

## News Release

### **Senior Volunteers Recognized at “Prime Time Awards” Breakfast**



#### **2005 Prime Time Award Winners**

(L. to R. front row) Marlene Dickey, Edward Carter, Pat Sacco, John Roberson,  
(back row) Lu de Wette, Hermine Drezner, Jan Winkler, Emily Robarts, Jack Robarts.

Senior volunteers took center stage at the Area Agency on Aging’s 14th Annual Prime Time Awards Breakfast on May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Palm Beach Gardens. With more than 200 guests in attendance, awards were presented in seven categories.

Nominations for outstanding senior volunteers were received from organizations and individuals throughout Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Okeechobee and Indian River Counties. The seven award categories included: The SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) Volunteer Award; The Mangrove Bay Service to Seniors Award; The Wachovia School Volunteer Award; The Florida Power & Light Community Service Award; The Shalloway & Shalloway Elder Advocate Award; The Humana Good Neighbor Award, and the Cathy D’heron Leadership Award.

The **SHINE Volunteer Award** was presented to **Ms. Marlene Dickey** by Donnia Smith, Director of Volunteer Programs with the Area Agency on Aging. Marlene volunteers at multiple locations, including Hospice of Palm Beach County, St. Johns Church, AARP, the North County Senior Center, and also the SHARE food program..

The **Mangrove Bay Service to Seniors Award** was presented by Sarabeth Hanson, Executive Director of Mangrove Bay to **Mr. Edward Carter**, of Fort Pierce. Mr. Carter was nominated for the award by Mary Craig of the Council on Aging of St. Lucie. Edward started volunteering for the Meals on Wheels program in February 1993 and has been serving lunch at the congregate meal site since then.

The **Wachovia School Volunteer Award**, was presented to the husband and wife team of **Mr. Jan Winkler** and **Ms. Hermine Drezner** by Ms. Elizabeth Arevalo, Vice President of Marketing for Wachovia. Jan and Hermine volunteer in the “Listen To Children” Mentoring Program at Jupiter Elementary School. They also volunteer there with HOSTS (Helping One Student To Succeed) and ESOL (English Students of Other Languages).

The **Florida Power & Light Company Community Service Award** was presented by Dianne Verner to **Mr. John Roberson**. Mr. Roberson was nominated for the Florida Power and Light Community Service Award by Faith Myer, a parent and active volunteer at Dwyer High School. John actually volunteers at multiple locations including Dwyer High School, AARP and also Jupiter Medical Center.

**Senator Ron Klein** presented **The Shalloway & Shalloway Elder Advocate Award** to **Mr. and Mrs. Jack and Emily Robarts**. The Robarts were nominated by Dave Florance, President of the Palm Beach County Partnership For Aging (PFA) for their work advocating for senior-related legislative issues.

The **Humana Good Neighbor Award** was presented by **Mr. Cris Perry** of Humana, Inc., to **Mr. Pat Sacco** for his work as Chair of the Alzheimer’s Association’s Memory Walk on the Treasure Coast; as a member of the Alzheimer’s Association’s Public Policy Committee; volunteering with St. Mark’s, and also as chairman of the Treasure Coast Ombudsman council.

The **Cathy D’heron Leadership Award** was presented by Cathy D’heron, former CEO of the Agency, to **Lu de Wette** for her seven years of work with the Long-Term Care Ombudsman’s Council.

Sponsors of the 2005 Prime Time Awards Breakfast were: Mangrove Bay; Wachovia; Florida Power & Light Company; Shalloway & Shalloway, Attorneys at Law; Humana, Inc.; Alzheimer’s Community Care, Inc.; Home Companion Services of Florida; Senior Lifestyles Radio Show, Advanced Therapy Centers and The Palm Beach Post.