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Volunteer Chapters Newsletter

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Greetings!

Welcome Autumn!

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Brand Champions of the Month

The 2017 Chapter Awards were recently announced. For this reason, *Brand Champions of the Month* will resume in October!



Branding Champion of the Month

National Awards

2017 Deadline October 2!

The deadline for National Awards nominations is Monday, October 2! There is still time to nominate those in your community exhibiting civic virtue for the George Washington Honor Medal!



For more information, visit the [National Awards](#) section of the website or contact

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2017 National Volunteer Chapter Conference

49th Annual

The 49th Annual National Volunteer Chapter Conference took place September 14-17 at our Valley Forge, PA campus with 11 volunteer chapters were represented. The weekend consisted of workshops, open discussion, idea sharing, and fun too!

Check out the National Volunteer Chapter Conference section of the [Chapter Resources](#) site for more information from the weekend including workshop materials.



[Click here](#) for more pictures!



2017 Chapter Awards



At the annual Red, White, and Blue Banquet, the chapter awards were presented. The

Spirit of '76 Award given to a chapter member for a lifetime of service and contributions to their country, community, and Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

This year's recipient, **Ginger Cullen**, was honored for her countless years of service to the **Orange County Chapter** and community. She has held many chapter

positions from president and awards VP, to newsletter chairman to treasurer. In addition to her many efforts in the OC Chapter, she was active in her childrens' sports teams volunteered through the YMCA.

The **William O. Perry Volunteer of the Year Award** recognizes an individual chapter member for above and beyond service over the past year. This year's recipient, **Gloria Dahl**, comes from the **Los Angeles County Chapter**. Gloria was responsible for the addition of 9 new members to the chapter this year in addition to searching for and nominating 10 worthy candidates for the George Washington Honor Medal.

The list of accomplishments of this year's **Chapter of the Year** is long including increasing the number of students and teachers sponsored to attend programs, expanding their fundraising efforts with the creation and success Development Committee, and holding several well attended membership events. Congratulations to the **Dallas Area Chapter** for being named the **2017 Chapter of the Year!**



Mary Ball Washington Chapter

Making connections big and small

The Mary Ball Washington Chapter of Virginia held a Constitution Week Kick-off Member/Guest event on Sunday afternoon, September 17 at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club. The wine and cheese gathering brought in five new members for the Chapter! Each guest received a pocket-sized Constitution following a brief program on citizenship, incorporating civic education by sampling actual questions that applicants may be asked on the Citizenship test. One of the guests had immigrated from England years ago and told of her experience in becoming a U.S. citizen. The afternoon program closed with everyone singing "America the Beautiful".

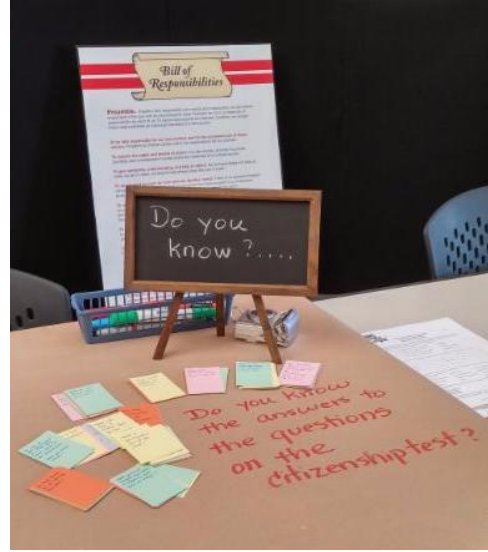


Over the summer, the Mary Ball Washington Chapter president, Clark Waring, had the opportunity to spend the day with participants of the Graduate Teacher traveling workshop: Civil War South. It was a great day for the teachers to visit and learn about the historic sites of Northern Neck, VA. For more information, [click here!](#)

Greater Cincinnati Chapter

Reaching out to the community

Earlier this month, the Greater Cincinnati Chapter took part in a Patriot Fair. The event included historical actors and similar organizations to Freedoms Foundation. The Chapter's booth was an interactive one inviting children to draw pictures of "freedom" as well as encouraging attendees to answer questions from the citizenship test. There were a group of high school students that were able to answer 100 questions correctly! This was a great event for the Chapter to not only share our mission but they gained new members, and connected with teachers and students about both their local leadership conference for students and also our programs here on campus!



Graduate Teacher Programs

Summer 2018 programs and dates are [HERE!](#)

October 1 will open the application process for the 2018 programs and workshops. For more information and to apply, direct teachers to the Teachers section of the website: www.freedomfoundation.org/Grad-Classes



Treasurer's Chest

September's Fundraising Ideas!

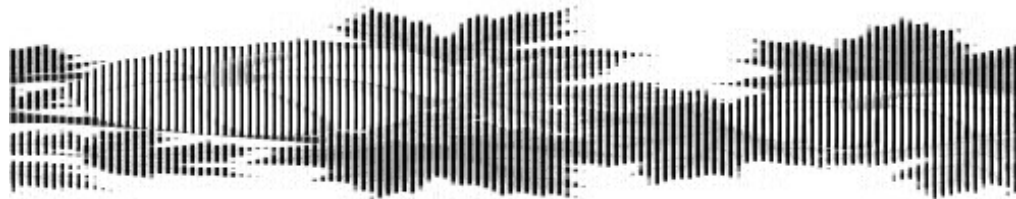
Treasurer's Chest



Fall Fundraising!

Autumn has officially begun and the fundraising ideas are endless! There are so many fun ways to incorporate this cozy season to a chapter get together!

- *Harvest Potluck Dinner*
- *Have a table at a local Fall Festival*
- *Pumpkin Carving Contest*
- *Enter to walk in your community's Halloween parade*
- *Host a Trunk-or-Treat with chapter members and families*
- *Halloween 5k [with costumes!]*
- *Chapter Halloween party with costume contest*
- *Grape Stomp or Winery Tour*
- *Pie Eating Contest*
- *Harvest Festival*
- *Chili Cook-Off*
- *Football Tournament or organize a fundraising pool for your favorite team*
- *Orchard Outing / Apple Picking with chapter members and families*
- *Fall Pancake Breakfast - pumpkin pancakes anyone?!*
- *Edgar Allan "Poe"try Night*
- *Organize a Group Hike*
- *Host a Chapter Homecoming Dance - still have your favorite college or high school t-shirt? Show your school pride with a homecoming themed dinner/dance with your chapters! Maybe there will be other alumni from your school!*
- *Fall Trivia Night*
- *Bonfire Event - S'mores, cider, and pumpkin spice flavored everything, Oh My!*
- *Rake-a-Thon - get your neighborhood engaged in your chapter by raising money for lawns raked. Have student alumni or chapter members hit the grass with rake in hand!*
- *Oktoberfest Pub Crawl - Organize a fall themed pub crawl or host a seasonal tasting at home!*



New Title, Same Focus



I am please to share my new title at the Foundation, **Director of Volunteer Chapters**. What does this mean for you? Both on an organizational and professional level, this new title represents my continued main focus: **YOU!** I look forward to furthering our work together to grow our organization, build strong relationships with our communities, and ultimately spread our mission of responsible citizenship.

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Stay Connected



"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead