The New York State Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) has selected the Village of Rockville Centre as a winner of NYCOM’s Local Government Achievement Award for 2019. The awards program, in its 32nd year, recognized Rockville Centre for its Sandel Storytelling Workshops.

In commenting on the award, NYCOM President Gary McCarthy, Mayor of the City of Schenectady, stated: “The Village of Rockville Centre is to be commended for its innovative program to bond generations of its residents through recorded storytelling. It is just one example of how local officials continue to work diligently to enhance their communities and the quality of life for their residents. Congratulations to Mayor Fran Murray on this important accomplishment.”

The Village of Rockville Centre implemented a storytelling workshop for its senior citizens that has not only encouraged them to share their life experiences but has shown them how to do it effectively and easily. This program has benefitted the seniors who have participated and has also brought the entire community together in a positive way.

The other winners of NYCOM’s Local Government Achievement Award for 2019 are: Village of Bergen, Village of Ellicottville, City of Corning, City of Poughkeepsie and City of Syracuse. The awards will be presented on May 5, 2019 at NYCOM’s Annual Meeting in Cooperstown. NYCOM represents 573 cities and villages in New York State and has been in existence since 1910.