SENIOR OF THE YEAR

BOB MARTZ

The Culver City Senior Citizens Association
Board of Directors is pleased to honor

Bob Martz

Senior of the Year for 2011

Bob Martz stands tall in our community as a Senior Citizen who exemplifies the true spirit of volunteerism and he is being recognized for his dedication to service in his community. Helping other people has been a “way of life” for Bob and he generously donates his time to others in many ways.

For 15 years, Bob has been part of the Culver City Senior Center singing group that visits nursing homes two times every week to entertain the residents with their music and cheerful presentations. For many of those years Bob has been their leader, arranging the music and the transportation for the group. Since 1997, he has also been providing the transportation for the Senior Center Square Dancers who also visit local nursing homes every Thursday. As an active member at the Culver City Senior Center since 1996, Bob has registered nearly 4000 volunteers hours! He also served as a Board member in 2008-09.

In service to his community, Bob is an active member of his Neighborhood Watch group and tries to help his neighbors as much as he can. St. Gerard’s Catholic Church is another fortunate recipient of Bob’s love and talents. He serves 7 days a week as an altar boy and usher and has lost count of how many years he has been there. Bob is also very active at St. Augustine’s Catholic Church, serving every year on the committee for their annual festival fundraiser. He also helps organize the pancake breakfast that raises money for S. A. V. E. S., St. Augustine’s program that provides aid to the hungry, needy, elderly and homeless in our community. As a highly ranked member of the Knights of Columbus, Bob gives service to fundraisers that raise money to provide assistance for needy families and disabled people, providing wheelchairs, walkers and other aids. When he is not on a fundraising mission, Bob is the cheerful handyman for the religious community of the Daughters of St. Paul, where he has helped as a carpenter, plumber and ‘Mr. Fix It’ for over 10 years.

Bob is a proud veteran of the Korean War and the proud father of four children, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Bob worked 2 jobs while raising his young family, then spent 30 years working at Los Angeles Airport. When he retired, his friend Marge immediately enlisted him to go with the singing group to the nursing homes and 15 years later he still is an enthusiastic member of that group, enjoying the music and feeling very happy that their singing has brought so much joy to the residents in local nursing homes.

Bob will be honored as our Culver City “Senior of the Year” at the 46th Annual Older Americans Recognition Day Awards Program at the Music Center Grand Hall on May 23, 2011. At this awards program, the Honorees will be recognized for their dedication to community service by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. Bob will also receive a commendation from the City of Culver City at the Council Meeting at City Hall on Monday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Please join us in honoring Bob at the Older Americans Month Party on Friday, May 27 at the Senior Center!

IN MEMORIAM

Beta Dittmer
(90 years of age)

David Spivak
(99 years of age)