

## Brenda Suteu, The Founder of Metropolitan Senior Network

MSN truly was Brenda's original vision--her "baby" and primarily Brenda is to be acknowledged for establishing the foundation of MSN and it evolving from an 'East County Networking (rather informal) group' to a Non-Profit 501(c)6 Organization --which is significant. The founding principles upon which MSN still stands and thrives were Brenda's invention: Moving the meeting through the 4 metro counties; Providing unique professional education & training every month; The Awards breakfast/recognition at a prestigious location; The yearly workshop to generate revenue for MSN while educating the LTC professionals. The whole concept of LTC 'Marketing with Integrity' are due to Brenda's original passion and insistence: Appropriate Placement; Partnerships and Equal Opportunity; Ethics, boundaries and a sense of order. You could ask any of the founding Board members about that first year or two, and find that it was really Brenda's Baby--the rest of us were sidekicks and followers of a Great Leader, Writer and Speaker with extraordinary vision and integrity, who never wavered from giving utmost support, recognition and encouragement to every one of us. But you don't have to take my word for it...read the articles from those years (below), or ask one of the founding board members. Brenda gave us an association that will endure and serve the healthcare industry for many years to come.

~Linda Walker Trenholm, MSN Founding Board member