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AMY TURNER ELECTED NYSCAA PRESIDENT

Mohawk Valley Community Action's own executive director, Amy Turner, was elected president of the board of directors of the New York State Community Action Association at the statewide group's June conference in Glens Falls.

Amy had served the past year as vice chair.

She will preside over all meetings of the governing board as it sets the direction NYSCAA will take in the coming year.

NYSCAA provides

Community Action agencies across the state with information, professional development and technical assistance and advocates for them on legislative matters in Albany.



RIGHT: Amy Turner, center, takes the oath of office from outgoing NYSCAA President Gordon Hazel. With them is new NYSCAA Vice President Roberta Keller, Executive Director of Chautauqua Opportunities, the Chautauqua County Community Action agency.



LEAD PLAY IS A HIT IN BOONVILLE!

Camden eagerly awaiting its debut in the Queen Village in September

Weeks of rehearsal paid off as dozens of people packed the Boonville Village and Town office building to see the Head Start/Housing Department production of "Where's the Lead?" and to learn about the dangers of the nasty stuff.



Families filled the Boonville Town and Village meeting room on June 18 to see their children in the Boonville Head Start program put on the play "Where's The Lead?" The audience took before and after tests to see how much they learned about lead dangers.



Kathleen Paciello, program coordinator of Oneida County Health Department's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, offers a packet of information to Hayden Buckingham to share with his parents. Hayden played the doctor in the performance.

Past Board Member Harry Bilton Wins Treva Wood Award



Harry Bilton Jr. and his wife, Marcelline, enjoy a quiet moment during the MVCAA Community Champions Luncheon at The Beeches in Rome on June 23.

He was on the MVCAA Board of Directors for nine years, and at the same time served in leadership positions in many other local organizations, including the Rome Chapter of the NAACP, the Afro-American Heritage Association and the Mohawk Valley Frontiers Club. Many members of the groups he led joined MVCAA at the luncheon to honor him for his dedication to the community.

The award is given each year in honor of Treva Wood, the longtime executive director of Oneida County Community Action Agency who spent most of her life working to improve the lives of those in need in her community.



Dr. Alice Honig gave our Early Head Start staff a greater understanding of infant and toddler development, infant massage, reading to children and language development during a training session in May at Utica College. The college provided free space for the training, and MVCAA opened the program free to college students. Dr. Honig is professor Emerita of child development at Syracuse University and a licensed therapist. She has published hundreds of journal articles and book chapters, and has taught many courses on child care, parenting, language and pro-social and moral development.

We offer our congratulations to **Valerie Gulla**, who accepted the Accounting Manager position in the Fiscal Department June 19. She previously had been an accountant in accounts payable.



We need your stories and ideas. Please email pcorbett@mvcaa.com with your best stuff. **Photos have to be digital and emailed only. No prints, please.**

FREE MONEY! REALLY!!

The Turning Stone Resort PGA Championship is again offering Mohawk Valley Community Action a chance to earn **BIG MONEY** to help it better serve its customers.

MVCAA will get to keep the FULL price of any tickets it sells to the Fall Classic PGA event Sept. 29—Oct. 5 at the Atunyote Golf Club at Turning Stone. It's the only fall PGA event in upstate New York.

MVCAA earned nearly **\$800** last year through the efforts of a very few current and former employees who sold tickets to their golfing friends. We can do a **lot** better with a **little** more effort. Prices range from \$10 for a ticket good for the first three days of the event to \$100 for a book of tickets good for admission all seven days, including the final weekend.

Please email or call Pat Corbett in the Marcy office for information on how you can make a real difference in our ability to serve our customers.



A member of the Russian Christian Band that entertained at the Children's Cultural Fair at helps set up the booth on Russian culture under the big tent erected next to the Cornerstone center in Utica.



Kathy Flaherty, Family Advocate with the Camden Head Start program, sets up the Ireland Display at the first annual Children's Cultural Fair at the Cornerstone Head Start building in Utica on June 27.