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The Parade Company Volunteer Newsletter

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The Parade Company will be hosting a series of Volunteer Orientations throughout the year for our new and existing volunteers to train on Volgistics, our online volunteer management system. The system is used for tracking volunteer hours and scheduling volunteer opportunities.

The training will help you get familiar with the system and ask questions. You will also have a chance to learn more about the organization, go over our policies and procedures and ask questions.

If you have not yet joined Volgistics. We encourage you to please sign up! You can do so by completing the [online sign up form](#).

Training for Volgistics is **Sat., Mar. 2, at 10:30 AM, at our Studio**. To RSVP, please go to [SignUp Genius](#).

If you cannot make it to the training, don't worry! We will be offering more training dates this spring and summer. Watch your email!

The St. Patrick's Parade



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Parade Company is helping the Detroit St. Patrick's Parade by recruiting volunteers to serve as unit marshals for its treasured annual celebration.

As a Unit Marshal, you will be assigned to a unit (band, float, performers) in the parade. You will help to manage the pace of the parade and walk along side your assigned unit in the parade from start to finish.

The Detroit St. Patrick's Parade route follows along Michigan Avenue through the area known as Corktown. Step-off is at 1:00 PM. Report time for volunteers is 10:30 AM. This is a really fun parade and a long-time, beloved tradition in Detroit.

In order to volunteer, you must also attend the mandatory Orientation on Tuesday, March 5, 6:00 PM at the Parade Company Studio, 9500 Mt. Elliott Detroit MI 48211.

To sign up:

- Log in [Volgistics](#)
- Click Sign Up on the Home page
- Click March 10
- Select Schedule Me

If you have not yet joined Volgistics, please email: volunteers@theparade.org.

Maximize Your Volunteer Impact!



Did you know that your volunteer hours could also earn grant donations for The Parade Company?

Many companies offer Volunteer Grants (sometimes called "Dollars for Doers") for current and retired employees. Through these programs, you can earn monetary donations for your favorite charity by volunteering your time.

Please check with your HR department to see if your company has such a program, and if so - please consider supporting The Parade Company by requesting a grant for your volunteer hours.

Be sure to designate your donation as a volunteer grant, and please give us a heads up that your grant has been submitted. Thanks so much for your support!!!!!!



Ann, her son Kevin and granddaughter Zahlayah at last year's Parade



Ann (r) pictured with Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist II, and fellow tour guides Gretchen, Henrietta, Maggie and Elaine



Ann won the Donna Kula Spirit Award in 2017 for her service as a tour guide.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



ANN PAPE

Age: Just turned 67 (chronologically ... still in my 30's psychologically)
Occupation: Gainfully and happily retired

What does superstar volunteer Ann Pape have in common with the Energizer Bunny? She keeps going and going and going... In other words, nothing and no one can slow her down!

Before sunrise, Ann is up and ready go. She starts her day at the gym, where she teaches cycling and exercise class. Ann usually works out two to three times a day. In between work outs, she spends time with her two grandchildren and volunteers her time at the DSO and soup kitchen.

With such a hectic schedule, it may be hard for some people to have enough energy to donate more time to help build and paint floats, do tours, march in the Parade, demolish floats and participate in countless events year-round.

Lucky for the Parade Company, Ann does all that and more for our organization. She donates over 130 volunteer hours each year.

Ann is always ready and willing to help no matter the task - and always with a huge smile on her face.

We have many superstars in our volunteer family, and Ann is definitely a STAR. We are so thankful for Ann, and happy to shine a spotlight on her volunteer service. Enjoy!

Q: How did you get involved with TPC?

A: I got involved with TPC after my husband died. I still needed and wanted to do things that we had done together. So how do you still get to do those things - like the Parade and the fireworks? You become involved with the organization.

Q: Are you from Michigan?

A: I was born and raised in the City.

Q: How long have you been a volunteer with TPC?

A: I've been a volunteer for about six years ... I think ... When you're having fun you lose track of time.

Ann Pape Volunteer Spotlight continued ...

Q: Volunteer roles at TPC?

A: The first activity I chose to participate in was being a tour guide. Since then, I have gone to float driving school and painted sculptures. This was a big year for me - I learned two new life skills ...LOL! First, I got to staple chicken wire on a frame. To get good at that you have to do it a lot! Second and my newest skill was working on float demolition. Just going to say ... after doing float demo ... I learned that those floats are built to withstand any weather condition!

Q: Did you grow up watching the Parade?

A: Going to the Parade as a child was a family tradition. We watched it out by the DIA at Farnsworth. We could get home in time to watch Santa arrive out front of Hudson's. The tradition lives on through my son Kevin - who has now carried it on with his two children.

