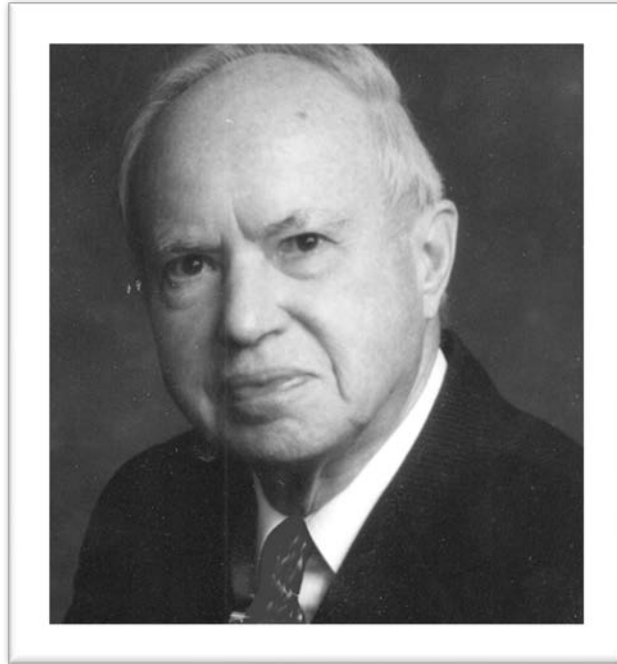


The Dr. Kenneth Hood Award and Past Winners

Village of Arlington Heights Senior Center



Dr. Kenneth Hood

07/31/1097-12/15/2007

This is a once in a lifetime honor for the members of the Arlington Heights Senior Commission when we recognize, acknowledge and memorialize our very own, Dr, Kenneth Hood. He diligently and with passion served as a committed advocate for a better life for his fellow senior citizens here in Arlington Heights. The subtlety and humor along with the mover and shaker approach paid off for the Village's seniors. His leadership skills set an example for many to follow, starting with his service to the community early in his civic career.

Dr. Kenneth Hood and some others decided to put together a Little League Baseball program for the youth of the Village. Shortly thereafter, he and some others decided a new Cub Pack was needed in the Village, Cub Pack 130, which still exists. Ken was President of the Little League program and took an active part in the scouting as well. He began his advocacies with the Village's young and finished with the Village's more mature residents.

Following his retirement, Ken's Senior Advocacy included delivering Meals on Wheels. He served as a member of the Senior Center Advisory Council, and later as its President. He was one of the founding members of Arlington Heights Senior Center, Inc. This board serves as the fund-raising arm for the Senior Center itself and the agencies within. Inc, as it is commonly referred to, has provided in excess of \$350,000 for the betterment of the Senior Center and the agencies within.

You will note as you walk through the building the many plaques on the walls indicating Inc's generosity. Ken Hood was President of Inc. for many years. He was appointed to and served on the Village Senior Citizens Commission for more than twenty years, and chaired the Commission for several of them. He sat on the Senior Center planning and designing committee and offered the Village, the architect and builder, helpful input. A Senior Advisor before and during the construction of this magnificent facility, he was recognized by the Area Agency on Aging for the Sid Granet "Be All You Can Be" award and the Arlington Heights "Hearts of Gold", receiving the "Young at Heart" award. Upon receiving the Hearts of Gold award his comment included two wishes: To remain healthy enough to care for his wife Lois, and to celebrate his 100th birthday. Both wishes were granted.

His final year of life included "flipping the switch" for the 2006 Holiday decorations at North Park and serving as honorary chairperson of the Senior Centers National Accreditation Committee. The completed accreditation binder was mailed on December 13. Ken passed away two days later. Ken wrote two books, one humorous and informative. The other book was a moving and emotional tribute to his wife Lois, with an emphasis on her and their heart-rending struggle with Alzheimer's Disease. At Ken's 100th birthday celebration, he addressed his peers, friends and family. He advocated carrying the "torch of service" on behalf of today's senior population. He indicated his time was almost up. It was time to pass the torch.

