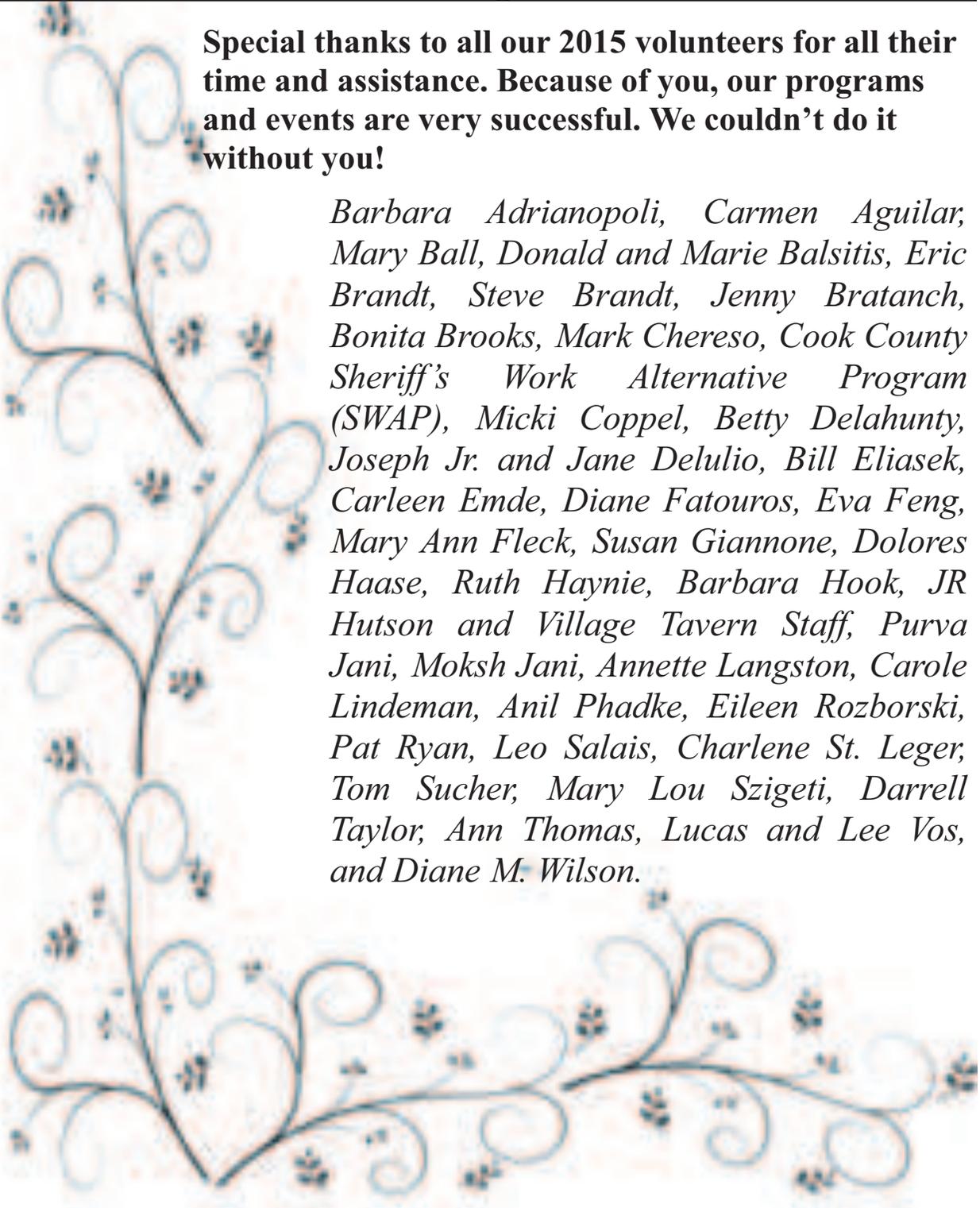


ABLEGRAM

March - April 2016

Special thanks to all our 2015 volunteers for all their time and assistance. Because of you, our programs and events are very successful. We couldn't do it without you!

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Farewell and thank you to Employment Counselor Valerie Profit for 21 years of service. Val spent her years at Schaumburg Township counseling seniors and people with disabilities in finding employment. Val also facilitated the Job Club and created a monthly “job bank” booklet of open positions in the area. Her colleagues and clients will miss Val’s spirit and undeniable optimism. We wish Val a happy retirement! Congratulations Val!

**Transportation Department
Important News!**

The Schaumburg Township Transportation Department announces the implementation of a new dispatch program, partially funded by a grant from Age Options. The new program will change many of the ways appointments are made, allow for more efficient service and getting clients to and from their destination. This new software is in part of the result of hard work and dedication of Highway Commissioner Scott Kegarise.

SNAP Application Assistance

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly the Food Stamp program, helps people with limited income purchase food. A township staff member is available to help with your SNAP application by appointment only. Please call 847-884-0030 to schedule your appointment and what documents are required to apply.



**Transportation Department’s
Monday and Friday Retail Shopping
Trips Schedule**

Below are the **Monday and Friday** retail shopping trips schedule for March and April. Reservations are required by calling the transportation department at 847-882-1929.

