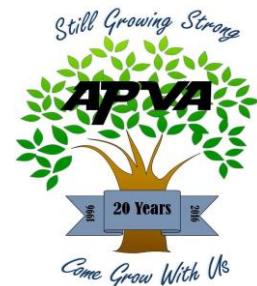


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March APVA Member Spotlight



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Long Island Volunteer Center

Established in 1992, the LIVC is the resource center for volunteerism initiatives throughout Nassau and Suffolk counties, linking agencies seeking volunteers with individuals and groups looking for ways to serve their communities. LIVC promotes National Days of Service and corporate volunteering through Long Island Volunteer Enterprise. The Center is involved with emergency planning and assisted with the coordination of volunteers who supported relief groups in the aftermath of Sandy.



LIVC's website provides a virtual location for information of interest to nonprofits as well as a centralized place for local agencies to post a wide range of volunteer opportunities.



Arriving in **April, 2016**, LIVC will be launching an improved and easier to use system for agencies to post opportunities and events as well as manage and communicate with volunteers.

Anna Lyons, *Director of Special Projects*
Long Island Volunteer Center

When I began my work at LIVC in 1993, I did not know the extent of the local nonprofit community. Working solo in an office via phone and snail mail was the initial way to become acquainted with the people and the missions of the numerous agencies. I was always happy to make site visits and see the efforts of both staff and volunteers to better understand the needs of the people they serve.

Through LIVC's connection with UCP Nassau, I became acquainted with **Maida Cherry**, the founder of the APVA. The prospect to network and learn best practices from those in the field was energizing. Over the years, I have grown along with the APVA as my responsibilities at LIVC encompassed a wider range of projects like community programming, national days of service, agency and corporate volunteer councils, regional volunteer fairs, and how to develop an internship program for nonprofit agencies. One area of particular interest was the use of technology to reach out to Long Islanders in support of the missions of local nonprofits. My enthusiasm and respect for the important role APVA serves the profession led to me eventually joining the Board. It is extremely satisfying to work with the APVA Board to offer support, knowledge and resources to our colleagues across Long Island.



Ms. Pat Sands, LIVC Volunteer
"Retired"

The Long Island Volunteer Center's most treasured and beloved volunteer is **Pat Sands**. She has been a member of the management team since 2001 and while "officially retired" in 2015 continues to lend her assistance to various LIVC and Long Island projects. Pat's community outreach had her involved with every aspect of the internal workings of the agency as well as actively participating in program events such as Prom Boutique, Volunteer Fairs and beach cleanups.

From responding to inquires from the public and nonprofits on a myriad of matters, to producing the seasonal volunteer opportunities and holiday needs lists, to representing LIVC at meetings and conferences, to training volunteer coordinators and contributing to the efforts towards Sandy Relief, there was nothing that was beyond her capabilities. Pat's personal interests and connections within the arts/museum/cultural arena added a special dimension to LIVC's ability to encourage volunteerism in numerous outlets. Her knowledge and expertise in nonprofit management as well as her wise counsel and balanced perspective in advancing the mission of LIVC has been indispensable. All of us at LIVC feel honored and privileged to have worked with Pat.