

Presentation of the *Life Achievement Inaugural Award*

Today, the *Life Achievement Inaugural Award* will be bestowed upon SeniorNet candidates who have made major contributions through volunteerism, promoting the SeniorNet mission in bringing computer and modern technology to seniors across our communities. The involvement and contribution of these candidates have been invaluable to the progress and growth of the organization. Over a period of many years, they have excelled in and contributed to a host of areas in service to the community as SeniorNet at FSL volunteers:

What the candidates brought to the organization, and, how have they contributed to the community through direct services to seniors and their families?

And how have they been instrumental in implementing programming through SeniorNet activities?

Well, specifically, as a founding member, Don Stone is an integral part of the SeniorNet at FSL legacy. He is a special and valiant volunteer staff-person who contributed to the development of the organization, until today.

Don Stone ...

- Was writer and editor of the first edition of the SeniorNet manual, one that served as the guiding template for those that followed over the past 20 years.
- Don served as organizer of the SeniorNet office and developed the database for student registration.
- He provided the initial funding source to the newly established SeniorNet Huntington.
- And Don taught the first WORD class SeniorNet at FSL launched, the foundation for countless classes that were born of its example and success.
- That is ... to name a few of Don's meaningful and impactful contributions to what defines SeniorNet at FSL

As for Claire Kerman, she came to SeniorNet in 2004 to register for a class and ended up cutting bagels! She made the mistake of asking Sandy Marquez and me ... "How are things going?" It became immediately

apparent to us and without a moment's notice, Claire was recruited as the chair of the volunteer committee!

In this capacity, Claire Kerman ...

- Has recruited and trained more than 200 volunteers.
- She developed a non-existing volunteer database, bringing order to chaos.
- Claire faithfully attended all SeniorNet events.
- And while there, she recruited ... or some might describe it as ... lassoed in anyone that showed an interest in SeniorNet!
- And not so mysteriously, volunteers not only gravitated to Clair in their early encounters with her, she is a faithful steward of volunteers in her tenure, and theirs at SeniorNet at FSL.

Warm congratulations to our friends and fellow volunteers, Don and Claire, for this well-deserved recognition.

We extend to you our gratitude, and on behalf of many you have served, we honor you and bestow upon you the *Life Achievement Inaugural Award*.

Don ...

Claire ...

Please step forward to accept your virtual Award.