



# The All Points Bulletin

## Metro Volunteer Program

### Welcome Aboard!

By Sharon Harding

I'm happy to introduce our new sergeant, TIM KELLY. Tim has been with the Department for over 15 years. He worked as a patrol officer, traffic officer, patrol sergeant, academy sergeant and problem solving unit sergeant. He is also a devoted husband and father with three children, ages fifteen, six and four.

Tim not only oversees the MVP, but he also coordinates the Mentor & Intern Programs.

As soon as Tim landed in Recruiting and Retention he managed to locate my cubicles all the way at the opposite end of the hall. Out of sight and out of mind didn't work in this case. What really impressed me about Tim was when he asked what he could do to help me. He's very much in tune with the Department's organizational structure and knows how to get things done. He is eager to meet the volunteers, and attended both

the VIVA meeting and the Police and Fire Games. He envisions a volunteer program that is an active partner with both the community and the Department, and in tune with the Department's values of integrity, courage, accountability, respect and excellence (I CARE).



Harold Mann, Sgt. Kelly and Stan Pekar at the Police and Fire Games

### Volunteering From Both Sides of the Glass

Insights from Teri Wielgorecki

When we found out that Payroll could be assigned a volunteer to help with our ever growing workload, I was assigned the responsibility of training and supervising whoever might come to us. To tell the truth, I was not happy about this. I already had a very full workload. But

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sometimes we receive a gift when we least expect it, or even know we need it.

I had been through a rough couple of years adjusting to some major changes in my circumstances and was feeling pretty rotten. Frankly, I had been having a pity party. I wasn't happy with some things in my personal life and my attitude about home was spilling over into my attitude about work.

When Barbara came to us she was put to work in the only available spot for her-my cubicle! As we talked and I got to know her, I learned that Barbara has some physical limitations and could very well throw a pity party of her own. But what I saw every day was someone overjoyed to

come into work, thankful for the chance to make a contribution and appreciative of the friendship and camaraderie that I and my coworkers share. (Payroll people are a lot of fun! Really!) As I saw her continual thankful attitude everyday, I began to realize that all the things I had been taking for granted and complaining about appeared, from her perspective, to be wonderful blessings. In spite of the negative things in her life (and who doesn't have those) she has chosen to focus on the good things and on other people and how she can help and serve them. She has been a wonderful example to me in so many ways. When I am tempted to send out invitations for another pity party, I remind myself that my burdens are blessings to someone else, and someday I'll be wishing for the good old days.

Although I think Barbara was sent here just for me, we all would like ten more like her. She is one of a kind and we plan on keeping her around for a long time.

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## Fulfilled?

By Barbara Mitchell

When I retired I was going to sit back and enjoy life — come and go as I pleased, answer no time clock. Life will be great! Why not? I've been working all my life. I taught school for 40 years. I've earned it. I've always concentrated on others. Now it's my turn to focus on ME.

Well, as the weeks and months went by, this fulfillment didn't seem to be satisfying. I began to search in my mind as to what was

missing in my "golden years". After much searching, I began to realize that I needed to share my newly found life with others. What could I do? What can I share? Why not volunteer to share with others? This is exactly what I did.

It was brought to my attention that Metro was accepting volunteers with a large variety of opportunities. I stepped forward and found myself going through some training and learned I could accept areas that appealed to me. Right now I am working as a volunteer in Metro's



Barbara and Teri

Payroll section. It was as if the job was made for me. I have sincerely anticipated going to work each day. I am treated with great respect and I respect them. Metro is so grateful for the time I give them. I learn something new every day. I can set my own days and hours. I've been working almost one year now as a happy volunteer and plan on staying for a few more years.

My life is beginning to be fulfilled because I know by volunteering I am releasing more time for our officers to do community service.

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## Coordinator's Corner

I want to thank the 60 volunteers who made the Police and Fire Games a success. Many of these volunteers worked several shifts. We gave out information, drinks, t-shirts, wrist bands and advice. We met police officers from all over the world, including Russia, Switzerland, Bulgaria and Japan. These athletes competed in over 42 events located throughout Clark County with over 4500 participants.

