

# Serving Glenview's Seniors for Over 25 Years Spring 2017

Why be a member of **Helping Hands of Glenview**?

The answer is simple, you *WANT* to help senior and disabled residents of the Glenview community. Your membership allows us to provide transportation services to over 150 Glenview residents at *NO CHARGE*. Our dedicated drivers provide assistance driving residents to doctor, dental and therapy appointments, as well as, trips to the grocery and drug stores.

However, we do have some bills. Telephone and insurance are our major expenses. Your membership will help us pay for these expenses.

Thanks to our generous donations, we have been able to help seniors who are experiencing financial difficulty. Through Glenview Senior Services, we've helped pay for dental expenses, gas and electric bills and insurance premiums. A heartfelt thanks to ALL of our donors and especially our major donors: Glenview Rotary Sunrise, Glenview Community Church Women's Association and Mission Outreach and First Korean Presbyterian Church. We thank these organizations for all they do for our Glenview community!

#### Volunteer Driver of the Year

Our congratulations to *Jim Coursey*! Even though Jim has been a volunteer driver only a short time, he has been selected as our *Driver of the Year*! Jim has gone above and beyond, by driving whenever he is asked. Jim has retired from the American Medical Association. He and his wife; Patricia are Glenview residents and learned about **Helping Hands of Glenview** at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Jim says, "it is truly fulfilling to provide this service". He finds our clients very interesting, enjoyable and often learns from them. Way to go Jim! Thanks to you and all of our volunteer drivers.

#### Help Us Expand Our Mission

We need drivers who are willing to take on a slightly greater role. A number of our clients are Vets and need transportation to the VA hospitals in Waukegan or Maywood. We also receive requests for transportation services, from clients needing dialysis. Dialysis patients need treatments 3 times a week, which can be hard on families. If you can help get these patients to and from each session, please call our coordinators at **847-729-8181**.

## Our Telephone Coordinators are THE BEST

We are indebted to Barbara Pollak and Janet Pomillo, our wonderful telephone ladies who arrange rides with efficiency, courtesy and patience. If you know someone in need of our service, contact Barbara or Janet for information at 847-729-8181, or go to our website: <a href="https://www.HelpingHandsGlenview.org">www.HelpingHandsGlenview.org</a>.

### Annual Fall Yard Cleanup

Helping Hands coordinates a day of leaf raking for seniors. We cleaned up 16 yards last fall! Volunteers included service clubs from Glenbrook South High School, groups from OLPH, First Korean Presbyterian and Glenview Community Churches and Scout troops. Groot Recycling donates free bag pickup. We appreciate all of these participants.

#### **Board News to Share**

This year has brought many changes to the **Helping Hands of Glenview** family.

In April 2016, we learned of the passing of our original telephone coordinator; Frieda Rumsfield. Frieda was instrumental in setting up our telephone procedures and served for almost 20 years. We thank her and her family for remembering Helping Hands and directing memorial donations to us.

In February 2017, George Kunzmann, a long time board member, died in Georgia, after a short illness. George was active not only with **Helping Hands of Glenview** but at the Glenview Senior Center and as a member of Old Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Our condolences to Collette and their daughters and grandchildren. George was a vital member of the Glenview community and will be greatly missed.

We welcome new board members, Joyce Holler, Gail Kimura, Colleen McKimm and Shannan Wilson. We know they are excited to be a part of our organization and will bring new vitality and ideas to the board.

We are honored to have been selected for a Special Committee Award by the **Glenview Civic Awards** committee.

#### **Board Nominations for 2017-2018**

Officers: Joe Szwiec, President; Diane Silca, Vice President; Lauren Szwiec,

Secretary; Dick Mann, Treasurer

2017-2019 Directors: Bob Anthony, Diane Silca and Lauren Szwiec

# Annual Meeting on Monday May 22 at 7 PM

*Please join us at the Glenview Park Center*, 2400 Chestnut St., Room 102. We will honor our donors and drivers, recognize our phone coordinators and have light refreshments.