

Ray's Story

In May of 2014, Ray and Gary were introduced, and since then their friendship has continued to grow. Ray is happy to have a senior companion and looks forward to being able to attend SCP social events.

Ray was born and raised in Chicago, served in the US Coast Guard from 1950-53, lived in Seattle, Florida and New Hampshire, was a hydraulic designer and worked his way up to project engineer. In 1958, Ray took up flying and purchased his first plane, a Luscombe. His friend, George, taught him to fly, and his love for flying continued to grow. Ray and his brother, Jerry, together purchased two more planes, a Cessna 150 and a 182.

While living in Seattle, Ray received his Basic Flying Instructor Rating, allowing him to teach others to fly. Unfortunately, Ray then had a stroke and was only able to teach a few people.



One of the best trips Ray and Gary had was to Galt Airport in McHenry County, IL, where Ray had stored his planes (a favorite shown at left). They were able to tour the grounds and reflect on the past. The trip brought them closer together. They both value their time spent together. When they tease each other, one would think that they have known each all their lives.



Senior Companion Program



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Our Vision

We recognize and respect the dignity and value of each human being.

Our Mission

The Senior Companion Program, Inc. (SCP) enhances the quality of life for adults through socialization and information.

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Sharing of Your Time and Talent

by Sue Craanen

Wasn't it just yesterday that we were looking forward to the upcoming holiday season and the beginning of a New Year? When we were children, our parents always would say, "Be patient...the older you get the faster time will pass," and we, in turn,

would think they were just trying to keep us quiet. How little we realized they were experiencing what we now realize truly does happen. Time slips away. One day blends into another and before one knows, we are looking at a new year. We need to cherish every day we are granted by God. As we are all aware, within an instant our life and the lives of those around us can change, without any warning. Don't be the one standing and saying, "why didn't I..."

In addition, we each have been blessed with many talents. Don't be afraid to share those talents with others. Of course, some of us are more talented than others, but if you think about yourself, you will find a special talent within to share with everyone with whom you come in contact.

During the coming year, take steps to make each day count, not only in your own life but in the lives of those around you. Invite someone new into your circle of acquaintances. Learn to cherish each and every moment granted to you. Not just during the holidays but every single day. Spend time with family, friends, neighbors, and/or coworkers, or seek out new people and invite them in to your life. Remember, always be an active listener, as it is important when developing any relationship. Listen to people's stories and be willing to share yours. Not only will it brighten up your day but theirs also. Giving of your time and talent may be one of the most precious gifts you will ever share with anyone. It is the gift that will keep on giving.

Our Christmas Message

"May we give as the Savior gave. To give of oneself is a holy gift. May we give gifts that have eternal value. How much better the world would be if we all gave gifts of understanding and compassion, of service and friendship, of kindness and gentleness." ~Thomas Monson



Wishing you and your families many gifts of eternal value this season.

May the New Year bring you much health, happiness and many moments of pure joy.

~Sue, Laurie, and Jeanne~





An Awesome Afternoon!

The Senior Companion Program, Inc. hosted its fifth annual fundraiser, "A Sentimental Journey," on Sunday, October 21, at Infusino's Banquet Hall. The afternoon was filled with music, laughter, food and friendship. We were delighted to see many people having a wonderful time listening or dancing to the big band music provided by the Howard Schneider Variety Band.

The delicious hors d'oeuvres and desserts were enjoyed by all. We are very grateful for the talented bakers who provided the irresistible sweet treats! Thank you to ALL who helped in so many ways to make this such a successful event! All profits received will provide support for the operating costs of our program.

Another Informative Forum!

On September 22, SCP hosted a free forum highlighting hearing and vision impairments. All attendees enjoyed homemade soups, breads, and desserts. After lunch, our guest speakers Caroline Ludka and Arnetrice Ellerman presented very valuable information to those who are living and coping with the loss of hearing and vision. If you would like information on these two subjects, please contact our office at 262.898.1941.



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Ways of Giving

We are very grateful to all who contribute to the Senior Companion Program. There are many ways of supporting us:

- Volunteering your time
- Attending our events
- Memorials
- Honorariums
- Bequests
- Donations
- Sponsorships

Your contribution in any of these ways helps to sustain the longevity of our ministry which was established in 1978.

