Letha Kemper is being honored as our “Senior of the Year” for her many years of dedicated service to her community and the Culver City Senior Center. Letha is a shining example of the joyful and generous spirit of giving to others, a quality she is so proud to have learned from her parents and has passed on to her three children. To her and her family, volunteering is definitely “the thing to do.”

Letha’s contributions to her community are extensive and include 40 years of service to the AFS Intercultural Program, hosting students from 8 different countries and serving as president, secretary and treasurer of the local chapter of AFS. For 20+ years, Letha served on the Community Scholarship Committee for the Culver City Unified School District and on the UCLA Scholarship Committee, awarding scholarships to outstanding high school students, UCLA Law Students and Community College transfer students. For over 15 years, Letha has been an active member of the League of Women Voters, also serving as their hospitality chair. The VA Hospital was also fortunate to have Letha’s cheerful help, visiting different floors with the bookmobile for over 8 years.

Letha is a native Californian, moving from Los Angeles to Culver City in 1970. During the years her children were growing up, Letha was very active in Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Little League and other support roles too numerous to mention! She was awarded the Honorary Service Award for her many years of service to the PTA, a testament to her outstanding service to children and youth in her community. Letha has always been active in her church community, serving as Sunday School teacher and on many other committees.

Since her retirement in 2003, Letha has been an active volunteer at the Culver City Senior Center, helping with the Volunteer Work Projects, Membership Registration, Flu Clinics, patio parties and serving in the nutrition program. In addition to this litany of Letha’s volunteer activities, she has recently joined the volunteer team at S.A.V.E.S., St. Augustine Church’s program that provides aid to hungry, needy, elderly and homeless people in our community.

Letha will be honored by the City Council on Monday, May 8 and by the Los Angeles County Older Americans Recognition Day event on May 31. She will also be honored at our Older Americans Month Party at the Senior Center on Friday, May 26, 2017. Congratulations and many thanks to Letha for going above and beyond to help others in her community.