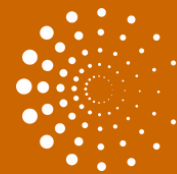


# MAVA VISTA Newsletter



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## What's Going On

By Jonathan Grinde

-MAVA staff updates: welcoming Alyssa Kleppe into a full-time position as the training and events manager and introducing Brianna Miller as a part-time Training Director—visit MAVA's Staff page to learn more about each of them. -Two new VISTAs will be oriented on June 6. They will be at Hennepin Healthcare and Rainbow Health. -The June MAVA Monthly will focus on the MAVA VISTA Program. -Maureen attended and presented at the America's Service Commission conference in Burlington. Ask her about it! -MAVA was at the Community Connections Conference on May 21st at the Convention Center. Thanks to Lindsey Noyed for helping to staff the MAVA table! Tim Francis was present at the Minnesota Tool Library table (pictured). Former VISTA, and current supervisor, Karen Johnson was in attendance with Senior Community Services (pictured). -Lindsey and Norkhadijah have three months of service left. -Reminder: as your service year continues, remember to add to your sustainability binder!

## MAVA Staff Highlight

Polly Roach is MAVA's Program Director, and supports its Service Enterprise Initiative, a holistic change management process helping organizations elevate engagement of volunteers to better achieve their social missions. Polly also manages the AmeriCorps Volunteer Generation Fund grant MAVA receives in partnership with ServeMinnesota to foster professional development, capacity-building, and innovation for volunteerism in our state.

Before joining the MAVA staff in 2018, Polly served on MAVA's Board of Directors, and chaired the Strategic Directions Committee that shaped initiatives such as the Shifting Environment trends research. She received MAVA's Mary Wiser Award for Leadership in the Field of Volunteer Resources in 2011. Previously, Polly worked at the Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota, delivering resources, training and technical assistance to youth mentoring programs to strengthen their efforts to provide young people with high quality, long-lasting relationships. She also directed a one-to-one mentoring program for girls at the YWCA of St. Paul for over 16 years. Polly holds a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Minnesota.



In her role at MAVA, she gets the most satisfaction from connecting volunteer engagement leaders to training, resources and networks that can help them lead skillfully and boldly. Polly is passionate about the power of volunteerism to change lives and build communities. Contact Polly to share your ideas for creative change-making and what you need to craft the change you want to see in the world.

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## Monthly Events

6/6 | New VISTA Orientation

6/8-6/10 | Volunteer  
Engagement Leadership  
Conference

6/11 | InterCorps Council Picnic  
@ Jack Yost Park in White Bear  
Lake from 11-1 (look for more  
details, all are welcome)

6/13 | Volunteer Voice  
Committee Meeting

6/15 | Interrupting Racism in  
Mostly White Communities

6/16 | MAVA Connections:  
Utilizing Pro-Bono Volunteers

6/30 | Voices of Service

# Conference/Training Updates

On May 20th, there was a conference presentation meeting. The group present discussed the conference setting, the logistics of the presentation, and timing. A new deadline was set for everyone to submit a recorded version of their section of the presentation. This will be used as a proxy for a full-group run-through of the presentation. There will be an opportunity on the Tuesday before the conference to meet at the location (Mt. Zion Synagogue in Saint Paul), see the space, and iron out any final details. The presentation looks great and will be a fun opportunity to have most of the cohort together. Everyone has participated and put great energy into it! Thanks to all, and don't forget to join us on June 8th, at 11:30 am either on Zoom or in person at Mt. Zion.



## VISTA/Supervisor Highlight

VISTA Highlight



### Cat Holl

Site: The Family Partnership

Fun Facts: 1. I was once chased by a swarm of wasps 2. I used to have a weekly radio show 3. I learned how to crochet because I wanted to make my cat a sweater

Favorite Place: Blue Ridge Mountains

Media: Either the podcast 'You're Wrong About' or Paula Poundstone's book 'The Totally Unscientific Study of the Search for Human Happiness'

Money no object: Buy 100 goats

Fully Paid Trip: Tchetti, Benin

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Supervisor Highlight



### Kevin Lindstom

Site: Anoka Technical College

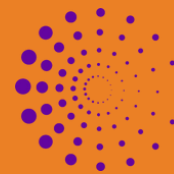
Fun Facts: I'm a big hockey fan. I have three large dogs - Bentley, Hank, and Finn.

Favorite Place: At the lake

Media: Ozark on Netflix

Money no object: Take a nap everyday

Fully Paid Trip: Hawaii



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## Resources

The MAVA VISTA resources google doc is a wealth of information and resources that can be utilized by VISTAs, supervisors, and any interested or curious party. It is a library of links with financial resources, remote working tips, and professional development ideas. There are also volunteer opportunity links at all MAVA VISTA partner organizations. This is a living document and is frequently updated, so check back regularly. If there is something you would like added, email

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