Q: What is your best volunteer memory?

A: I think my favorite memory is the first parade I marched in. I knew it was going to be fun, but I had no idea how much! I can't think of anywhere else I would rather be on Thanksgiving morning than to be on Woodward Avenue! I love that my grandbabies look for me on the Parade route every year. One year, I asked my grandson Shawn what his favorite thing was in the Parade. I thought he'd say dinosaurs or giant balloons. Instead he said, "My favorite thing is seeing you!"

Q: Favorite TPC event and why:

A: To pick a favorite event would be difficult. Everything that I volunteer for at the Parade Company is fun! Everything from River Days, to the VIP Pancake Breakfast, to the Neighborhood Thanksgiving Dinner.

Q: Favorite food?

A: As a child my favorite food was macaroni and cheese. Now, I would like it with shrimp, lobster and of course - bacon! I like Chicken Shawarma, but it has to be from Bucharest Grill.

Q: You are the Work Out Queen - Were you always into health & fitness?

A: I started my exercise regime after seeing myself in a family picture from my mom's 80th birthday party. I did not like my picture and I started working out soon after. That was 17 years ago ... now I enjoy working out so much that I teach classes at my gym!

Q: Do you have any kids/pets?

A: I have one grown child, my son Kevin. He is married and has two children: Zahlayah and Shawn. Dogs, rabbits and fish at one time or another was a pet of mine ... but no pets anymore. That would give me responsibility and I'm not very good with that anymore! LOL!

Q: Do you volunteer at other organizations?

A: Another passion of mine is volunteering at St. Leo's Soup Kitchen where I head up a group that buys, prepares and serves food to the needy. It keeps my life in perspective and lets me know how good my life is. The brothers and sisters that I serve teach me so much. I also usher for the DSO.

Q: Who's your hero?

A: My elders are my heroes and my elders are all my mom's family. The ones referred to as the greatest generation. They are the ones that helped to mold me into the person that I am today. In my personal opinion, not bad



Wishing you much joy on your special day and all year long!!!

BIRTHDAY WISHES!!!

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|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Abulebdeh, Manal | Doss, Linda | Jacob, Bruce | Rambus, Darryl | Unitis, Josie |
| Anderson, Sherese | Dyson, Charmaine | Jones, Geoffrey | Reffigee, Johnny | Verkennis, Carol |
| Atkinson, Dennis | Eddins, Bridgett | Jordan, Natasha | Rhind, Jonathon | Vermiglio, Kenneth |
| Baker, Frank | Finn, Julie | Josaitis, Tom | Rivetto, Carol | Voight, Michelle |
| Balcer, Aaron | Floyd, Angelice | Kisner, Pamela | Rockford, Beth | Weinberg, Jill |
| Ballard, Michele | Ford, Isaiah | Knox, Cassandra | Rousseau, Jane | White, Janet |
| BarrowPhyllis | Freers, James | Kolman, Dorothy | Salter, Lakila | Wolf, Gary |
| Belle, Domonique | Gardner, Brianna | Koss, David | Sandoval, Pauline | Young, Brenda |
| Beller, Nicholas | Ghazal, Beth | Krug, Jessica | Scott, Dominique | |
| Bentley, Sierra | Gleflke, Angela | Long, Karen | Siat, Conrad | J |
| Bernhardt, Angela | Griffin, Tara | Mabry, Nastassia | Simmons, Shane | A |
| Bloodworth, Susan | Haddock, Ann | Macdonald, Barbara | Smith, Joe | N |
| Brantley, Wiry (Lee) | Hardaway, Zaundra | Marshall, Corey | Soyk, Kathy | U |
| Calvert, Lynn | Harris, Wilma T. | Mondello, Adrienne | Spencer, Jamal | A |
| Careathers, Alaina | Hayes, Bob | Morgan, Gary | Sykes, Venus | R |
| Coe, Shianna | Helms, Arlene | Murphy, Brandi | Talabi, Tobi | Y |
| Collick, Brendan | Hilberath, Henrietta | Nagel, Barbara | Tank, Steve | |
| Crile, Pat | Hillery, Stacy | Odum, Doreen | Taylor, Cathy | |
| Dailey, Jim | Hockmen, Diane | Olds, George | Thomson, Richard | |
| Daniel, Adrienne | Holley, Nakia | Orr, Shaunice | Tucker, Alytle | |
| Derengowski, Barbara | Howard, Carolyn | Owens, Laniesha | | |
| Derey, Patrick | Husband, Nishay | Papp, Heather | | |
| Dona, Linda | Irving-Martin, Monique | Paylor, Nikia | | |
| | | Pusz, Katie | | |

BIRTHDAY WISHES!!!

