



MEMBER OF THE YEAR MARY GARCIA

The Culver City Senior Citizens Association Board of Directors is pleased to honor
Mary Garcia
Member of the Year for 2010

Mary Garcia's volunteer days began with all the fun and fundraising activities she got involved with when her children were young. She saw it as her "duty" to help with raising money so all the children could participate in Pop Warner, Little League and many school activities. Mary relates: "It's a great honor to be the Member of the Year. I am humbled by this honor because I volunteer out of the goodness of my heart, not for recognition. The volunteering comes naturally to me." As one of fourteen children, Mary became independent at a young age and has always followed her own path with confidence and positive energy. She is a proud mother of four children and seven grandchildren and still enjoys ballgames and other fun activities with her family.

Mary worked at Hughes Aircraft for 27 years in the product assurance department, working her way up to supervisor and Internal Auditor for the Trident Missile Department. After retiring in 2001, Mary offered her assistance to her elderly neighbors and had happy experiences taking them places and doing errands, often just chatting with them. A friend from church encouraged Mary to join the Senior Center and now she volunteers for Nutrition, the Wednesday Work Project, the monthly Birthday Parties, the Flu Clinic and is the hostess for the Veterans Group. Mary and Elizabeth Oxley are the "Dynamic Duo" working hard to raise funds for the Nutrition programs. Mary also enjoys the Merry Makers Club, the Loss Support Group and helping with Membership Registration. When she is not helping everyone at the Senior Center, Mary is caring for her 100 orchid plants or catching fish at Kenneth Hahn Park with friends. (Have you seen some of Mary's beautiful orchids gracing the Senior Center desks?) She also loves to cook and share recipes and enjoys making enchiladas and chile rellenos, her specialities.

Mary wants you to know this: "I came here to help people but now I find that this Center is my support group. When I experienced the loss of my husband, Chuck, I realized that I had the biggest and best support group ever. My mission is to continue serving our seniors and getting to know more wonderful people with whom to laugh, dance, drink coffee, catch fish and celebrate life together. Thank you for honoring me as your Member of the Year." And we are happy to show our appreciation to Mary for all she does and extend our congratulations.

Mary will be recognized at the Center Holiday Party on December 10, 2010

A Message...FROM THE CCSCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DID YOU KNOW that at our Senior Center, we, the members, are organized into an Association known as the "**Culver City Senior Citizens Association? (CCSCA)**"

DID YOU KNOW

- ◆ that the CCSCA has a Board of Directors elected by the general membership that exists solely to serve YOU?
- ◆ that past CCSCA Boards created the Association by-laws which can be changed as events dictate?
- ◆ that the CCSCA has an established Code of Conduct (displayed at the Center) which defines how members are expected to behave while at the Center?
- ◆ that CCSCA funding comes from membership dues plus donations from members and their families?
- ◆ that CCSCA purchased all the furnishings now in use at the Center? (tables, chairs, etc.)
- ◆ that CCSCA purchased and maintains all the equipment in the Computer Lab? And that the CCSCA pays for the computer lab director, Richard Marr?
- ◆ that CCSCA purchased and maintains all the equipment in the Fitness Room? And that the CCSCA pays for the monitors in the Fitness Room?
- ◆ that the CCSCA Board plus volunteers manage the Trip Office?
- ◆ that the CCSCA discusses and approves all expenditures and outlay from our general fund? We are very aware that it is your money to be spent to enhance your Senior Center experience, and must be used wisely.

DID YOU KNOW that the CCSCA Board of Directors works with the staff of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department of Culver City? Our goal is to make YOUR Senior Center a place that is a joy to visit, a place with over 100 activities, a place to relax, a place to learn, to meet friends, to volunteer your time and special talents and a place you just can't stay away from!

WELL....DID YOU KNOW? DO YOU WISH TO KNOW NOW? Then just ask any Board member. Better yet, come to our monthly Board meetings and GET INVOLVED!
~ *Lionel Crown*