

New York State Office for the Aging

Senior Citizen's Day Recognition

We would like to thank you for submitting nominations for the 2019 New York State Office for the Aging Senior Citizen's Day Recognition Event. Through an anonymous process, the Senior Advisory Council chose **Arlene Green from Fort Ann and Anthony Cantanucci.**

Congratulations Arlene Green!



Arlene was born 85 years ago to Florence and Edward Moore and has been a lifelong resident of Fort Ann. She graduated from Fort Ann Central School and Platts-

burgh State Teachers College at Plattsburgh. Arlene married Charles Bolster of Glens Falls and they had 2 children, Charles (CJ) and Charlene. She has 1 grandchild, Caroline. In 1988, Arlene's husband passed away. In 2008 Arlene married Stanley Green and has 9 step-children, 25 step-grandchildren and 28 step-great grandchildren.

Arlene taught school for 34 years, 3 years at Hartford Central School and 31 years at Hudson Falls Central School. She began her teaching career as a School-Nurse Teacher and finished her career as a 2nd grade teacher. She enjoyed teaching and found great satisfaction in helping children to become good citizens and good students.

After retiring from teaching in 1992, Arlene became a Real Estate Agent for several years. Now, she continues volunteer work, and in her spare time she enjoys her family, flower gardens, traveling, playing golf and spending the winter months in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Arlene's parents were very active in the community and were always helping oth-

ers. As an only child, she would attend community meetings with her mother and feels that her mother was responsible for her interest and involvement in the community.

Arlene attends Town Board meetings, is a strong supporter of school activities, sports, religious events and community functions. She takes great pride in making her community a better place to live. In 2016, Arlene was the Post Star's Shining Star Fort Ann winner.

As President of the Old Stone House Library committee, she enjoys organizing children's programs and working with children and adults. Arlene was successful in getting the library placed on the State and National Registry of Historic Places.

Arlene is on the Finance Committee with St. Ann's Catholic Church. She is a Charter member of 66 years with the Court Mariae, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, where she was the Regent and now the Treasurer.

In 2000, Arlene was a founding member of the Fort Ann Historical Society and currently serves as President. In 2007, after 6 years of research, writing, and collecting pictures, Arlene was honored to be instrumental in the writing and publishing of the book "Fort Ann: 300 Years of History".

For many years Arlene enjoyed providing ushering services at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center. She has volunteered

her time for the Fort Ann Cemetery Association, Fort Ann Central School Alumni Association, Fort Ann Town Recreation Committee, Fort Ann Canal Beautification Committee, and Laureate Alpha Mu of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, where she supported Glens Falls' Amanda's House and visiting nursing homes. Arlene worked on the community Master Plan. From 1995-2014. She volunteered with the Glens Falls Hospital Guild (Whitehall Branch). She is also a member of the Queen Anne Seniors.

She is always looking for ways to improve it. Fort Ann has a lot of history. It is very important for her to help preserve it. When anyone drives through Fort Ann, she wants them to say-Look!- a Waterfront Park, a Pocket Park with an amazing Time Line, a project soon to be completed by the Fort Ann Historical Society, a Village Walking Tour, let's look where the Old Barge Canal was located, the old well, and in the future it is very important to her to see the trail completed to Battle Hill.

Arlene was asked, what advice she had about volunteering for other New Yorkers, she stated "Get involved, go to meetings, share your ideas, volunteer. Be Positive, Be Patient, and Keep Moving!"



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Congratulations Anthony "Tony" Cantanucci!



Anthony "Tony" Cantanucci was born in Troy, New York in 1943 and spent his summers growing up on Hadlock Pond in West Fort

Ann, NY. For 7 years, Tony was an Alter Boy at St. Patrick's in Troy and after graduating from Catholic Central High School, he attended Hudson Valley Community College.

In 1965, Tony served in the United States Army and Army Reserves during the Vietnam War. In 1969, after serving in the Army, Tony started working for Ford Motor Company in Green Island, NY. In 1968, Tony met Patricia and they were married in 1971. They have 1 daughter Gina Nicole, a son-in-law James Mitchell and 1 granddaughter, Jady Nicole.

In 1985, Tony and his family were transferred to Ford Motor Company in Plymouth, Michigan. Tony worked for Ford Motor Company for 30 years and received several recognition awards for his creative suggestions. Upon retiring in 1997, Tony and Patricia moved to West Fort Ann, New York.

At the age of 68, Tony taught himself how to play the drums, and is a drummer for various American Legion Parades. Tony enjoys being active in many ways. He continues to enjoy water skiing, snowmobiling, boating, photography, and being on the Adirondack Foothills Pistol League, where he won 1st Place Handicap Team in 2017-2018.

Tony has been and is still involved with several civic organizations. He was with Speigletown Volunteer Fire Co. and was a member of the New York State Guard. Commendably, at the age of 70, Tony trained as a Certified First Responder, then upgraded to an Emergency Medical Technician for the West Fort Ann Fire Department. He also trained in High Angle Rescue (using ropes to extricate climbers who have fallen from cliffs), Swift Water Rescues (extricates individuals whom have fallen in rivers, tributaries, etc.) and is a Certified Scuba Diver, when in his early years he volunteered his diving skills to assist emergency agencies in underwater recovery. Currently, Tony volunteers with the West Fort Ann Volunteer Fire Department as the Fire Police Captain and as a Class C Firefighter. He serves as a Honor Guard and Color Guard and is a Adjutant with the American Legion Post 703. He is also a member of the Fort Ann EMS Rescue Squad, Washington County Fire Police, and New York State Fire Police Association. He has volunteered to deliver food to home-

bound individuals with the Corner Stone Church Food Pantry. With St. Ann's Catholic Church, he has helped Usher and assisted with food preparation for their chicken barbeque fundraisers. He is a member of the Kingsbury Barnstormers Snowmobile Club, where he has assisted with trail maintenance and serving as their website manager. He has volunteered with the Fort Ann Historical Society assisting with the published "Fort Ann's 300 Year History" book and also creating a DVD for the Society about Fort Ann cemeteries. He has volunteered several years with the Adirondack Charity Rodeo, which raises money for local not-for-profit organizations. He is currently a member of the Queen Anne Senior Citizens Club and the Senior Center of Kingsbury/Fort Edward. He enjoys volunteering his time participating in local Historical Site events and helping the Girl Scouts with their Tractor Parade Float.

Tony was asked, what advice he had about volunteering for other New Yorkers, he stated "Keep yourself active, it keeps you young".

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