



SENIOR RECOGNITION

Santa Monica residents were recognized for their volunteer work by county agencies recently. See Page 3 for more information.

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Citywide

Locals recognized for work with the senior community

May being Older Americans Month, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, along with the county's Commission for Older Adults and the county's Workforce Development, Aging & Community Services held its 52nd Annual Older American Recognition Day Awards Program on May 31.

The special luncheon honored senior volunteers from Supervisorial Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5. In Sheila Kuehl's Supervisorial District 3, 15 honorees were recognized. Among them, two Santa Monica residents, City of Santa Monica Commissioner Jennie Braun and WISE & Healthy Aging volunteer Mark Kaiserman (pictured with, left, Phyllis Amaral, vice president for Community-Based Services at WISE & Healthy Aging, and Santa Monica Commissioner

Barbara Browning, right)

Braun was recognized for her service on the Santa Monica Commission for the Senior Community, a post that she has held since 2009 and will be completing at the end this month. Retired from the American Red Cross of Greater LA, where Braun was its Chief HR Officer, she volunteers her time on the Commission and at the First Presbyterian Church of Santa Monica. Braun is also active with the Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club. It was noted that her "common sense, good humor, and advocacy on behalf of the older adults have made her a valuable member of the Commission."

Kaiserman, a retired attorney, focuses his volunteer work with senior needing adult day care. At

WISE & Healthy Aging's Adult Day Service Center, located in the Ken Edwards Center, Kaiserman has a knack for making people feel welcome. He sets a tone of respect and hospitality that participants relish. Volunteering for more than five years with the Center, Kaiserman can be counted on for his individualized attention, whether he is leading a current events group, helping serve lunch or chatting with participants, he displays warmth and a genuineness that lightens the mood and brightens the day for Center participants.

This annual county-wide luncheon was held at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion Music Center Grand Hall downtown Los Angeles, and attended by more than 200 people.