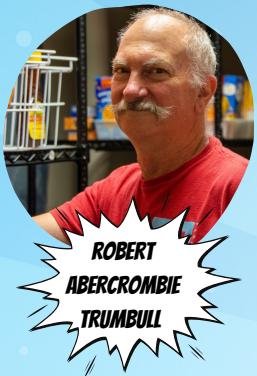




OLIVER SMITH
SWCAA

OLIVER SMITH HAS BEEN A CHOICES COUNSELOR FOR THE SOUTHWESTERN CT AGENCY ON AGING, SINCE 2021. WITH PRIOR EXPERIENCE AS A NY STATE MEDICARE COUNSELOR, OLIVER JUMPED RIGHT IN TO ADDRESSING COMPLEX MEDICARE ISSUES WITH SWCAA CALLERS. FROM THE MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAM TO BENEFITS COORDINATION TO WORKING WITH INDIVIDUALS NEW TO MEDICARE, OLIVER IS EAGER TO HELP. WE HAVE SO APPRECIATED ALL THE HOURS THAT HE HAS PUT IN AS A MEMBER OF THE CHOICES FAMILY!



ROBERT
ABERCROMBIE
TRUMBULL

ROBERT ABERCROMBIE IS A STELLAR VOLUNTEER FOR THE TOWN OF TRUMBULL! HE CREATES AN ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL MEMBERS TO FEEL WELCOME AND GOES OUT OF HIS WAY TO PUT A SMILE ON SOMEONE'S FACE. IN ADDITION TO VOLUNTEERING IN THE FOOD PANTRY, HE RECENTLY RESTORED THE SENIOR CENTER'S BOCCIE COURT, AND CREATED A BOCCIE GROUP AND A PICKLEBALL GROUP TO HELP OTHERS MAKE MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS. IN HIS SPARE TIME, HE BAKES THEN DELIVERS HIS CREATIONS TO STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS TO HELP SPREAD HAPPINESS. DID WE MENTION BOB IS ALSO A FULL-TIME CAREGIVER?



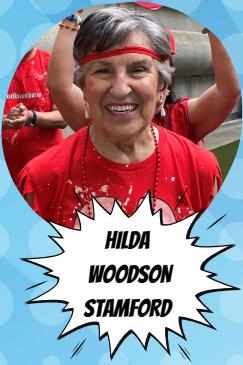
ANGELA
TOZZOLI
DARIEN

OUR SUPER SENIOR NOMINATION FOR DARIEN SENIOR CENTER IS ANGELA TOZZOLI! ANGELA SERVED AS ASSISTANT FINANCE DIRECTOR FOR DARIEN'S BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR 30 YEARS. SHE BECAME AN INVALUABLE VOLUNTEER IN 2015, WHILE STILL WORKING! ANGELA HAS SINCE HELPED KEEP THE OFFICE RUNNING SMOOTHLY BY ASSISTING WITH EVENTS, ANSWERING PHONES, MANAGING DAILY STATISTICS, AND REFINING OFFICE MANAGEMENT. SHE HELPED COORDINATE OTHER VOLUNTEERS INPUT 2000+ MEMBERS INTO MYSENIORCENTER! ANGELA HAS TIRELESSLY VOLUNTEERED 10-15 HOURS A WEEK. MOST IMPORTANTLY, SHE IS KIND, SINCERE, AND DISPLAYS ENDLESS AMOUNTS OF PATIENCE WITH ALL!



DIANA
HEISINGER
WESTON

WESTON SENIOR CENTER IS NOMINATING DIANA HEISINGER AS OUR SUPER SENIOR OF 2022. AS PRESIDENT OF THE FRIENDS OF THE WESTON SENIOR CENTER, SHE WORKS TIRELESSLY FOR EVERY EVENT. AFTER OUR RECENT RENOVATION, WE PURCHASED NEW FURNITURE. DIANA CAME WITH HER TOOLS AND BUILT EACH ITEM ON HER OWN! SHE IS ALWAYS THE LAST PERSON HERE AT THE END OF EVENTS TO MAKE SURE THINGS ARE CLEANED UP. SHE IS A SUPER VOLUNTEER AND WE ARE GRATEFUL TO HAVE HER AROUND!



