

July 28, 2010

Mayor Gatsas declares July 28, 2010 "Granite State Senior Games Day" in Manchester



Shown pictured from left to right, are Manchester Mayor Ted Gatsas with a Declaration in hand, Mr. Doug Wenners General Manager of Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, holding his company's Gold Sponsor award, and Mrs. Elizabeth M. Kuzia, 2010 Chairlady of the Granite State Senior Games (GSSG), who received a special "Olympic Spirit Award"(Outstanding Executive Volunteer) for her thirteen years of selfless service from participants in the Granite State Senior Games, in the presence of all who had gathered for the start of "Opening Ceremonies" at the Boy's and Girl's Club on Union Street which were held on the afternoon of July 28, 2010.

This year's (23rd Annual) "Granite State Senior Games" are being held from August 1 to August 29, in the Southern New Hampshire and Greater Manchester area, where Senior athletes from New Hampshire and surrounding New England states will be competing at over 16-Venue sites, and in over 59 individual sports, for Gold Silver, Bronze Medal and fourth place ribbon awards in Olympic competition events sponsored by the (GSSG). All Greater Manchester, area residents are invited to attend any one or more of these Granite State Senior Game events for free.

Wednesday's Opening Ceremonies and special awards were jointly hosted by Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, the Boy's and Girls' Club of Manchester, and were held on the grounds of the Boy's and Girl's Club with the combined participation of (twenty invited Granite State Senior Olympic athletes) from this year's Senior Games, and (twenty invited Boy and Girl members) of the Manchester Boy's and Girl's Club, who escorted them into the central Opening Ceremony area.

The planned assembling of both our younger and older athletes from our community at large, highlights the fact that our current "Senior Olympians", were originally "Boys and Girls" just like their escorts, who grew up from an earlier time period. The Boy's and Girl's Club, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, and the Granite State Senior Games have one thing in common, they each encourage "Health and Wellness" through the pursuit of an "active life style". All three organizations promote health-giving exercise throughout the lives of (both young and old) by keeping them interested in pursuing their favorite individual, or team sport.

The GSSG is now seeking "Volunteers" to help in the conduct of it's month long August Games. Able bodied person's (Young and Old) interested in volunteering to help in the Granite State Senior Games on an (assigned date and time basis) are asked to contact GSSG at their website below. Younger volunteers are awarded signed "GSSG Volunteer Service Certificates" for their college applications, and portfolios. Older volunteers are given special gifts for their less strenuous services.

Contact GSSG on their Website at NHSeniorGames.org or by calling 603-232-3900 for Volunteer information. Stan Kuzia (Vice Chair) GSSG (2010) StanKuzia@comcast.net