From Ken's final words came the Senior Commissions inspiration to create a lasting memorial tribute to our fellow Commissioner and good friend. A Dr. Kenneth Hood "Torch of Service Award". A plaque with his likeness was installed in the Senior Center Lobby. The Torch of Service award recipients name will be announced on Dr. Kenneth Hood's birthday, July 31, each and every year. The award will be handed out each fall.

Below are the past winners of the Kenneth Hood Award.



Jack Schimpf

2008 Recipient of the Kenneth Hood Award

12/28/1922-03/01/2007

Based on the eligibility criteria and the fulfillment of same, the Arlington Heights Senior Commission's choice to receive the first Dr. Kenneth Hood's Torch of Service award is Jack Schimpf, honored posthumously.

Ken and Jack's paths and footsteps were similar in their service of senior citizens. Jack was a volunteer Meals on Wheels driver. He also was an Escorted Transportation Services Driver, VFW, American Legion, 8th Air Force Association active member, and a PADS volunteer. Then, our Senior Center found Jack Schimpf, or he found us. One of Inc's. fund raising events each holiday season was Christmas Wreath sales. Arlington Heights Senior Center, Inc. solicited orders and received delivery of same from our supplier close to Thanksgiving. We always found ourselves short of delivery drivers who knew their way around the Village. One of the Inc. members introduced a fellow church member of his who wanted to help-Jack Schimpf. We discovered Jack knew Arlington Heights as well as he knew the back of his hand. Watching him work, Ken Hood made his classic, always right, assessment— "He's a good one." Jack was asked to join Inc. He went on to become one of the most productive wreath salespersons and remained the top driver. He ultimately took over the complete wreath sales event, one of his favorite enterprises. He had a few other "pet" Inc. events. The annual Golf outing was one; up and down the streets of downtown Arlington Heights seeking out donors, sponsors, and hole sponsors, etc. Jack sold and then helped fill the Market Day orders on delivery day. He was known to have said:

“Give me 2 bucks; take Dolly out for breakfast next Sunday” as he sold tickets for the pancake breakfast with the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge # 80.

Staying on Arlington Heights Senior Center, Inc. to the end and adding to his service to seniors, Jack was appointed to the Arlington Heights Senior Citizens Commission as a member and then as Chair. He initiated the emergency light bulb/Beacon Bulb which provided a signal to emergency responders. Jack was an Arlington Heights “Hearts of Gold” recipient for volunteerism. He served on the planning committee for this Senior Center, during which time he advanced the cause of the woodshop. He conducted all of the preceding advocacy for Seniors, while, parallel to Ken’s life, caring for his own wife Miriam who had more than several serious medical episodes over this period. Finally, his own staggering physical problems set in and Jack’s activities were lessened but never did they cease. He would bounce back, time after time. Jack passed away in early March 2007, his beloved Miriam a few short weeks later. He had grasped the torch of service from Ken and ran the same steps down the same path.

We thank Jack Schimpf for all that he did for the senior population of Arlington Heights.



Shirley Garrison

2009 Recipient of the Dr. Kenneth Hood Award

02/13/1928- 9/15/2019

Shirley Garrison retired from a twenty-five-year career at Alexian Brothers Medical Center. She began as a Patient Representative Advocate and retired as their Senior Services Director. Mrs. Garrison received Alexian Brothers' first Legend of Leadership Award.

All of her adult life Shirley has been actively involved, volunteering at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, serving in most of its ministries. After retiring from ABMC, she became the Older Adult Ministries Coordinator. In that capacity, she expanded senior citizen programs including a Life Long Learning Program in conjunction with Harper College. She developed support teams to assist seniors in need of transportation, shopping help, home care, meals, personal visits and those who are recovering from surgery. She planned inter-generational retreats and other activities. For the homebound, she writes notes, sends birthday cards and makes phone calls to them.

Mrs. Garrison has also taught 55 Alive Driving Courses and has served as a docent at the Chicago Botanical Gardens.

