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2016 Senior Volunteers of the Year

The Columbia County Office for the Aging is pleased to announce the two individuals who were selected as the 2016 Senior Volunteers of the year.

They are **Ida Leiser** and **Marilyn Burch**.

Ida Leiser – Ida makes her home in Stuyvesant, New York. Although only 22 years of age (Ida is a Leap Year baby), Ida is a retired nurse, who fortunately, does not understand what retirement means. She has volunteered for decades; whether it be organizing fundraisers for the fire department, cooking for her church, or delivering a hot meal to a homebound senior. In her “spare time”, Ida knits. She has made (and donated) over 3,000 sets of mittens, as well as numerous Christmas pins, Valentine’s Day pins and St. Patrick’s Day pins. Has Ida made a difference in her community? Just ask anyone who lives in the Stuyvesant area – Everyone knows Ida.

Marilyn Burch – Like Ida, Marilyn resides in the Town of Stuyvesant, having moved there with her husband, Cal, in the early 1970’s. Marilyn retired from UPS in 1997; holding the distinction as the only female UPS driver in Columbia County. She has been the town’s Meals -on-Wheels coordinator since 1999, has been involved with the Stuyvesant Depot Restoration Committee for 20+ years, and has participated in the annual shore-line clean-up every year since 1991. Her civic involvement includes serving on the Stuyvesant Planning Board since 1998. She, like Ida, also spends her “spare time” knitting. She organized a monthly knitting group that participates in “Warm UP America”.

Congratulations to both Ida and Marilyn. They have certainly made a difference in their community.

Congratulations also to the other nominees including:

John Beynart

James Higgenbothin

Margaret Brooks

Elwood Hoyt

Pat Collins

Charles June

Marianne Miller