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GPSA Monthly Meeting

September 8, 2011 - First meeting of the Fall Semester

- Upstate APA Conference: Sept. 28-30 in Utica, NY
 - Carpooling?
 - Lodging?
 - Early Registration Deadline is Tomorrow!
 - All those needing rides to conference, please contact David Fresch - dfresch@hotmail.com.
- Fall Trip: Providence, RI
 - October 28-29 (Friday and Saturday)
- Local field trips ideas
- Christine Earhart and the Refugee Garden/South End - Overview/Update
 - Currently looking for funding opportunities.
 - Need someone to help writing a grant.
- World Town Planning Day - Update - Nov 8 is the date!
- CDPA Lunches - currently \$10 for students.
- Lewis Mumford Lecture
 - John Atlas will speak Oct. 19 from 6:00-8:00 PM, PAC recital hall
 - Meet-and-Greet the following day (Thurs. Oct. 20) from 2:45 - 4:15 in AS 123
- Fall Fundraiser - UAlbany Planning T-Shirts
 - Request for Designs
 - Possible tie into 30 year anniversary of MRP program.
 - We have 400 alumni to buy shirts!
- New "Alumni Rep" position
 - Interest in creating an alumni newsletter.
- Fall Clothing Drive to benefit Refugees and/or CD flood victims
- Flood relief volunteer opportunities
 - See back of Agenda
- Nan Stolzenburg - opportunities to talk about and constructively think about the planning implications of Irene-related flooding in the Capital Region
- GSO funded events

- The GPSA can get GSO money for events that are open to all of the campus.
- Chances of getting the money increase when working with other RGSO's.
- Can be used for lunches, speakers, open houses and student teach ins.
- Department WebMaster needed
 - Must know DreamWeaver - simple website updates, great for resume
 - If interested, contact Marlene Williams
 - mwilliams@albany.edu, 518-442-3119

FLOOD RELIEF INFORMATION

VOLUNTEERING TIME & LABOR

Jenika Conboy ([518-369-1549](tel:518-369-1549), jconboy1@nycap.rr.com) is organizing volunteers for a cleanup effort **this Saturday, September 10th at 10:00 AM** in the Village of Schoharie. Any and all help is welcomed and appreciated regardless of ability or time available to stay and help. Please contact Jenika if you wish to volunteer your time and muscles this Saturday!

Additionally, Governor Cuomo has set up an online resource for people willing to volunteer and/or donate statewide.

<http://www.governor.ny.gov/laborforyourneighbor>

DONATIONS

If you would like to make a monetary contribution to the flood relief, the United Way of New York State has set up a relief fund.

http://uwnys.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=79

If you would like to donate larger items such as beds, chairs, tables, appliances, cots, air mattresses, shelves, etc., a donation drop-off location has been set. The drop-off location is **Mae's Flowers and Greenhouse, just above the Highland's Restaurant outside of Altamont, 1765 Berne-Altamont Rd., in Knox.** Mae Roberts is the contact and she can be reached at **518-872-1322.**

Marcia Scott is arranging pick-ups and/or drop-offs of other smaller donations including clothes, housewares, toys, etc. She can be reached at 518-334-3195.

STAY UP-TO-DATE

Finally, a blog has been set up where all current and up-to-date information specifically regarding Schoharie County will be posted and volunteers can stay in touch. The blog is <http://helpschohariecountynypostirene.blogspot.com>.