

Making Meals as a Volunteer Coordinator

Ann Watkins, Clerk of Westerly Meeting - WARM Center - Jan 19th Meals

Dear Friends, there has been much discussion about the WARM Center meal we provide every 3rd Sunday of each month with concern from those who might volunteer that they don't know what it entails.

What we've done in the past: Volunteer Coordinator (VC) makes up a menu, which is sent out to the meeting at large, with a request for donations for the required number of servings. Lately it's been 50 servings. It may be going down to 40. Contact Kevin at the WARM Center with any questions about numbers, quantity and menu requests: 401-596-9276.

The menu is sent out via email to the meeting at large with the VC's email included as contact. The menu is broken into the number of serving portions needed. People sign up for providing a certain number of servings, usually 13, 25, or 50, of one or more of the items listed. Sometimes people will just donate money. If not enough people sign up in the first round, the email is sent out again with the request for more people to donate.

All of the prepared food is brought to Meeting in time for the VC to drop it off at the WARM Center by 1:00 on Sunday. Sometimes people will drop off their donations at the WARM Center themselves with a label saying that it's for Sunday from Westerly friends Meeting. The VC often asks in the email if donators will be dropping off at Meeting or WARM Center.

The VC is responsible for knowing who is dropping off what and where and when.

For January 19th, 2025 we are looking for 2 more volunteers to cook and possibly a volunteer to drop off.

Jan Salsich has offered a menu of chicken and rice with caramelized lemon (she has the easy recipe) with roasted carrots. We need volunteers to cook the food at Jan's home in Mystic.

In future, it would also be possible to use the kitchen at Meeting to cook together or another person's home.

Edie, Ann and Jan will be cooking and would love it if a few other volunteers would join us. If someone wanted to volunteer to be VC that would be great.

We will make enough for all volunteers to have dinner together after cooking; and, last time we had some lovely wine with dinner. Men are welcome to volunteer.

If there are money donations, Edie will purchase anything on the menu that has not already been donated. Ann can write up and send out email request if needed.

Please contact Edie to VC or cook for January 19th. We will cook on Saturday Jan. 18th at Jan Salsick's at 3:00.

We also need a Volunteer Coordinator and volunteer cooks for February 16th. Please contact Edie at morrenchristopher@gmail.com.

It's a lot of fun and a great opportunity to get to know people on a more casual basis from Meeting. In the Light, Ann