March

Friday - 4th	Target Meacham
Monday - 7th Friday - 11th	Walmart Barrington
Monday - 14th Friday - 18th	Target Barrington
Monday - 21st Friday - 25th	Walmart Elk Grove
Monday - 28th	Target Meacham

April

Monday - 1st	Target Meacham
Monday - 4th Friday - 8th	Walmart Barrington
Monday - 11th Friday - 15th	Target Meacham
Monday - 18th Friday - 22nd	Walmart Elk Grove
Monday - 25th Friday - 29th	Target Meacham

Schaumburg Township District Library's NextGen Group

NextGen is a social group program for people in their 20s and 30s at the Schaumburg Township District Library. NextGen is hosting two special events for adults facing social challenges on Tuesday, March 8 and Tuesday, April 12. New members are always welcome. Below are more details about each event. To register for NextGen programs, email nextgen@stdl.org or call 847-923-3140.

Employment Skills for Adults Facing Social Challenges

Date: Tuesday, March 8, 2016

Time: 7—8 p.m.

Where: STDL - Central Library, Rasmussen South

Description: Adults ages 18 and older with high-functioning autism or Asperger's, and others facing social challenges, are invited to learn about "soft employment skills," the kind of skills needed to successfully interact with people at work, from coworkers to bosses to customers. Through a humorous presentation, Marc Lazar will demonstrate what not to do at work, and discuss strategies to improve your chances of finding and keeping a job. This program is for adults who do not need to be accompanied by a parent or aide.

The Exercise Connection for Adults Facing Social Challenges

Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Time: 7—8 p.m.

Where: STDL - Central Library, Rasmussen South

Description: Exercise is the gateway to building self esteem, becoming physically fit and improving relationships. Coach Dave, an autism fitness specialist and exercise physiologist, will share the importance of exercise, and how it can transform your confidence and job skills.

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Coach Dave will share exercises that can be done at home or in a gym, and show you how to establish a routine so you can make it part of your lifestyle. This program is for adults who don't need to be accompanied by a parent or aide. Registration required.

Free Amplified Telephones

The Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) offers free amplified telephones for qualified Illinois residents with a certified hearing loss. Disability Services is a selection center to test the phones. There are five phones to choose from and **every four years you are eligible for an additional free amplified telephone.** Please contact disability services for more information or for an appointment to test the phones.

Illinois Vehicle Emissions Testing Notices Suspended Due to State Budget

Illinois will no longer remind you when you need to go for a vehicle emissions testing, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced Feb. 9. The state stopped sending the emissions testing notices in December and says drivers whose license plates expire in March will be the first not to receive the reminder notices. So, how will you know when your vehicle needs an emissions test? The Illinois EPA says most vehicles that need to be tested in 2016 include those with an even model-year from 1996 to 2012. The agency also says most vehicles manufactured after 1996 are subject to an emissions test after they are four years old. Diesel and electric vehicles are among those the IEPA says are exempt from emissions testing. Illinois residents can sign up for vehicle registration reminders via email at www.ilsos.gov/greenmail/, and drivers are notified whether an Illinois vehicle emissions test is required before the registration is renewed. (Daily Herald, Feb. 10, 2016)

Illinois Health Insurance Coverage of Anesthesia for Dental Care for Individuals with Autism or Developmental Disabilities

Illinois Public Act 99-0141 amends existing State law related to coverage for adjunctive services in dental care to include coverage for charges incurred, and anesthetics provided to individuals with an autism spectrum disorder or a developmental disability.

To which type of health insurance plans does PA 99-0141 apply?

The law applies to State Employee Health Benefit Plans administered by the Illinois Department of Central Management Services, individual plans and fully insured group plans. Terms of coverage do **not** apply to self funded health benefit plans, Medicaid, Tricare or Federal Employee Health Benefit plans.

How can I tell what type of health insurance plan I have?

If you purchased a health plan directly from an insurance company or broker, it is likely an "individual plan." If you obtain health insurance through your (or your spouse's) employer you may need to do a little investigating to determine whether it is "fully insured" and subject to State law, or "self funded." Self funded plans are federally regulated and therefore not subject to PA 99-0141.

If this information is not printed on your insurance card, please review your Summary Plan Description or contact your Human Resources Department.

Are there any restrictions on coverage?

Individuals with autism or developmental disabilities are entitled to benefits under this law until age 19. Two (2) visits to a dental care provider are required prior to accessing coverage for anesthesia.

Who can provide the services?

Services must be provided by a dentist with a permit for the administration of anesthesia and sedation provided under Section 8.1 of the Illinois Dental Practice Act.

Where can services be provided?

Coverage applies to services provided in a dental office, oral surgeons's office, hospital or ambulatory surgical treatment center.

When does the law take effect?

PA 99-0141 takes effect January 1, 2016.

Where can I find more details about the law?

For more details, the entire text of PA-99-0141 can be found [here](#). If you have additional question, please contact your health insurance company or your child's dentist.





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ABLEGRAM AND DEAF LINE

The Ablegram and Deaf Line Newsletters are available to Schaumburg Township residents at the disability services office or by calling 847-884-0030 (V), 224-520-9763 (VP) or 847-884-1560 (TTY) or online at www.schaumburgtownship.org/resources/newsletters. They include articles of interest to people who are disabled, deaf or hard of hearing or agencies working with them. The Ablegram is bimonthly and Deaf Line is monthly and includes a calendar. Agencies should call 847-884-0030 (V), 224-520-9763 (VP) or 847-884-1560 (TTY) to request either newsletter.

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- Thursday, March 3 – Alzheimer’s Support Group – 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 8 – CFDC Meeting – 6:45 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 22 – Fibromyalgia Support Group – 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 30 – Epilepsy Support Group – 7 p.m.

April 2016

- Thursday, April 7 – Alzheimer’s Support Group – 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 12 – CFDC Meeting – 6:45 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 12 – Annual Town Meeting – 6:45 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 26 – Fibromyalgia Support Group – 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 27 – Epilepsy Support Group – 7 p.m.