Mrs. Garrison will be honored with a reception on October 19 at 7:30 P.M. at the Village of Arlington Heights Municipal Building, 33 S. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights.



Frank De Rosa

2010 Recipient Dr. Kenneth Hood Award

06/03/1923-08/01/2013

On July 31, Mr. Frank De Rosa was selected as the 2010 recipient of the Dr. Kenneth Hood Award because he has exhibited a history of service to the senior community, has conducted programs that enhance the quality of life for senior citizens, embraced and nurtured activities that affect, in a positive way, the lives of the senior citizens population. He served as an example by continuing his efforts toward these goals with both a passion and a zest for the joy of living.

Frank De Rosa and his wife Dolores moved into Arlington Heights fifty-five years ago and immediately began to make a difference. While working, Frank's volunteerism began with the Arlington Heights Little League as a member of the Board of Directors and the Team Manager for nine years, his path first crossed with Ken Hood's. He retired after a long career with NBC Network Television Commercial Sales.

He has been active with the VFW Post 981 and the American Legion Post 216. He has served the 793 Military Police Battalion Association as a member of the Board of Directors, Chaplain, and Historian Reunion Chairperson-1992-1994.

He also served on the Northwest Community Hospital's Pastoral Care Board of Directors. Frank and Dolly serve as Eucharistic Ministers at Our Lady of the Wayside.

The name Frank De Rosa is synonymous with that of the Advisory Council. Following Ken Hood, he served on the Senior Center's Advisory Council since 1986 and served as President since 1997. Dolly is also a member of the Advisory Council.

Much of Mr. De Rosa's time is spent as a passionate advocate for senior services. With Ken Hood, Frank served on the Village of Arlington Heights Senior Citizens Commission since 1999. For several years, Frank served on the fundraising group, Arlington Heights Senior Center, Inc. both as Treasurer and member; again, some of this time with Ken Hood.

We know that Ken Hood would have been exceedingly pleased with the selection of Frank De Rosa for the 2010 Dr. Kenneth Hood Award for he always referred to him as "Frank De Rosa, one of the good ones."



Joe Cesario

2011 Recipient Dr. Kenneth Hood Award

03/19/1945-03/29/2014

Nothing will beat the '60s for Joe Cesario. On his way to a debate tournament at Brandeis University in 1964, the student who would drive the team from Logan International said they had to wait for another team coming in soon. Linda was on that team. They married in 1966 and had two great sons, Joel and Frank, by the end of the decade. Their family began expanding in the '90s when their sons married wonderful Joan and Sophia, and the first of four grandsons, Luke, Justin, David, and John, was born in 1998, five days before Joe retired.

For 28 years he developed computer applications and networks for The First National Bank of Chicago. He led various team efforts on all kinds of computers, including attaching a Bank minicomputer to the Federal Reserve Bank Network in 1975 to send and receive money transfers, years ahead of any bank in the country. A few years later, he developed a system that predicted available Bank balances at other banks before they were posted. His final decade included putting the Bank on the Internet before it was fashionable, developing a proprietary worldwide network for traders, and implementing purchased technology to disseminate real-time news and prices throughout the trading floor.

After retiring, he turned to teaching computer classes for seniors and tutoring unemployed people seeking computer skills for work. He provided computer support and led member workshops for The Volunteer Center of Northwest Cook County. As he became aware of opportunities to help, he developed Microsoft-Office-based systems for The Arlington Heights Memorial Library, Catholic Charities, the Village

of Arlington Heights Health Department, Northwest Community Hospital, and Escorted Transportation (for seniors seeking rides to medical appointments). Librarian duties at the Arlington Heights Senior Center and filing, data entry, and scanning for the Hospital rounded out his activities for the last 12 years. He was the 2007 Arlington Heights Memorial Library Volunteer of the Year. Mr. Cesario was also awarded the 2009 Impact Award, Lead with Experience by The Volunteer Center.



