

Senior Citizen News & Notes

Working To Honor Seniors On The Job

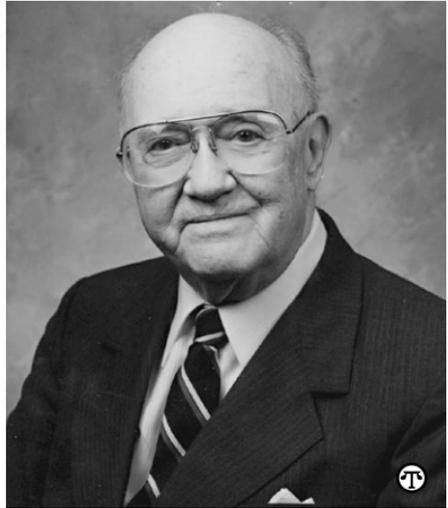
(NAPSA)—More than four million Americans 65 or older are working; and more than 70 percent of baby-boomers plan to work past normal retirement age. The number of older workers is growing, and so are the contributions older workers are making to the workforce.

As a result, Experience Works launched the Prime Time Awards Program five years ago as a year-long effort to honor the valuable contributions older workers make in their communities and places of employment. Experience Works is the nation's largest training and employment organization for mature workers.

The Prime Time Awards Program celebrates an outstanding older worker from each state, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. These honorees participate in special activities and recognition events within their states. In addition, all winners attend events in Washington, D.C., including a tour of the city's landmarks, meetings with congressional representatives, U.S. Senate and U.S. House events, a tour of the White House, and an awards banquet and ceremony at historic Union Station.

Experience Works also identifies one outstanding older worker as "America's Oldest Worker." 2001's winner was 100 year-old architect Harold H. Fisher. Fisher works full time at his firm in Michigan, where he designs religious architecture, his specialty for more than 50 years.

All of the past America's Oldest Worker winners have been over 100 years old and working



Architect Harold H. Fisher, 100, Experience Works' 2001 "America's Oldest Worker."

almost full time at their professions. They include a 102 year-old mechanical engineer, a 100 year-old doctor and a 102 year-old manufacturer.

To be considered for a state's outstanding older worker or "America's Oldest Worker," applicants must be currently employed, and work a minimum of 20 hours per week in paid employment, and be over 65 years old.

To receive a nomination form by mail, send a postcard or note to Prime Time Awards, Experience Works, 2000 North 14th Street, Suite 800, Arlington, VA 22201, or call, toll free, 1-800-901-7965. Nominations must be submitted by May 31, 2002. Workers may enter themselves or be nominated by an employer, family, or friends.

To submit a nomination form online, go to www.experienceworks.org.