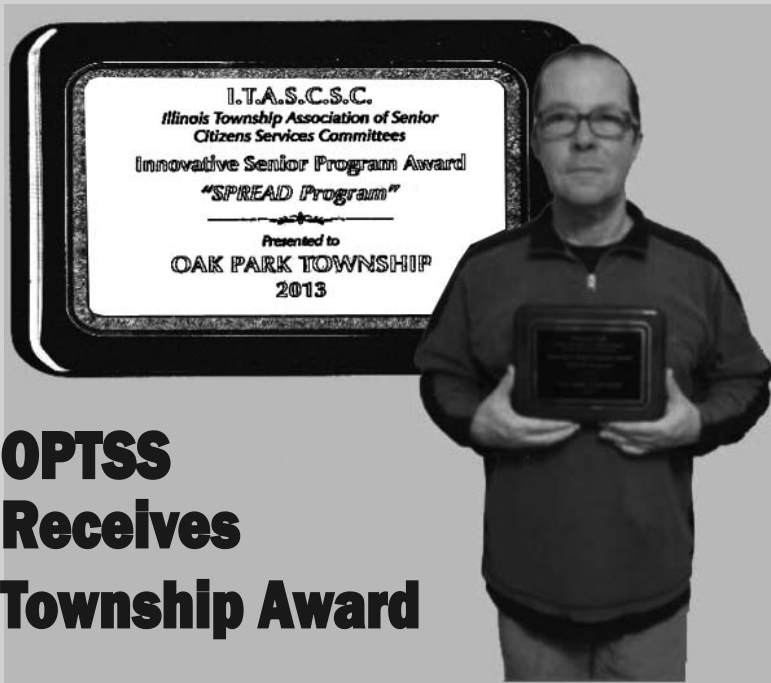


Honoring Our Volunteers



OPTSS Receives Township Award

Jim Duignan holds the award presented to Oak Park Township Senior Services for the intergenerational book "SPREAD". Behind him is the inscription which appears on the plaque.

The Illinois Township Association of Senior Citizens Services Committee accepts nominations for the annual "Commitment to Senior Services Awards". These awards are given in recognition of outstanding commitment to meeting the needs of seniors within the community. This year at the association's meeting on November 12 in Springfield, Oak Park Township Senior Services won the award for "Innovative Senior Program" for the publication entitled "SPREAD".

"SPREAD" is a book that's the result of an intergenerational effort to preserve the memories and stories as told by the folks that visit the Oak Park Township Senior Services lunch program. Under the guidance of DePaul University Professor Jim Duignan, several DePaul College students and two local Oak Park and River Forest High School students worked to transcribe oral interviews in to a written narrative. The result was a compilation of personal recollections which together, spoke of the times and events in the middle of the Twentieth Century.

Oak Park Township Senior Services, Director Desiree Scully-Simpkins accepted the award at the Township Officials of Illinois Conference on behalf of Oak Park Township.

On November first, Oak Park Township honored its 2013 volunteers with a breakfast at the Ritz Carlton Hotel. Below is a list of those from Senior Services who dedicated their time and effort to assist both staff and clients residing within Oak Park and River Forest:

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| Elisabeth Bacani, RN | Donna Oswald |
| Veronica Belmonte | Cathryn Pearson |
| Eugene Berger | Patrick Phillips |
| Dr. Kenneth Blair | Janet Phillips |
| John Bruun | David Potter |
| Licet Bucio | Robert Pozorski |
| Nancy Clark | John Reeves |
| Barbara Coats | Cathaleen Roach |
| Veronica Cooper | Steven Rogers |
| Carol Cox | John Ross |
| Stan Daniels | Sandra Rowe |
| Larry Davis | Linda Ryan |
| Tom Dawson | Peg Sabatino |
| Det. Elizabeth Dickson | Mayra Salazar |
| Jim Duignan | Anne Schmidt |
| Samara Ferdinand | Carla Sloan |
| Troy Fields | Mary Therese Small |
| James Flanagan | Mike Sookikian |
| Ruth Foley | Jackie Speelman |
| Christopher Fox | Sarah Stein |
| Bill Furey | Sharon Stolz |
| Joyce Gradel | Althelia Strong |
| Annette Hughes | Linda Stupar |
| Sandra Y. Jackson | Louise Taylor |
| Karen McGirr | Geraldine Toliver |
| Susan Kehoe | Kathleen Tushinski |
| Patricia Koko | Peggy Tyner |
| Ed Mampre | Timothy Unzicker |
| Lydia Manning | Dr. Katherine Walsh |
| Mary Marling | Leonard Wolfkiel |
| Brian McCann | Gail Wolfkiel |
| MaryBeth McIntosh | John Wood |
| Marcy Nelson | Indya Woods |
| Bob Nowinski | Christine Worney |

