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Frank Singer

While recuperating, Singer discovered free TV production courses offered through the city of Southfield. As a business executive for most of his life, Singer said, "I decided to plunge into the creative side and found that I really enjoy it." He was offered a part-time position with the city's community access Channel 15.

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Harness your passion and make a difference

Some people go through life and never take an interest in politics. Others go no further than exercising their right to vote. But Jim Seegert of Monroe County, wanted to make a difference, so he got involved. The year was 1969 and Seegert banded together with other citizens to stop a landfill from becoming a permanent fixture in their community. His zeal launched him into an unexpected career in politics.

At the time, a trustee on the Northfield Township Board had passed away and the position needed to be filled for the remainder of the term. "A couple board members asked if I'd be interested." To do this, however, Seegert would tackle the responsibilities of trustee in his spare time while continuing to work for the Chrysler Corporation as a millwright. Having dual careers would mean a lot of time away from home. "After talking it over with my wife Shirley, I decided to give it a try," he said.

Over a period of 27 years, Seegert learned the ins and outs of politics, holding a number of elected and appointed positions. Along the way, he grew passionate about issues concerning older adults and in 1990, was appointed to Monroe County's Commission on Aging.

This appointment gave Seegert the opportunity to help seniors by making sure money was allocated toward this segment of the population and also by connecting seniors in need with members of the community who could offer assistance. "I really enjoyed working on the commission and felt fortunate to be able to serve," he said. Soon, Seegert was also appointed to Area Agency on Aging 1-B Advisory Council; a panel of older adults who meet monthly to address issues/concerns of senior citizens and consult with local and state officials to bring about change.

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Gary Muentener, from Senator Jud Gilbert's office, meets with a group of seniors at the 2008 Older Michiganian's Day Rally in Lansing.