



It is with heartfelt thanks and admiration for years of volunteer service that we offer Slava Vero best wishes on her retirement as FSL's SeniorNet Director!

Slava Vero began volunteer service after a successful 25-year career as a medical biologist. In 1998, Slava set her sights on a "second act" and FSL was fortunate to gain a volunteer willing to share their time and talents. Slava was elected to the FSL Board of Directors and volunteered for the FSL Camp program. She was instrumental in raising funds to provide scholarships for summer camp experiences that were so needed by hundreds of undeserved and at-risk children. She served as a debt counselor and was an active member of the Special Events Fundraising Committee.

The program that became her passion is SeniorNet. Slava was a co-founder of the Long Island chapter of this unique national computer learning center, now a program of FSL, which provides classes and seminars specifically designed for those over 55. Her efforts helped bring a new style of curriculum which is taught by seniors who were looking to share their knowledge and expand technology opportunities for adults living in Suffolk County. Due to leadership provided by Slava and the other volunteers, SeniorNet has earned a reputation for exceptional teaching. Over the years, the program had been the recipient of many awards, including the 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010 National Chairman's Award for Excellence. Slava has been recognized by Newsday as "The Every-Day Hero" and by the Huntington Town Board as a Woman's Networking Day Award recipient. Slava served on the SeniorNet National Board of Directors until 2010 and accepted the position of Vice-Chair in 2015. In 2018, Slava was awarded Senior Citizen of the Year by The Suffolk County Office for the Aging and the Suffolk County Senior Citizen Advisory Board. For years, she has lobbied Long Island legislators, corporations, and community leaders to secure additional funding for this important program.



Karen Boorshtein, FSL President & CEO and Slava Vero at 2019 Senior Net Annual Meeting

Most recently, Slava has been helping to develop innovative teaching alternatives for the SeniorNet programming. These are in response to the new physical distancing challenges that have arisen during Covid. During this transition she has graciously shared her knowledge and worked to train new volunteers into key positions. Slava will continue to share her knowledge and insight as a member of FSL's Board. FSL President & CEO, Karen Boorshtein stated, "Slava's commitment and creative thinking has helped us expand services and reach a broader audience of those who can benefit from FSL resources. On behalf of the FSL staff, volunteers, and community members we offer heartfelt thanks for her years of expertise and dedication to our mission of service."

For information about FSL's SeniorNet program please contact Robyn Berger-Gaston, LCSW-R, FSL Division Director at rberger-gaston@fsl-li.org or 631-591-7580.

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