

Honored Senior Awards

*Hosted by Pines Village Retirement Communities
with Jill Pfister presiding*

Senior Day at the Porter County Fair was very special for a group of seniors, who were nominated by individuals and organizations, that felt their efforts in the community deserved recognition. They were given the Honored Senior Award.

Nominated by the Bonner Senior Center in Portage, **Norma Jean Wright**, 74, is treasurer of the Ways and Means Committee for bingo at the Bonner Center and a member of Real Life Church in Portage. She feels being not only a member of Bonner, but also a volunteer, helped her form friendships and

create a new mission in her retirement years and that can make a difference with a simple kind word or simply showing up to help out.

The second nominee was from the Village Park Enrichment Center at Banta. **Linda Hadley**, 63, has been a member of Village Park since the 90's. She does not consider what she does as a volunteer "work." Linda feels she is only repaying the warmth and kindness she has received since she first became a member. Every member, past and present, she has come in contact with will always hold a special place in her heart.

Jill Pfister, President of Porter County Triad, nominated **William (Bill) Cantrell** for this award. Bill, 68, is secretary of Porter County Triad, is on the Westchester Township Board, the Westchester Twp Democratic Club president, chief deacon at First Christian Church in Valparaiso and a member of SOAR (Steelworkers Organization for Active Retirees). He has been a Union Township school board member and a SHIP counselor. Bill says, "I know I cannot help everyone with their problems, but the few I do help gives me the spirit to keep helping."

Nominated by the Meridian Woods Community, **Judy Bornstein** 78, is a member of the Methodist Church, participates in Rays of Hope, Prayer Ministry, Visitation Volunteer, Soloist, Notes Writers Ministry, Membership Care Ministry, and Prayer Shawl Ministry. She is a licensed hospice volunteer, utilizing her beautiful voice singing to patients. Judy says "I am honored to be chosen to represent Meridian Woods and accept this honor on behalf and because of them."

Nominated by the Valparaiso Women's Club, **Barbara Grimlick** 78, served on the Valparaiso Women's Club the Ways and Means Committee (where she was President until May of this year) for 4 years and volunteered to help the VNA shot clinic. She is a member of VOLTS at Valparaiso University, and the YMCA. Barbara feels her work with the Valparaiso Women's Club, raising money for scholarships and being able to present the scholarships to students, was very rewarding.

Josephine Purevich 81, nominated for the second time by the Hebron Senior Center, runs the Hebron Senior Center and helps with the NIPSCO Energy Program. As a volunteer she has delivered meals, visited people who were ill and provides transportation to seniors, and also baby sits for her great-grandchildren. She considers her most rewarding experience being able to cook with children.

Edwin Hampson 86, nominated by the Valparaiso Lions Club has been a member of the Lions Club for 40 years, a member of the Methodist Church, American Legion and Moose Lodge, also honored as the Lion of the Year 3 times by the Lions Club and served in the Army Air Corp in WWII.

Chuck Baudouine 88, nominated by Pines Village Retirement Communities, participated in Boy Scouts as a youth and as an adult, is a member of the Mason Calumet Lodge in Chesterton, a 32 degree Mason in South Bend, Shrine Orak Temple in Michigan City and Porter County Model Rail Road Club. He has traveled to East Africa, where he refurbished school class rooms and set up a library. Chuck is an usher at the Methodist Church in Chesterton, participates in the Tape Ministry for shut-ins, is treasurer for the Pines Village Resident Counsel and has volunteered on Habitat projects in Mississippi.

The last Honored Senior Award, nominated by Chesterton VFW Post 2511, **Malcolm Anderson** 91, who is a member of St Paul Lutheran Church in Chesterton, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, National Rifle Association, National Muzzle Loaders Association and the National Defense Preparedness Association. Malcolm served two terms as an elder at Immanuel Lutheran Church, was on the Board of Parish Education, the Church Council and taught Sunday school for 15 years. He held office at VFW Post 2511 for over 50 years and was a delegate to the National Convention for 28 years.

The achievement that rank highest in his memory is surviving WWII, going into Hitler's Third Reich as a soldier in an invading army; he drove army vehicles on Hitler's vaulted Autobahn, and saw Hitler's feared army as prisoner's of war.

All of these seniors are outstanding members of our community and stellar examples of what makes this nation the greatest on earth.



Left to right: Josephine Purevich, Edwin Hampson,
Chuck Baudouine, William Cantrell
Second row: Norma Jean Wright, Barbara Grimick,
Judy Bornstein, Linda Hadley, Malcolm Anderson