



Spotlight on Eva King Talented, high-energy VAL, Coordinator

“Regarding COVID restriction, I AM going a little stir-crazy,” GP Respite Coordinator Eva King admitted, although she still works part-time as a nurse for a home health agency and cares for two great grandchildren.

King’s volunteer job includes supporting the five South County respite socials and serving as South Advisory Council Chair.

She bakes sugar-free desserts for all South ministries and just took over table decorations for First Methodist in Angleton. Right now, she is providing phone assurance for South families.

Advisory Council meetings Alvin (April 13 at 10 am) and South County (April 14 at 1 pm) will be by videoconference.



Notes from Dale Libby

Welcome to our newsletter. I'll use this spot to give you a little insight into what goes on at the GP behind the scenes.

March was total madness! When COVID-19 struck, we were set for Brain Fair6. We have rescheduled for June 27th. I hope everyone who volunteered to help will still be available.

We’ve suspended Gatherings, rescheduled First Responder training, and cancelled the Alvin Conference because of COVID-19!

I completed the 2020-21 CDBG grant process, submitted a Community Foundation grant request for Alvin Meta Camps, and presented our annual United Way funding request.

Our CDBG liaison, Lorenda Baldwin, did a great job polling our caregivers for the annual RSVP satisfaction survey. Caregivers raved about you! We hired a new bookkeeper, Kim Reber, a Chapelwood volunteer. She will be in on Tuesdays.

Audery Calhoun, Community Relations Liaison, is busy updating our Caregiver Resource Guide. We’re looking for a new records clerk since Heather Jones is working on her Masters degree full time.

We'll get through this together. God is Good!

Gathering Place volunteers and families, we don’t know how long our activities will be restricted by the social distancing policy. What we do know is we want to stay connected and to continue serving our families any way we can.

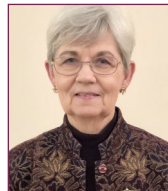
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Gumbo Posse Cooks for St. John

At their February Gathering Place, St. John in Alvin enjoyed award-winning shrimp gumbo prepared by Gumbo Posse. The enthusiastic cooks won 1st Place at the Texas Shrimp Festival in Galveston last fall with their unique recipe. Team provisioner Chuck Brandt and wife Suzi have been Gathering Place special event volunteers for 11 years.

How volunteers cope with distancing



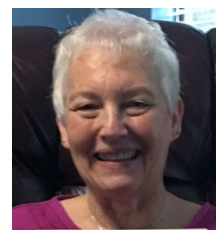
Janice Bell, a 4-year volunteer at First Christian in Alvin, attends Grace Episcopal. In addition to her commitment to supporting the Alzheimer’s respite ministry,

the retired languages teacher also volunteers at the Emergency Coalition in Houston, reads for three classes at Passmore Elem., and works at the Alvin Historical Museum. She said, “My husband Wayne and I haven’t been able to comply because we’ve been so busy going to doctors and getting meds.” Bell is also a lifestyle coach for Early Stage Coaches.



Marge Berry, South County VAL, began working with the GP in Jan. 2008. She and husband Jr. are practicing social distancing without problems. “I’m doing income tax. I read, watch TV, and cook. Jr. walks across the street and sits outside with a neighbor.”

Chapelwood Team Leader Sherri Archer is volunteering at the Food Basket in Clute. She’s stayed busy, but she’s still getting used to husband Barry’s retirement from Dow last August. Sherri also helps with health fairs and all special events.



April Milestones

Birthdays

- 04 Dina Huff
- 06 Pam West
- 11 Raul Castillo
- 15 Susan Barre
- 17 Martha Phipps
- 19 Aubrey Horner
- 19 Ramiro Arredondo
- 19 Cathy Hoard
- 30 Janice Bell



GP Volunteer Anniversaries

7 years:

- Wanda Pursley
- LaNell Roberson



6 years:

- Barbara Bennett
- Matthew de Waal

5 years:

- Phyllis Alexander
- Joy DeWitt
- Janis Dohmann
- Cathy Hoard
- Carolyn Kent
- Peggy Krampota
- Pastor Tim Landers
- Richard Sharp
- Patty Sharp
- Linda Struckmeyer

4 years:

- Sherry Cavallo
- Nora Corona
- Nancy Goodnight
- Mariann Robertson
- Ronald Robertson
- Barbara Walker
- Robert Walker

2 years:

- Thomas Moran

1 year

- Rucha Thakar

Keep Heights Baptist Team Co-Leader Becky St. Nicholasy in your prayers as she goes through CA treatment.