

Area Agency on Aging *Connections*

Bethel Park senior shares his business expertise through volunteerism

By Daniel Casciato
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After retiring from Westinghouse Electric Corporation 25 years ago, the last thing Bill Walter wanted to do was sit around and do nothing.

"It's important to keep yourself active after you retire," said Bill, 83, who lives in Bethel Park with his wife of 62 years, Rosemary. Bill had his mind set on helping others. In 1984, he began volunteering for the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), which serves as counselors to America's small businesses.

In 2004, the US Small Business Administration awarded Bill its 20-year Service Award for his contributions to SCORE. His work also earned him the SCORE

Volunteer of the Year Award in 1992, the Eugene F. Rowan Memorial Award for his work in legislative affairs in 1997, and a Community Champions Award in 2000.

In 1988, Bill joined Toastmasters International to overcome a speech disorder. Through Toastmasters, he did it; he went on to win speaking awards and became a popular master of ceremonies at functions throughout the region.

In 1989, Bill introduced SCORE to a group at Westinghouse called SURE (Service Uniting Retired Employees). Since SCORE Pittsburgh had 12 Westinghouse retirees on its roster, it became a SURE project. In the early 1990s, Bill served on the board of SURE



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Bill Walter and his wife Rosemary in their Bethel Park home.

as treasurer, secretary and vice chairman.

Bill also didn't stop there. Somehow he managed to find time to advise the municipality of Bethel

Park, Bethel Park School District, South Hills Chamber of Commerce and the advisory council of the Allegheny County's Area Agency on Aging (ACAAA).

In addition to his volunteer work, Bill keeps active golfing, gardening and spending time with his family. He and Rosemary have two children, seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Although Bill is taking it a bit easy these days, he serves on the ACAA bylaws committee and is in charge of getting new memberships.

His advice to other seniors on how they can lead a healthy lifestyle is simple: "Keep yourself busy, whether you're volunteering or enjoying your favorite activity." *PSN*

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