Jack Hanahan

2012 Recipient Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award

11/14/1932-08/25/2018

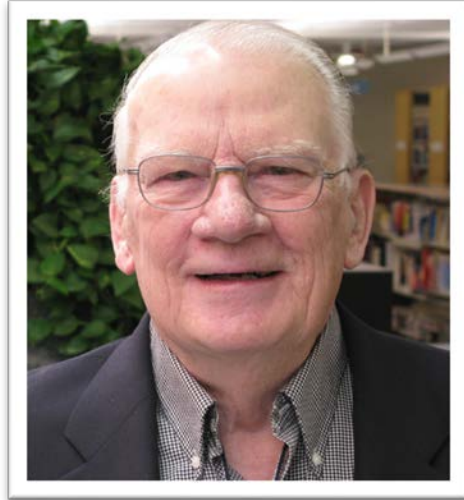
Mr. Jack Hanahan is the fifth annual Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award recipient, announced by the Village of Arlington Heights Senior Citizens Commission on July 31st, Ken Hood's birthday.

Mr. Hanahan and his family have lived in Arlington Heights since 1972. After his 1983 quintuple bypass heart surgery, he was visited by a member of the Mended Hearts, an organization of former heart surgery visit patients who visit and counsel new patients. In 1993 Jack founded a Mended Hearts Chapter at Northwest Community Hospital. In 1997 he accepted the position of Regional Coordinator for the Mended Hearts Program and remains active with the program to this day.

In the early 1990's Jack joined the Tax-Aide program as a TCE volunteer Tax preparer. TCE-Tax Counseling for the Elderly offers free Federal and State income tax preparation for lower- and middle-income individuals age 60 and over. In 2000, he became the TCE Coordinator of the Wheeling Township site and was subsequently appointed Overall Coordinator of all the Arlington Heights tax aide sites. His immediate recruitment efforts increased the number of counselors available to serve the three Arlington Heights sites. In 2004, he became the Tax Aide State Coordinator, supervising 1,000 volunteers at 245 sites. Currently, Mr. Hanahan serves as the District Coordinator for the Tax Aide Program in Arlington Heights.

He has been very active in fund raising at St. James Church in Arlington Heights. He and his wife Peg chaired fund raising in 2000. In 1995 he became involved with the

successful management of the Bingo program. Currently the parish has a plan for campus expansion and Jack was asked to manage the properties involved until they were integrated in the master plan. He continues to usher at St. James and is a member of the retired men group. Pastor William Zavaski, St. James Parish, stated that “Jack is unwavering in his commitment of putting others, especially the elderly, before himself...”



John W. Muldoon

2013 Recipient Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award

06/19/1933-05/15/2020

Mr. John W. Muldoon (Jack) is the 6th recipient of the annual Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award. Jack serves on Wheeling Township's Senior Action and Advisory Committee. He has served as an RSVP volunteer for Hands on Suburban Chicago. He has volunteered extensively for the Arlington Heights Memorial Library as a computer lab monitor, computer class registration, computer class instructor and guest lecturer for the Arlington Heights Senior Center. He is involved in the Portfolio Investment Club and is well known for his stock and mutual funds presentations and investing instruction. He has actively served in flu shot clinics, on the Senior Center's Advisory Council from 2001-2004, in the Senior Center's Men's Club since 2001 and later on the Senior Center's Forum Discussions steering committee. He handled the logistics of the Senior Center Advisory Council's First Holiday Dinner, coordinating a hot dinner for 225 people.

In 2010 Jack was chosen for the Senior Illinoisans Hall of Fame. In 2006 he was selected as an Arlington Heights Memorial Library Very Important Volunteer Award volunteer. He was named the Arlington Heights Memorial Library's 2010 Volunteer of the Year, and received the Cook County Sheriff's Office Medal of Honor in 2005. In 2011 he received the President's Volunteer Service Award.

