

The Kind Kids Organization



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The Kind Kids Organization nominated Bobbi Seligmann for the 'Generations United Outstanding Older Adult Volunteer Award' which honors an individual age 60 or older who has made an outstanding contribution to an intergenerational program or has advocated for older adults and youth.

Bobbi Seligmann proudly accepted this award on July 30, 2009 at the GU 15th International Conference.

Kind Kids instills volunteerism in community activities and promotes reading with the students. The program routinely consists of students and seniors reading together, working on crafts, singing songs, sharing stories of life experiences and simply having fun together. Students learn the value of volunteering by helping those who have a more restricted life while seniors share their many years of knowledge and enjoy the vibrant energy of youth.

The Kind Kids organization is a non-profit organization located in Arlington, Virginia.



Senior Volunter Bobbie Seligman, center, shares a favorite story with students Leica Gustgavsson, left, Anna Schwabacher, right, and Russell Bradley during lunch at Hollin Meadows Elementary School.

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Volunteer Bobbie Selgmann, right, opens "Anne Frank, Beyond The Diary," a book she will share with her students as School counselor Glenna Orr, left, looks on.

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PEOPLE NOTES

Bobbie Seligmann, a volunteer working with the Hollin Hills Civic Association of Alexandria, received the Generations United Outstanding Older Adult Volunteer Award at an awards dinner held during the organization's 15th International Conference in Washington, D.C. The award, presented by Michael Marcus, program officer for aging at the Harry



and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, honors an individual age 60 or older who has made an outstanding contribution to an intergenerational program or has advocated for older adults and youth.

A lifelong volunteer, Bobbie Seligmann has lived, taught, and engaged in community service in the United States, Japan, and Germany. Seligmann,

a retired teacher, has been the Volunteer Coordinator at The Hollin Hills Civic Association for over 15 years.

In this capacity, she has created ties between the Hollin Hills Civic Association and its neighboring school. During the 15 years of her involvement, hundreds of school children and adult volunteers have had the opportunity to establish connections and benefit from tutorial relationships.

Huntley Meadows Park in Alexandria recently recognized several volunteers for outstanding contributions to the Park Authority's wetlands park. Huntley's volunteers contribute about 5,000 service hours each year.

Three volunteers, known as the "Herbarium Ladies," were recognized as 2009 Ken Howard Volunteers of the Year. **Karla Jamir** of Alexandria; **Virginia Powers**, of Alexandria; and **Dorothy Raduazo**, of Alexandria, were honored for their teamwork in identifying, preserving and maintaining the park's herbarium. On a weekly basis, they spend hours walking the trails as well as making database entries and working with specimens.

The plants preserved in the herbarium accurately document changes in the park's plant communities over time and help provide the information needed to make sound resource management decisions.

Three others were named outstanding volunteers. **Adam Bucher** of Alexandria is involved with meadow burns, amphibian surveys, aquatic macro-invertebrate surveys, water quality testing and assisting with Eco-savvy and Wetland Awareness Day events.

Steve Lindblom, also an Alexandria resident, is active with programming, helps on invasive plant removals, park spruce-ups and renovating the bird feeding station. He also loves to build and has made new nest boxes for the park and for sales desk.

Another Alexandrian, **Kat Oches**, is a new program leader. This spring she led her own school groups on the trails and shared her enthusiasm for nature. This summer she will be helping with water quality monitoring.

If interested in learning more about volunteering at Huntley Meadows Park, call 703-768-2525 and ask for Ann Stat, volunteer coordinator.