

2011 Ms. Senior Michigan Tamara Ann Swihart



Tamara Ann Swihart is a life-long Michigan resident and married to Howard for 54 years. She has three children and two grandchildren and is proud to say that her granddaughter finished her Marine tour of duty in Iraq as did her Navy son-in-law, the latter is still serving our great nation. Her husband, offspring and two poodles keep her life full, but not too full to pursue her many passions in no particular order: Volunteer work; old and new friends; daily dining out; shopping; viewing movies and doing movie extra work; acting in plays, videos and films; singing; clogging and hula dancing; avidly reading; traveling; God and church; prison, jail and care home ministries; fitness and health pursuits; flower gardening; performing across the country with a group of entertainers; and for fun, impersonating Betty Boop and collecting Ms. Boop's memorabilia.

Tamara Ann is excited and honored to be serving as the 2011 Ms. Senior Michigan and plans to do whatever she can to promote the noble and elegant ideals expressed by Senior Michigan and Senior America and to encourage seniors in general. Her platform is and has been for 25 years plus--volunteerism. She loves sharing her genuine joy of life and will encourage anyone who comes near to approach each new day with a sense of sunny expectancy.

Tamara Ann spent her professional years working as a stenographer, a public relations and legal secretary, an associate editor of an international trade magazine, a contract officer for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Real Estate Division, a township Deputy Clerk and recently finished up her (paid) working years recording minutes for the Ingham County Board of Commissioners and six advisory boards. She plans to never have an ordinary day, believing each new day can become invigorating and rewarding, providing opportunities to make a contribution to life that really matters. To make it all come together, you just need to maintain a forgiving heart, guard your inner peace, and laugh as often as possible.

Congratulations Tamara!

Tamara placed in the Top Ten at the 2011 Ms. Senior American Pageant in October, 2011 at Harrah's Resort & Casino, Atlantic City, NJ.