SENIOR OF THE YEAR
THAIS MAGRANE

The Culver City Senior Citizens Association is pleased to honor Thais Magrane as our “Senior of the Year” for 2016.

Thais is celebrating an incredible 20 years of active volunteer service at the Culver City Senior Center! Since 1996, when she joined the group who made Angel Caps for children with cancer, Thais has served in many volunteer roles. She has contributed her energy and expertise to the Nutrition Program 6+ hours every week day and has done so since 2003. Her efforts are essential to the daily lunch program operation, helping with important daily forms and data. She also serves on the Nutrition Advisory Council, helps at the Reception Desk as needed and has received two “Golden Apple” Nutrition Awards from LA County Community and Senior Services. Thais can be found at all the major events at the Senior Center. At parties she helps with set up, decorating and registration. From 2011-2015 Thais served as a CCSCA Board Member, acting as chairperson of the Activities Committee and on the Membership, Senior of the Month and Sunshine Committees. Culver City Community groups that benefit from Thais’ involvement include the Culver City Historical Society, Friends of the Library and St. Augustine’s Church. In addition to volunteering and serving the community, Thais loves music, the Arts and travelling around the world.

Thais was born in Guantanamo, Cuba. When Castro closed the University there, Thais went to work for the Royal Bank of Canada, Guantanamo Branch. She left Cuba, lived 2 years in Spain, arriving in the United States in 1973. She and her husband were married in 1974 and moved to Culver City where they raised their two sons. Thais is radiant when she speaks of her sons and how involved she was in the schools, Little League and Boy Scouts when they were growing up. She is very proud of her contributions to the PTA and her years as president of the Culver City Unified School District Bilingual Committee.

Volunteering has been a way of life for Thais. She expresses great joy in the experience of watching our Seniors enjoy all the great activities here and she plans on continuing her volunteer activities here and in her community, looking forward to showing her love for Culver City by playing an active role on the City’s Centennial Committee.

Thais Magrane is a shining example of an outstanding community volunteer, and the City of Culver City and the Culver City Senior Citizens Association are pleased to recognize her as our 2016 “Senior of the Year” and our Honoree at the Annual Older Americans Recognition Day Awards Program at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion on May 25. She will receive a commendation from the City at the City Council meeting on May 9 and will be our guest of honor at the Older Americans Month Party on May 27.

Thank you, Thais, for all your hard work and for sharing your wonderful smile with us for 20 years!

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EVELYN FINK
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