## Press Release from the Palatine Township Senior Citizens Council

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Please note: Although our programs are held in Palatine, participants are drawn from a 15-mile area. Please include release information in all northwest suburban regional editions. For this release, please run outside "senior" columns or sections.

## **Community Volunteers Honored at Senior Center Celebration**

"Cheers to our Volunteers!" was the theme of the Palatine Township Senior Citizens Council (PTSCC) 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Volunteer Recognition on Friday, April 22, 2016. PTSCC celebrated the achievements of its nearly 300 volunteers at a reception at the Cotillion in Palatine. In her address to the volunteers, PTSCC Board Chair Karen Fay said, "We couldn't be successful without you, volunteers make it happen!"

A special thank you to Friendship Village of Schaumburg, Plum Creek Supportive Living, and Lexington Health Network for their sponsorship of this event.

This year's honorees are:

**Donelda Danz** - Board of Directors Award for her outstanding service as Chair of the 2016 Gala fundraiser.

**Rem Stokes** – Fundraising Award for his creative ideas for fundraising, his solicitation of donations to the endowment, and his continuing generosity.

**Pan American Bank** – Corporate Partner Award for their strong support of PTSCC through top level sponsorship of the Gala the last 2 years and donation of a hot-contested Blackhawks live auction package.

**Carol Kawanaka -** Income Tax Award for using her knowledge and expertise to help our clients.

**Michael Noens** - Special Award for creating a video highlighting our Home Delivered Meals program shared at our Gala.

**Barb Sullivan** – Adult Day Services Award for sharing her musical talents on the piano for us and our clients.

**Leonid Korniychuk** – Russian Outreach Award for his participation and dedication to the center and our Russian speaking clients.

**Maria Lourdes Chavelas** - Latino Outreach Award for her energetic willingness to help and consistent positive attitude in assisting our Spanish speaking clients.

**John & Ruth Sellers** – General Recreation Award for their service at special events, and support and sharing of new ideas with the Program Department.

**Marcella Johnson** – Gift Shop Award for her hard work and dedication in the gift shop weekly for the last 2 years.

**Bill Little** – 50+ Computer Learning Center Award for sharing his knowledge of technology in the Open Computer Lab weekly for the last 10 years.

**Mary Schramer** – Office Award for her volunteerism in the office for many years, knowledge about our services, and pleasant personality.

**Sarah (Marilynn) Rausen -** Home Delivered Meals Award for her dedication to the program and her care for her senior clients.

**Susan Rosen -** Café Award for her service and support in the kitchen and dedication and reliability.

Established in 1973, PTSCC's mission is to provide programs and services which support older adults and their families by encouraging independence, well-being and connection to the community. PTSCC operates a multi-purpose senior center offering social, nutrition, education, health, recreation, and support services to Palatine Township area residents 50 and over, and is 1 of only 5 accredited senior centers in Illinois. For more information on services, or to volunteer, visit the PTSCC website at www.ptscc.org or call 847-991-1112.

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