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2017 Senior Heroes Awards



First Annual Awards Luncheon
May 17, 2017 ~ 11:30am
Club Green Meadows

*Celebrating individuals
and organizations that
champion seniors.*

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First Annual Senior Heroes Awards Program 2017

11:00am - Buffett Lunch Begins

11:30am - 11:40am Welcome - Emcee Benjamin Surmi

11:40am - 11:50am A Giving Moment - Dick Halvorson & Chelsea Stearns

11:50am—12:00pm Keynote Speaker - Pat Jollota

12:00pm —12:50pm Awards Presentation - Emcee Benjamin Surmi

12:50pm-1:00pm Closing Remarks - Dave Kelly



Emcee

Benjamin Surmi
Director of Programs and Training
Koelsch Senior Communities

Community leader and senior expert; Benjamin Surmi currently trains new Executive Directors in the Koelsch Personal Touch™ program and supports 80 Life Enrichment Directors in helping over 1,200 elders thrive.

Benjamin began volunteering in assisted living communities when he was young. He developed a specific passion for empowering elders to enjoy a fruitful, meaningful elderhood – no matter what disabilities they encountered. He graduated with an M.S. in Gerontology and had often been selected for leading new initiatives. He opened a new memory care neighborhood in California and pioneered the elder-directed Turner Lifelong Learning Center in Nashville – the first partnership with



Pat Jollota Leadership Award
Patricia Gray, RN
Angelbrook Senior Living
&
At Your Place Senior Care

A registered nurse for 35 years in healthcare, Patti has specialized in geriatrics and hospice services. She is board certified in gerontology and is committed to assisting seniors and their families to make care decisions for loved ones. She helps ensure quality of life into those last moments together. Patti also works tirelessly with families and in-home care staff to help them understand and manage dementia. In many cases she helps families grieve for their loved ones twice. Once during the dementia process as they grieve the person that their family member was and again at the end of life. Patti serves on numerous boards and organizations and is considered a leader in the field of gerontology. Patti exemplifies the true definition of a hero as she advocates for the quality of life of residence and clients until their last breath.



Senior Heroes Business Award
Chi Pak

Rehab Specialties
Physical Therapist

Rehab specialties is a for profit rehabilitation business that focuses on providing rehab services to seniors. Owner, Chi Pak is a licensed physical therapist that built his business by treating people with dignity and honor. Chi is respected for his work in assisted living facilities, adult family homes and in-home services. Chi also provides free mobility equipment inspections and repairs.

Chi strives to provide accurate, evidenced based therapeutic services that help patients to achieve greater safety, independence and mobility. Rehab Specialties services include physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and psychological counseling services to senior communities in the greater Vancouver Washington area.



Senior Heroes Non-Profit Award
Deborah Iverson
Friends of Hospice

Friends of Hospice of Southwest Washington operates as a 501-C3 nonprofit organization to supplement the Financial Resources of local hospice programs. For over 35 years, volunteers have provided staffing to help raise thousands of dollars to benefit hospice services and patients. Recently Friends of Hospice of Southwest Washington raised \$50,000 to help build a new kitchen at the Ray Hickey House in Vancouver. The group granted \$5000 to Community Home Health and Hospice for families needing respite care. Deborah Iverson is president of the organization.



Keynote Speaker
Pat Jollota

The word leader implies that someone can guide, conduct, direct, influence, pursue to achieve a certain goal or result, command or be the first one in front. Not everyone is a leader and all leaders are not equal

The 2017 senior heroes awards founding planning committee pondered a local individual who could personify a positive leadership example in our community Vancouver, USA. The name of Pat Jollota resonated as someone who embodies the spirit of service to others including seniors.

Pat has a storied public service career in law enforcement (LAPD), curator of the Clark County Historical Museum; and Vancouver City Council member. She has served on countless boards, commissions, and committees over the years, such as; C-Tran; Retired Senior Volunteer Program; Adult Day Care Center; Southwest Washington Health District; Health and Human Services Council; YWCA; Pets of Older People and Friends of the Elder Justice Center.

Pat has published a number of literary works, conducted local radio and television shows, she is an active member of many local organizations. Some of her awards include First Citizen of the Clark County 2012, Citizen of the Year Clark County Relators, Foster Hedden Award, Americanism award, State Emblem Clubs; and service to mankind local and regional, Sertoma Clubs; Women of Achievement YWCA 2003; Congressional recognition by Representative Brian Baird.

Pat Jollota has demonstrated a lifetime of leadership. The Senior Heroes recognition event is proud to honor her name in our annual Senior Heroes Awards program the Pat Jollota Leadership Award. Thank you, Pat!

Congratulations to our 2017 Senior Heroes Awards Recipients

Award recipients were chosen because of their investment of talent and treasure in programs that serve and care for seniors in Clark County, Washington



Senior Heroes In-Home Caregiver

Julie Milchev

Home Instead Senior Care

Julie works with Home Instead Senior Care as an in-home caregiver. She is one of those caregivers who enjoys creating a fun and yet professional environment for clients. Julie strives to hone her skills as a caregiver, taking classes that help develop her skills in caregiving. Her easily adaptable personality makes her a great fit with all her clients. She's especially skilled at working with dementia clients. Julie has demonstrated leadership in serving a client with Alzheimer's. She took the lead role in organizing the caregiver team to assist this client. She is the type of caregiver you can count on to go above and beyond in every situation.



Senior Heroes Facility Caregiver

Tina Davis

Brookdale Senior Living Orchards

Tina Davis is employed as a caregiver for Brookdale Assisted Living in Vancouver. Tina is a caregiver who is cheerful and smiling. She makes friends wherever she goes in her building. Tina makes time to take a personal interest in the client's she serves. She certainly makes people feel special, as noted by the **three** separate nomination she received for the this award. People gravitate to Tina because of her positive attitude and helpful nature.



Senior Heroes Family Caregiver

Leonard "Doc" Davis

CDM Caregiving Services

Leonard "Doc" is a family caregiver who uses CDM caregiving services. Doc volunteers for the annual CDM appreciation barbecue and the yearly family picnic at the adult day center. He regularly leads and sings karaoke for the adult day center clients. Doc is a caregiver for his wife, Faye - providing quality care for "his sweetheart". His love for his wife is an inspiration to all of us "Doc" is a consummate volunteer, always there to help others. He's an amazing caregiver and a man that we truly admire for his commitment to family and community.