He graduated from DePaul University and then the Harvard School of Business. Throughout and following his extensive and prestigious career in the insurance industry, Mr. Muldoon has been involved in numerous professional affiliations as well

as philanthropic activities, such as the American Hearing Research Association, the Chicago Metropolitan Council on Alcoholism, Chairman and Director of the DePaul University College of Commerce Alumni Group, Chairman of the Municipal Planning Commission and President of the Municipal Zoning Board of Appeals, as well as memberships in the Planning Executives Institute, Young President's Organization, Harvard Club, Harvard Business School Club and DePaul University Alumni Association. He attended the U.S. Army War College and is an U.S. Army veteran with overseas service. He's been listed in Who's Who in Insurance, Who's Who in the Midwest and Who's Who in America. He was actively involved with the Irish American Heritage Center.



Mary Jo Zeller

2014 Recipient Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award

Ms. Mary Jo Zeller is the 7th recipient of the annual Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award. For thirty-five years, Mary Jo Zeller has set the benchmark for innovative programs for seniors. She was the first Illinois graduate with a Gerontology B.A. from Mundelein, now Loyola. Ms. Zeller holds an M.A. in this field. She is a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator, a Certified Aging in Place Specialist, as well as a Certified Relocation and Transition Specialist.

Ms. Zeller's first position straight out of college as a newly minted gerontologist was Director of Park Place Senior Center, located at 306 W. Park Street. It is now the Arlington Heights Senior Center, located at 1801 W. Central Road. She worked with community partners including Dr. Hood for the Village Of Arlington Heights to convert Park School into a Senior Center with a variety of agencies all collocated together providing services to seniors.

Park Place Senior Center won the 1988 National Certificate of Recognition for Excellence from the US. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the 1987 Chicago Urban Innovation Award from the University of Chicago, as well as the State and Local Exemplary Award Program presented at Rutgers and represented the Illinois Department of Aging in the national competition for the Community Achievement Award.

Ms. Zeller developed a 200-bed skilled long term care facility, an independent living facility and a dementia facility. As Director of Lutheran Home's Community Services, she was involved with Adult Day Services, Community Companion Volunteers, Escorted Transportation, the Parish Nursing, Inn Home Services and Intergenerational child care programs. Mary Jo and colleague Gloria Bersani

developed Gero Solutions, a senior relocation company. This company merged with Lutheran Life Communities to strengthen the Senior Move Management Industry. She founded the National Association of Senior Move Managers.



Julie Wright

2015 Recipient of the Dr. Kenneth Hood Award

In 1986, Julie Wright began volunteering for the senior community. Julie prepared taxes for seniors through the Tax Counseling for the Elderly for 25 years. Since 1988, Julie has volunteer taught the Secretary of State's Rules of the Road Review Course.

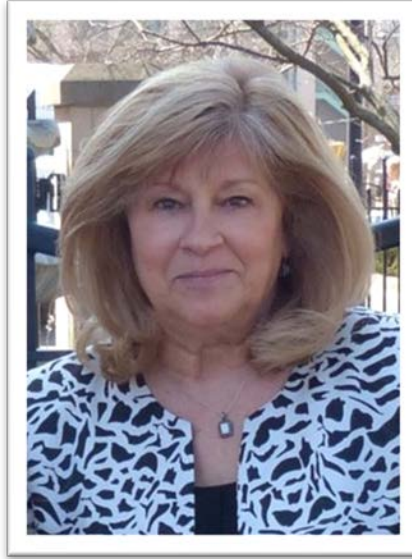
Before the Senior Health Insurance Program existed, Julie and friends helped senior citizens fill out Medicare supplemental insurance forms.

Julie was the first Park Place Senior Center computer teacher, teaching herself because computers were so new. She still teaches at the Senior Center. In 1993-1995, Julie headed and taught the team to enter the Senior Citizens Commission Needs Assessment survey data. In 1995, this won her the Volunteer Center's Volunteer of the Year Award. Ken Hood had won this award himself in 1991.

In 1999, Julie became a member of the Board of Directors of Arlington Heights Senior Center, Inc. Julie served on the Arlington Heights Senior Center's design committee in 1996.

