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# Leisure Worlder of the Month

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Lois Rasmussen

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Retirement hasn't caused Lois Rasmussen to pine away in a rocking chair. She keeps an alert eye and helping hand in the community.

To prove that her volunteer work hasn't gone unnoticed among her peers, and as a way to say "thanks," Lois will be named "Leisure Worlder of the Month," for December. A ceremony will be held on Wednesday, December 3, at 10:00 a.m., in Clubhouse Six. The public is invited to attend the program, which is jointly sponsored by Home Federal Savings and the Leisure World Historical Society.

Lois learned her sense of community while growing up in Idaho Falls, Idaho and Salt Lake City, Utah.

"My family was involved in many community groups," she said. "I felt that I should continue the family tradition."

As a young woman, Lois attended Westminster College and the University of Utah where she majored in art and costume design. She was a member of ADPI Sorority. As an alumna she served as President of chapters in Salt Lake City and Long Beach, and was on the Los Angeles ADPI Area Council for years. She also served on Panhellenic in both areas.

Lois moved to Los Angeles in 1934 to attend Chaunard's School of Art. Unable to find a position in the costume design field, she took a secretarial course. Upon completion of this, she worked as a legal secretary in Long Beach, San Francisco and Salt Lake City. While working there she met and married her husband Ivo.

They have two sons and six grandchildren.

The couple moved to Long Beach in 1944 where they both became active in the PTA and Boy Scouts.

In 1950, Lois returned to school. She received her Master's degree in Education and teaching credentials in elementary and secondary levels. She began teaching in 1952 and retired in 1968. She served as President of Stanford Jr. High School and was department head in Home Economics both there and at Hughes Jr. High. She also taught art, social studies and physical education and was a Master Teacher from 1957 until her retirement. She also served as President of the Long Beach Home Economics Teacher's Association for a year.

Lois took a sabbatical in 1966 and travelled throughout Africa. She joined her husband in Greece and the couple spent two-and-a-half months sightseeing in Europe.

Since that time the couple has continued to enjoy travelling and have visited most of the world with the exception of the Antarctic and Southeast Asia.

Lois worked on the Head Start Program in the Compton area in 1967-1968. She helped organize and run the Meals on Wheels in Long Beach, and was education chairman for United Nations of Long Beach. She also was active in the Long Beach Teacher's Retirement Association writing their monthly bulletin.

When she and her husband moved to Leisure World in 1976, she began working at the Saddleback Hospital Thrift Shop and soon was doing publicity for the group. This included doing a weekly TV show, something she had never done but enjoyed very much. She also served as President of the Laguna Hills Duplicate Club. She was elected to the Third Laguna Mutual in 1983 and in 1985 became the chairperson of the Community Relations Committee of the Mutual. She is also a member of Area Project Review Committee and the Laguna Hills Community Association. She is currently serving as advisor on three of the Third Laganas committee and is a member of the the election board of Third.

Lois is now President of the Thrift Shop and very busy trying to raise the \$750,000 they have pledged to the new Woman's Center. She is also reservations chairman of the California Club.

The Rasmussens belong to several ballroom dance groups and Mr. Rasmussen is active in the Golf, Rod and Gun and Saddle Clubs.