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| Alandkar, Amit | Hall, Jillian | Manley-Williams, Vickie | Sukenic, Allen |
| Anderson, Sheree | Hall, Sandra | Mayes, Mia | Tameka, Sorrell |
| Azar, Janet | Haman, Deborah | Moultrie-Davis, Colbi | Tear, Katherine |
| Baker, Meg | Hans, Lauren | Mucker, Chappelle | Thompson, Amanda |
| Baker, Paullette | Hill, Jennifer | Mullen, Sarah | Toliver, Tiffany |
| Banks, Patricia | Hodge, Terrance | Nagle, Brenda | Venet, Chris |
| Bartnik-Walton, Laura | Hoekstra, Robert | Newman, Patricia | Warren, Shawn |
| Bernes, Tanya | Holleran, Gary (Fuzzy) | Pape, Ann | Wekwert, Marjorie |
| Brown, Crystal | Howard, Melia | Parks, Jennifer | White, Worthon |
| Copeland, Mandy | Johnson, Carol | Phillips Mcglocklin, Felicia | Wicker, Justin |
| Crowley, Deborah | Jones, Charisse | Piasecki, Donna | Williams, Brittany |
| Dore, Harold | Jones, Cynthia | Prong, Maggie | Wisswell, Ron |
| Elliott Jr., Charles | Kargenian, Steven | Reece, Paula | Zajac, Alec |
| England, Jason | Kilbury, Brent | Rougeau, Jane | Zedde, Janice |
| Fennoy, Danna | Kurak, Shelli | Russo, Mary Anne | |
| Ford, Valerie | Kushner, Nicci | Samson, Pamela | |
| Francisco, Diane | Lewis, Latania | Sarosik, Lynn | |
| Geisinger, Julie | Love, Rachael | Senyk, Vanessa | |
| Glenz, Evan | Maher, Cathy | Shamoon, Danial | |
| Goodman, Skylett | Malbach, Doug | Silski, Cindy | |
| Gordon, Gerry | Mallad, Ronya | Stone, Art | |
| Graham, Kristin | Mallory, Xavier | | |

Callers Needed!



Volunteers are needed to help make calls to schools and summer camps to help spread the word about TPC's tour program.

Callers are needed to come in our Studio, Mon-Fri. anytime after 9 AM and before 4 PM (Anytime you can donate is appreciated).

If you can help out, please send an email to volunteers@theparade.org.

Upcoming Events



March 5:

St. Patrick's Parade Volunteer Orientation @ the Parade Studio, 6PM

March 10:

Detroit St. Patrick's Parade in Corktown, 10:30AM

June 8:

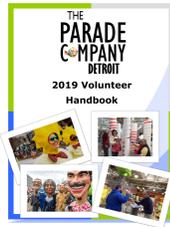
Riverfront Run, Detroit Riverfront, 6:30AM

June 24: Ford Fireworks Rooftop Party**

July 20: Volunteer BBQ & Summer Kickoff**

September 4: **Sign up begins: *America's Thanksgiving Parade*® presented by Art Van

**Watch your email in the coming weeks and months for sign up information and more details on these & other exciting events!



REMINDER!!

Volunteer Handbook/Code of Conduct

It is important that all volunteers (new & existing) review and acknowledge receipt of **The Parade Company's Volunteer Handbook/Code of Conduct**.

The Handbook describes our organization's guidelines and policies. You can access the Volunteer Handbook by clicking [HERE](#). The Handbook is also located on the Home page of Volgistics. **The book has been updated; please take time to review.**

After reading the Handbook, we ask that you print your name, sign and date the Handbook Acknowledgement on the last page. Please return the last page of the Volunteer Handbook to the Volunteer Director by March 31, 2019.

You can scan/email to volunteers@theparade.org, fax to 313.923.2920 or mail it to: Parade Company Studio, 9500 Mt. Elliott Detroit MI 48211. Please print legibly!!!

As always, we thank you and appreciate your service!!!

Sign up to Become a Tour Guide!!!



If you love meeting new people and sharing fun facts about The Parade, then put your talents to good use and join the TPC Tour Guide Team!!!

To become a tour guide or for more information, please send an email to smorris@theparade.org.

Volunteers Needed!!



Saturday, June 8, 6:30 AM - Noon
Detroit Riverwalk

Volunteers are needed for course marshals, registration, water station and greeters for the RiverFront Run 5K/10K.

To sign up: Go to Volgistics:

<https://www.volgistics.com/ex/portal.dll/?from=244046>

If you have not joined Volgistics yet, please send an email to volunteers@theparade.org to sign up.

STAY CONNECTED!



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