For the past twenty-five years, Julie has served as an Arlington Heights Memorial Library Volunteer. Since 2012, Julie and her husband Don are residents of Luther Village. She served on the Building and Grounds Committee for two years, and currently serves on the Library Committee and Board of Directors, the 25th Anniversary Celebration Committee and the Butterfly Garden Construction Committee.

“I hope this doesn’t mean that I must stop volunteering. I really enjoy people,” was Julie Wright’s comment when she received the 2015 President’s Lifetime Achievement Award (Arlington Heights Senior Center).



Maureen Seleski

2016 Recipient of Kenneth Hood Award

On July 31st, on Ken Hood's birthday, the Village of Arlington Heights Senior Citizens Commission proudly announced that Ms. Maureen Seleski is the 9th recipient of the annual Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award. Ms. Seleski was presented with the Award at the Village Board of Trustees meeting on August 15.

“Senior Citizens are my passion...” nonetheless, Maureen Seleski approaches everything with passion including the many Senior Citizens causes she's volunteered for since the 1980's.

Ms. Seleski worked tirelessly on senior transportation, hospice, service accreditation, and respite issues. Maureen has championed the frail elderly, women's health and the disadvantaged. Maureen chaired the CEDA board four years and created both the WINGS and Access to Care programs. An ordained Catholic Lay Minister, she held leadership roles at St. James Church. Using her nursing experience, Maureen spent five years as a foster mother for compromised infants.

Maureen served as President of the Escorted Transportation Service, Northwest Board of Directors. Maureen served as the Chairperson of the Village of Arlington Heights Senior Citizens Commission and led that Commission through the Senior Needs Assessment, which formed the foundation for the 1996 Senior Citizens Recommended Five Year Plan. She led the Commission through the national Maturing of America Survey, and generated the Commission's 2008 Blueprint for Aging and

Recommendations for the Village of Arlington Heights. She served as the Working Committee Chair and Oversight Committee Member of the Northwest Suburban Transportation Consortium and led the Human Care Council through the complex process of securing funding from our state legislature to develop the Township Ridership Initiative Project, a transportation service for seniors for medical purposes that crosses township lines.



Terence McElroy

2017 Recipient of the

Dr. Kenneth Hood Award

On July 31st, on Ken Hood's birthday, the Village of Arlington Heights Senior Citizens Commission proudly announced that Mr. Terence McElroy is the 10th recipient of the annual Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award. Mr. McElroy will be presented with the Award at the Village Board of Trustees meeting on September 18.

Mr. McElroy came to Catholic Charities as a Corporate Executive Loan through General Mills, to provide his expertise and business perspective for two years. Initially, he used his corporate experience and expertise to evaluate, assess and recommend improvements and changes in practices and procedures employed by the Catholic Charities Northwest Senior Services.

Seventeen years later, Terry is still volunteering. He served on the Catholic Charities Regional Advisory Board. He has handled many outreach assignments and provided numerous presentations about the services to those in need, as well as staffed information tables at various health fairs to advise people about what is available to them. Mr. McElroy has spent nearly seventeen years (18,370 documented hours) as a volunteer at Catholic Charities Northwest Senior Services located at the Arlington Heights Senior Center. He began volunteering full time with the organization in January 2001 and continued through 2006. From 2006 through present, he has donated between 400 and 800 volunteer hours per year.

Early on in his career as a volunteer, Terry became known as the go-to expert in nearly all benefits. He became certified by the Illinois Department on Aging on the Community Care program, and was trained in the Illinois Volunteer Money Management Program, which helps older adults in overseeing their finances and paying their bills. He is a trained Senior Health Insurance Program counselor and an expert on Medicaid. He is able to counsel, direct and enroll clients into the benefit programs that are best suited to help them, such as Medicare Part D, applying for a property tax freeze, SNAP/Food Stamps and guiding people through the Senior Health Insurance Plan. During these years, Terry has built up a clientele of people who just chose to wait as long as it takes to have Terry help them with their paperwork, regardless of whether someone else can help them sooner. Terence McElroy is viewed as the ultimate expert.



