

2015 Kenneth Hood

Senior Service Award Recipient

Julie Wright

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

In 1986, Julie 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 seniors 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.

In 1999, Julie became an Arlington Heights Senior Center, Inc. Member of the Board of Directors.

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.

Julie and her husband Don are residents of Luther Village. She served on the Building and Grounds Committee for two year, and currently serves on the Library Committee and Board of Directors.

Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award Recipients

2008 Jack Schimpf

2009 Shirley Garrison

2010 Frank De Rosa

2011 Joe Cesario

2012 Jack Hanahan

2013 John W. Muldoon

2014 Mary Jo Zeller



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Senior Citizens Commission
Village of Arlington Heights**

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This prestigious award carries Kenneth Hood's name because of his long time dedicated service to the senior citizens of Arlington Heights. After his retirement from the business world, he served on and then chaired the Senior Citizens Commission. He was also one of the early and longest term members of the board of directors of Arlington Heights Senior Center, Inc. as well as president of that organization. Arlington Heights Senior Center, Inc. is the not for profit corporation that raises funds to purchase equipment as well as support senior center programs. Ken Hood was instrumental in establishing the "new senior center." Ken Hood served as president of the Senior Center Advisory Council. He served as the secretary of the Noon Hour Rotary Club and honorary chairman of the Arlington Heights Senior Center Accreditation Committee. On July 3, 2007, his 100th birthday, Dr. Hood addressed his peers, friends and family & advocated carrying forward the torch of service on behalf of today's senior citizen population.

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On July 31, 2007, his 100th Birthday, Dr. Kenneth Hood addressed his peers, friends and family and advocated carrying forward the torch of service on behalf of today's senior citizen population. He spoke with the satisfaction and confidence of a man who had lived a good life and had brought the goals he had set for himself to a full completion. He spoke passionately to the assembled crowd about his life of service to family, country, Arlington Heights and to the Senior Citizen Community in Arlington Heights. He indicated that his time was nearly completed and it was time to pass on the torch. Dr. Kenneth Hood passed away on December 15, 2007.

Eligibility Requirements

The Kenneth Hood Senior Service Award Recipient will be announced on July 15. The Dr. Kenneth Hood Award recognizes individuals and/or organizations who have carried forward the torch of service on behalf of today's senior citizens population. Candidates must have exhibited some or all of the following:

- A significant history of service to the senior community.
- Developed, provided, or conducted programs or services that enhance the quality of life for senior citizens.
- Embraced or nurtured activities that affect in a positive way the lives of the senior citizen population.
- They must set an example by contributing their efforts toward the above with zest for the joy of living.
- Candidates must reside, work, and/or volunteer in the Village of Arlington Heights.
- Preferably, the award will be granted to a living individual, but it can be awarded posthumously.

Nominations for the award are available by calling 1-847-253-5532 or through the Village of Arlington Heights Website: www.vah.com. Although nominations may be submitted at any time; for the current year's consideration, nominations must be submitted on or before July 1 by:

- 1) Mail: 1801 West Central Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
- 2) E-Mail: khansen@vah.com
- 3) Fax: 1-847-253-4476
- 4) Online application: www.vah.com