New volunteer opportunities looming on the horizon are a partnership with the Corrections Academy to assist with role-playing exercises on Tuesday, October

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## Kudos to John Murphy

We recently received a letter from Kathleen Connolly of Peabody, MA,. praising our volunteer, John Murphy. The letter reads:

“On July 7<sup>th</sup> I was at the airport and discovered my connecting flight ticket was not in the envelope. I noticed it after I went through security. The Delta worker at the check in at the curb forgot to print it up and put it in my envelope.

I was having trouble finding my way back to the baggage check-in spot to process my missing ticket. A

very nice man who works as a volunteer police worker saw my confusion and immediately assisted me. He personally led me to the Delta counter and waited for me while I explained the problem. After I got my connecting flight ticket to Boston, he led me right back to the security area. His name is John Murphy. I feel he deserves recognition for his helpfulness and concern. He is a credit to the Volunteer Police Team.”

Sincerely,  
Kathleen Connolly



John Murphy and Assistant Sheriff Flynn

Good Job John! John moved to Las Vegas 9 years ago and wasted no time volunteering his services for his new home town. He became a part of the Sun City Security Patrol a month after moving here and continues to serve in that organization. Two years later

he became acquainted with Larry Baxter, who was the volunteer coordinator for Metro. He became one of the first volunteers to write handicap parking citations for MVP. He

and his wife, Jane, were part of the initial group of VIVA volunteers, and served as the site coordinator for McCarran airport for 3 years. He devotes 2-3 days a week to working at McCarran and truly enjoys every minute of it. John wants visitors to McCarran to have a favorable impression of Las Vegas. After 9/11 he devoted countless hours to helping with the long lines generated by the changes in airport security.

John is certainly a good representative of the Metro Volunteer team.



## Player's Club Members

The volunteered hours are mounting. Thank you for another fantastic month! Have you contributed your share and have your hours been correctly reported for your credit?

### **July Totals**

#### **Silver Club: 25+ Hours**

Jane Murphy .....	26
Barbara Mitchell .....	20
Tom Foselli .....	40
Regem Heliste .....	36
Margaret Priest .....	49
Lisa Olquin .....	39
Tom Tripp .....	28
Mary Ponton .....	37
Dick Bennett .....	48
Iris Knight .....	27
Nancy Guilloy .....	39
Dan D'Elia .....	33
Rod Gandy .....	25
John Murphy .....	26
Art Adams .....	28
Pat Adams .....	26
Rick Meade .....	40
Frank Rute .....	45

#### **Gold Club: 50+ Hours**

Bruno Villa .....	56
Robert Bacon .....	50
Dorothy Sundquist .....	70
Robert Burton .....	74
Ray Williams .....	56

#### **Laughlin Volunteers**

Dorothy Lewis .....	64
Jesse Lewis .....	64

#### **Diamond Club: 75+ Hours**

Ruth Pekar .....	80
Bob Hoban .....	80
Judy Smith .....	80
John Moses .....	80
George Danko .....	77
Murray Weinstein .....	81

#### **Centurions: 100+ Hours**

Eber Priest .....	106
Stanley Pekar .....	112
Barbara Hayward .....	113
Marc Zuckerman .....	106
John Martine .....	118



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**Pickpockets Exposed**

Are you bedazzled by the handiwork of pickpockets? Detective Kidd Andrade will take us into their world and reveal their tricks in his course entitled, “Professional Pickpockets, Distract Thieves, and Other Tourist Crimes”. This is the perfect six hour class for volunteers on a VIVA patrol. He brings in videos where you can actually see how distract thieves shield

themselves and frame their victim. If you are interested in attending this class please call our office at 229-5609 to register.



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 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For future endeavors with the academy, we will be looking for volunteers who have talent or experience in acting, script writing, law enforcement and the use of video or digital cameras.

We will also be teaming up with Goodwill Industries to assist at the Las Vegas International Open, scheduled for October 7 - 10.

In an effort to build safer

communities we will be working with Zero Weapons Zero Violence in the future. We are asking for volunteers who can help families in the area of substance abuse and violence prevention. Training will be provided. The only requirement is a caring heart wanting to make a difference.

Daytime clerical help is still desperately needed in Detention Services and Payroll.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and CPR classes will be offered in September. Please contact us for the days and times. Please call (229-5609) or e-mail us ([s5068h@lvmpd.com](mailto:s5068h@lvmpd.com)) if you're interested in participating in any of these opportunities.

