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LONGTIME VOLUNTEERS RETIRE

Little did Anne Koberstein know that when she began with Food Shuttle in 1989, it would be the start of 33 years of dedication to the food insecure. Over the decades, she has worn many hats in the organization.

Besides delivering food, Anne led monthly meetings at the Kenmore Library, training new volunteers. She made these orientations "very welcoming" remembers Mary Po Jumper.

Anne kept adding more "hats," creating monthly calendars, managing the driver rosters, and maintaining records. Anne was also a helpful presence on the board, instrumental in decisions that kept Food Shuttle strong.

Barb Ivancic shared how "Anne was always a person we looked up to for knowledge and protocols." President Charley Bowman added that in 2004, it was Anne who initiated FS grants; since then \$100,000 has been granted to local agencies.

Anne Koberstein did all of the above and more with grace, kindness, and a good heart. We at Food Shuttle are beyond grateful for all Anne has done and for who she is: a blessing.

We wish Anne the absolute best on her Food Shuttle retirement. Our hats are off to you, dear friend!

Many know her as "Sunday Sandy," longtime Food Shuttle volunteer and board member. Beginning in 1994, Sandy Ostrom has given her time, talent, and heart to Food Shuttle. Sandy was the Sunday dispatcher for many years,

Dispatchers are there on all days, sunny and stormy; as cancellations come in from recipients, providers, and drivers, these volunteers carry much responsibility. They must be quick on their toes. . .or phones! Sunday Sandy was all of these, making sure that Sunday runs were completed smoothly and successfully.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to Sandy for sharing her Sundays for so long and so well with Food Shuttle. Sandy will continue as a driver.

. Marcia Mitchell has taken over the duties of Sunday dispatcher.

Julie Christiano, Editor — ©MMXXIII Food Shuttle of Western New York, Inc.

Good & Welfare Louise Seereiter sends Sunshine Cards.

Farewell & Best Wishes Anne Koberstein Sandy Ostrom <u>Get Well Soon</u> Charley Bowman Nancy Spada Don Steinsholt



Happy Anniversary!

These volunteers have anniversaries in the first half of 2023.

We thank each and every one!

5 Years

Cori Annunziata Paul Bosinski Tom Brown, Jr. Michael Hillery Michele LaGuidice Chris Partridge

10 Years

Thomas Ferry Mary Ellen Goergen Liz Kukula Maureen Schmitt

Austin Wiseman Patrica Wiseman

15 Years

Michael Clark Patricia Clark Ingrid Meyer Megan Smith

20 Years

Jim Niland Michael Noe John Sedgwick Priscilla Sedgwick Anne Seereiter

30 years

Robert Moses





Bulletin Board

REMINDER FROM DISPATCHERS

Each dispatcher is available from 8 am to 8 pm on her assigned day. Please call within these hours. If you are unable to do so, please leave your message on the Hotline where the dispatcher will retrieve it. Thank you!

OPEN POSITIONS

The Food Shuttle has is looking for volunteers for vacant or soon-to-be vacant positions on the board. These positions are: recording secretary, provider coordinator, recipient coordinator, and president.

GO GREEN! GO PAPERLESS!

Please email Julie Christiano if you would like to receive newsletters electronically. Please send a request to jchris145@gmail.com and write "Food Shuttle" in the subject box. Please do the same if you wish to unsubscribe to this newsletter.

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Looking for a "feel good" volunteering job requiring only a couple of hours on Tuesday mornings? Luke Dyer with longtime Food Shuttle recipient, St. Lawrence Outreach Food Pantry (25 Roma Ave, Buffalo) has asked FS to share this with readers.

CLOSING INFORMATION

Food Shuttle is closed on New Year's Day, Easter, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day. Other holidays, such as Columbus Day, may result in recipient closings.

Please call the Hotline (716-688-2527) or notify your dispatcher if you learn of recipient or provider closings on such days.

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<u>Annual Meeting</u> Monday, May 8 at 7 PM St. Gregory the Great Ministry Center, Williamsville

Helpful Numbers for Drivers

Coordinators Amherst– Louise Seereiter 839-1797 Ken-Ton– Patty Dee 420-5708

Southtowns- Luis Clay 812-3461

Dispatchers

Sunday– Marcia Mitchell 741-4305 Monday– Beth Kurtz 479-3380 Tuesday– Pate Boje 634-1749 or 807-6741 Wednesday—Sandie Kuminski 208-2246 Thursday– Carol Jauch 634-8122 Friday-Barbara Ivancic 681-0962