

GRAY PANTHERS BACKGROUND INFORMATION



The Gray Panthers is an intergenerational social and economic justice advocacy group. It was founded by Maggie Kuhn in 1970 to fight against the negative effects of ageism, racism and sexism in society. The main emphasis at this time is strengthening Social Security and improving Medicare and Medicaid. The organization has always supported a single-payer universal health care plan for all Americans. Other priorities include the environment and peace everywhere.



The Gray Panthers Media Watch on Social Security campaign, “Fight Truth Decay,” is a national effort to challenge lies and errors of fact currently being spread in print and electronic media about the soundness and effectiveness of the Social Security program. Right now, politicians and wealthy profiteers are spreading lies about Social Security in our news media. They want to cut its benefits and ultimately turn Social Security into a cash cow for Wall Street. We need to fight “Truth Decay” with truth about Social Security in our news media.



Judy Lear, the National Chair and Acting Executive Director, recently moved from New York City where she was the Convener of the Gray Panthers, NYC Network and part of the Gray Panthers Non Governmental Organization (NGO) delegation to the United Nations. She is an activist participating in demonstrations, rallies and campaigns to enlighten our elected officials on Gray Panther issues that affect all citizens.

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