



## Team Volunteer Descriptions

### **Team Name: Still Thirsty After All These Years**

**Description:** Monthly Happy Hour for those old enough to get the musical reference.

**This team is important to WES because:** Team provides an opportunity for WES members to talk informally in a group of 6-10 people in a relaxed setting. Some of the regulars at these gatherings do not regularly attend platforms on Sunday, and so this is a way for all of us to stay connected. In addition, several people who are new to WES and considering joining have dropped in as a way to get to know people in a less hectic setting. The group is geared toward the "baby boomer" demographic, but any adult is welcome. The group has no agenda or commitments beyond providing a regular time and place each month where people can just show up and be together.

#### **Volunteer Title:**

- Coordinator
- Table-saver (unofficial title)

#### **General Responsibilities of Volunteer:**

- Contact WES office and post on Boomers Up email and Facebook page if there is any change in time and/or place. (The regular time is 5:30-8:00 approximately, third Fridays at Scion on East-West Highway in Silver Spring)
- Call restaurant to reserve two tables on the day of the happy hour (optional)
- Arrive at restaurant about 5:30, claim tables, and greet people
- Find someone to substitute for you if you can't make it in any given month

#### **General Time Requirement**

- 5 minutes to phone in the reservation
- 2.5-3 hours for monthly happy hour (OK to leave early, just get there on time)
- Few minutes to find a substitute if you can't be there to claim the tables
- Few minutes to post on email and Facebook

#### **Knowledge, talents, or aptitudes helpful in this volunteer role:**

- Show up when you say you will, be friendly to people you don't know (newcomers or WES members you haven't met),
- Table savers must be willing to arrive on time and perhaps sit at the tables by yourself for a few minutes while you wait for others to show up.
- An ability to roll with the punches. Sometimes, people will complain or tell you what you ought to be doing differently. Pay attention, but don't necessarily take them up on it. For example,

we tend to stick to the same restaurant all the time so that people can just show up and know that they will find us -- we would consider another venue if necessary, but we don't jump at "oh, you should really meet at xyz". We do ask for tables in the quietest part of the restaurant, in response to comments from several people that the noise near the bar makes it hard to hear.

**Length of Commitment or Term:** 1 year renewable for the coordinator.

**Benefits of serving in this volunteer role:** This is about the easiest volunteer position you could imagine. – enjoying an evening out with good food and drink and congenial people.

**How to join this team:** Contact Nancy McGuire at [nkmotherroad@yahoo.com](mailto:nkmotherroad@yahoo.com) or Shan Evans at [sevans2618@verizon.net](mailto:sevans2618@verizon.net) (let us know if you would be willing to show up and claim our tables if we need a substitute)

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