Kathy Kasproicz

2018 Recipient of the Dr. Kenneth Hood Award

On August 20, 2018, the Village of Arlington Heights President Thomas Hayes presented the Senior Citizens Commission's Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award to Kathy Kasproicz, the 11th recipient.

In 2006, a local service provider released their senior transportation program. Kathy Kasproicz, having been their staff coordinator, knew the program was too important to senior citizens and had to continue. Ms. Kasproicz and friend/mentor Marie Payes explored the possibility of local sponsors, including churches. Unable to find a sponsor after several months, it became obvious that this little transportation program would have to become its own stand-alone 501 (C) (3) nonprofit organization.

Escorted Transportation Service Northwest's mission is to provide transportation with compassion and companionship. The program is so important, the simple concept so good and Kathy Kasproicz' faith so unshaken that she could help make this could happen convinced others to help drive this along. Influential community members were recruited, seed money came in, an inaugural Board of Directors coalesced and Escorted Transportation Service Northwest became a reality on the Kasproicz' kitchen table on September 1, 2006.

ETS Northwest experienced meteoric success. By the end of 2007, 1861 round trip rides had been provided. To date, ETS has provided 28,869 rides in its twelve years.

ETS became a reality because Kathy Kasproicz refused to stop coordinating rides between passengers and volunteer drivers in 2006. In 2013, Ms. Kasproicz retired as the Executive Director of ETS. She continues her support as a volunteer driver and as a Board of Director and BOD President.

Kathy knits scarves for homeless persons and distributes them at PADS sites; she serves on the Wheeling Township Board for Seniors and Aging; she volunteers with Catholic Charities Northwest Senior Services and founded and remains active with the St. James Elizabeth Ministry that provides support to women with problems in childbearing; and, along with Carol Anderson, helped start and now she continues to be a driver for the Wheels to Worship program at St. James that helps seniors get to church. Kathy is also in her third year of serving on the St. James Parish Council. She also spends Monday mornings in the St. James School Library. Like Ken Hood, Kathy does so with a zest for living and a sense of humor.



Mary Stitt

2019 Recipient of the Dr. Kenneth Hood Award

The Village of Arlington Heights Senior Citizens Commission proudly announced that Ms. Mary Stitt is the 12th recipient of the annual Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award. Ms. Stitt will be presented with the Award at the Village Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, September 3.

Mary Stitt has been in service to the Arlington Heights Community for more than fifty years, beginning as a long-time educator and principal of Olive Mary Stitt School, and the Arlington Heights Rotary as member, volunteer and board member.

Ms. Stitt served on the Arlington Heights Senior Center, Inc. Board of Directors for more than 20 years. She worked on fundraising events like the golf outings and senior health fairs and wherever she was needed. For much of those two decades, Mary served as the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee. Nearly all of the current board members are in place because Mary Stitt asked them to serve. Every board member acknowledged that it's hard to say no to Mary Stitt.

As a member of the First United Methodist Church of Arlington Heights, Mary conducts volunteer visits to fellow members and others who are hospitalized at Northwest Community Hospital, bringing spiritual comfort and cheer.

Although Mary is being honored for her contributions to the senior community of Arlington Heights, other efforts are well worth noting: fundraising efforts in Rotary and her worldwide travels volunteering in polio immunization clinics to Nigeria, India and Niger. Mary has traveled to Cuba, Guatemala and other countries to help provide

clean water, medicines and necessities for all ages. For years, Mary Stitt routinely volunteered with the local immunization clinics, as well.

Mary had the privilege of knowing Ken Hood and working with him on the Arlington Heights Senior Center, Inc. Like Ken himself, Mary exemplifies a significant history of service to the senior community. She has worked with organizations that have enhanced the quality of life for senior citizens. Mary is known for nurturing activities that affect in a positive way the lives of the senior citizen population. She has set an example by contributing her senior service efforts with zest for the joy of living.