HILDA
WOODSON
STAMFORD

HILDA WOODSON EMBODIES THE CONCEPT OF "AGING WELL." HILDA IS AN ENERGETIC, POSITIVE, ENTHUSIASTIC AMBASSADOR FOR THE STAMFORD SENIOR CENTER. AT 92 YEARS YOUNG, HILDA ATTENDS TWO FITNESS CLASSES PER DAY! IN HER 80'S SHE WENT SKYDIVING AND LOVED EVERY MINUTE OF IT. THIS SUMMER SHE WAS THE TORCH BEARER IN THE SENIOR OLYMPIC GAMES, AS PART OF TEAM HEARTBREAKERS. SHE ALSO TOOK PART IN THE CENTER'S PROJECT TO PAINT A MURAL ON A BRIDGE IN STAMFORD'S COVE ISLAND PARK AND SPENT SEVERAL DAYS IN JULY WITH ROLLER AND PAINTBRUSH IN HAND. HILDA HAS HAD UPS AND DOWNS IN HER LIFE AND AS SHE SAYS, "WITH GOD AND FAMILY ON MY SIDE, I'VE MADE IT THROUGH AND AM BLESSED."



FRANCES
SALVATORE
OVER 60

FRANCES SALVATORE IS OVER 60 SENIOR NEIGHBORHOOD'S SUPER SENIOR OF 2022. THIS HAS BEEN A "SUPER" YEAR ALREADY FOR FRAN, WHO TURNED 100 IN APRIL. FRAN HAS BEEN ATTENDING THE CLUB FOR ALMOST 20 YEARS AND HAS BROUGHT JOY AND LAUGHTER WITH HER EACH TIME SHE COMES IN THE DOOR. SHE VISITS FROM TABLE TO TABLE, CHECKING ON EVERYONE AND IS THE FIRST TO TELL BETTY OR REV. FRED IF SHE THINKS SOMEONE NEEDS HELP. WE COUNT HER AS ONE OF OUR MOST VALUABLE ASSETS!



SHARON
LOCKSHIER
MONROE

SHARON LOCKSHIER JOINED 06/24/21, BEGAN VOLUNTEERING 06/25/21, ACCRUED 494.37 HOURS. STARTED WITH THE KNIT & CROCHET GROUP, THEN FRONT DESK VOLUNTEER. HER BIGGEST MISTAKE "WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP." SHE'S CALLED HOME CARE AGENCIES, AL & SNF FACILITIES TO UPDATE INFORMATION FOR OUR FILES. SHE OFFERED AND CALLED MEMBERS WHO HADN'T RENEWED; BECAUSE OF HER PERSONAL TOUCH THEY REJOINED. SHE HELPS SET UP FOR EVENTS, SERVE AND CLEAN UP, ALL WITH A SMILE. SHE INSTRUCTS KNIT & CROCHET CLASSES, ATTENDS FAIRS TO SELL THEIR WARES TO RAISE MONEY FOR SUPPLIES, AND DONATE ITEMS TO THE CANCER SOCIETY, WOMEN'S SHELTER AND MORE.



VIRGINIA
FERRARI
WESTPORT

VIRGINIA HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE FRIENDS OF THE WESTPORT CENTER FOR SENIOR ACTIVITIES BOARD FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS. BEFORE THAT, SHE WAS A WESTPORT CENTER FOR SENIOR ACTIVITIES BOARD MEMBER. VIRGINIA DOES MORE THAN ATTEND MEETINGS; SHE IS AN ACTIVE COMMUNITY MEMBER. SHE HAS VOLUNTEERED TO HELP AT ALL THE CENTER'S SPECIAL EVENTS OVER THE PAST FIVE-PLUS YEARS. SHE HELPS TO PLAN SOCIAL EVENTS, RECRUITS VOLUNTEERS, AND VOLUNTEERS FOR THE EVENT. SHE MAKES COUNTLESS PHONE CALLS TO HER WIDE LIST OF FRIENDS IF THE EVENT'S SIGN-UP IS LOW TO RECRUIT MORE GUESTS. SHE HAS BEEN KNOWN, ON MANY OCCASIONS, TO INVITE AN INSTRUCTOR OR A SENIOR AS HER GUEST TO ONE OF OUR SOCIAL EVENTS AS A THANK YOU OR TO SOMEONE WHO OTHERWISE COULD NOT AFFORD TO ATTEND. VIRGINIA IS A RAY OF SUNSHINE FOR US HERE. SHE IS ALWAYS SMILING AND WANTS TO BE HELPFUL TO HER FELLOW SENIORS WHEREVER POSSIBLE. THE WCSA SO APPRECIATES HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO OUR CENTER.