GARY KIERNAN was born and raised near Hamilton, Ontario, Canada and started volunteering at a young age. He was the church organist while he lived in Hamilton. When he visited California in 1956, he decided he wanted to relocate here and did so in 1958. He worked for National Airlines until 1984 where he coordinated load control for plane balance, worked in customer service, and the lost and found department. He then sold luggage in various department stores until he retired in 1996. Gary joined the Culver City Senior Center in January of 1997, and from the minute he walked in the door he was contributing his considerable skills to the betterment of the community. He was elected to the Board of Directors for three years where he served as historian. As part of his duties he took photos of the various events at the Center and organized them into albums. Although he no longer holds that position, he continues to perform this service. He also creates bulletin boards combining photos, graphics and text which highlight the programs offered at the Center.

Gary is an active participant in the RSVP program at the Center helping wherever he is needed. He was one of the first seniors to volunteer for the new “Stay at Home” project, which allows him to use his people skills to share information with community members about local senior services. The annual Health Fair Expo and membership campaign are two other activities where Gary finds time to contribute his time. He works at the front desk at the Information Office whenever needed. Staff members consider Gary their “right hand man” because he can be relied upon to assist in any way he is able. His giving attitude is reflected in his statement, “It is nice to give a smile to someone because it might be the only one they get that day.” The Culver City Senior Center is indeed fortunate to be the recipient of those smiles almost everyday.

Gary will be honored at the City Council Meeting on May 6th, at the Older Americans Recognition Luncheon in the Senior Center on May 7th, and at the Los Angeles County Commission on Aging Recognition Luncheon on May 15th.

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IN MEMORIAM

Hilda Tasky (93 years old)  Moshe Goldstein  Bert Lawless (92 years old)
Rose Schelf  Elsie V. Smith (91 years old)  Quing Lin
Lloyd Winslow  Karl Oiike

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BEREAVEMENT AND BEYOND meets on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. in the Uruapan Room of the Vets Building. The group is led by Otto Schnepp and Eva Vollmer, peer counselors from the Center for Healthy Aging. Discussions on coping with loneliness, rebuilding your life, and finding new directions are the core of the sessions. Discover how to become your own person without your loved one, and how to develop a satisfying social network. A $2.00 donation is requested at each session. Call Sandy at the Senior Center at 310-253-6715 before attending.

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MUSIC FOR THE MONTH

JAMES WOODARD will entertain at the Always Young Club meeting on Friday, May 10th at 10:45 a.m.
KIRSTEN HARDY will sing at the Merry Makers Club meeting on Monday, May 13th at 10:45 a.m.
ALEXIS DONNELLY is scheduled to perform at the Merry Makers Club meeting on Monday, May 20th at 10:45 a.m.
ARNEL MENDOZA entertains at the Always Young Club meeting on Friday, May 24th at 10:45 a.m.

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IMMIGRATION ASSISTANCE

Immigration Attorney, Gary Silbiger, will be at the Center the last Thursday of each month from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Room 1 of the Senior Center, to assist those with questions relating to immigration law. This is a free service.