge of this project.

Name: Alice Galvin Phone: (315) 848-2312

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TIME-FRAME for the event or project: (How long did it take from start to finish?)
Two weeks planning, one day execution.

RESOURCES NEEDED: Please include estimate of the cost and what resources if any were donated.

Volunteers needed to gather up the donations and drive them to the food bank.

CHALLENGES THAT MADE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT DIFFICULT: (a tip to share?)

Find out the hours of operation for the food bank. Our first year we arrived at the food bank after they had closed for the day and had to make a second trip to deliver the items.

NATURE OF PUBLICITY RECEIVED: Please attach any news releases or photos of the event.

None currently

APPROXIMATE # OF YEARS the project has been sponsored by the unit/zone: 4

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS with whom you partnered on this event or project.

None

PLAN TO CONTINUE THE PROJECT? Yes No If continuing, please describe if there are also any plans to expand the project.

We will probably ask our members to donate during our annual summer meeting.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT TITLE: NEWLY RETIRED EDUCATOR AWARD

ZONE REPORTING : NORTHERN ZONE Zone-wide project

PROJECT DESCRIPTION- MAIN FEATURES:

At the Northern Zone Fall meeting between 1-3 people from seven possible school districts are presented with a one year membership to The NYSRTA, a pin, certificate and dinner. This award is in recognition of their selection by a NZ Awards Committee after collecting applicants from superintendents and union presidents of seven school districts.

Persons are nominated by their superintendents or union president for exemplary service and leadership to school and community.

(Central Western Zone has a similar program with honorees gifted at their fall/annual meeting)

The award was initiated to increase membership and to make the active school population more aware of the organization throughout our zone. While it has taken longer than expected to accomplish this recognition, there is a sense that the award has drawn the desired attention.

CONTACT PERSON: Please provide name and phone number for the person(s) who has/have the best **working** knowledge of this project.

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Alice Galvin, NZ Community Service

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TIME-FRAME for the event or project: (How long did it take from start to finish?)

Goods and money are collected at the meeting and then delivered.

RESOURCES NEEDED: Please include estimate of the cost and what was donated.

A Committee meets to review the applicants sent from nominating school districts.

Postage/duplicating and mailing materials to send the applications to each district are needed.

NZ contributes \$27.00 each for winners of the award to be one year members of NYSRTA. Dinner and certificates paid for from NZ Treasury

CHALLENGES THAT MADE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT DIFFICULT: (a tip to share?)

NATURE OF PUBLICITY RECEIVED: Please attach any news articles, releases or publicity received as a result of this event. None to attach but the PR Chair receives information from the Awards Committee and sends it to the local press. A picture often accompanies the release.

APPROXIMATE # OF YEARS the project has been sponsored by the unit/zone. 6-10 years

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS with whom you partnered on this event or project. NONE

PLAN TO CONTINUE THE PROJECT? Yes X No ___ If continuing, please describe if there are also any plans to expand the project.

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