## PAT WILKINSON

## Honoree of the Month – October 2009

Born in San Francisco, CA, Pat went to High School and College in New York. After her marriage to Ron in 1958, his Aerospace career required moves to new locations twelve times, although a good part of that time was spent in Southern California. They finally moved to Laguna Woods in 1997. The Wilkinson's are the very proud parents of three children.

Pat's personal business career started at Life Magazine where she was secretary to the Advertising Manager, but she soon ventured successfully into several businesses of her own and a long happy history of helping many others with the entrepreneurial spirit to get their operations off the ground.

Pat and her husband have travelled extensively across the United States, as well as trips to Canada, Mexico, England, Ireland, Europe, New Zealand and Belize. A favorite pastime has been sailing where they have made trips to Mexico, the Caribbean, the Bahamas, Polynesia, Tonga and San Juan. In fact, Pat is just as much at home in the water with her goggles and camera as she is on land.

An active member of our Community Pat has held Board positions with Opera 100, the Philharmonic Society, Club 30, Friends of the Village and is the current President of the Camera Club. She lectures extensively at the Camera Club and is always willing to share her knowledge with anyone who asks on a one to one basis.

When asked her feelings about Laguna Woods Village, she readily explains, "I love this Community and the people – there are new friends to make every day – there are new challenges that I relish – and each day brings something to do for someone or to say to someone and that's what makes my life so full of color and satisfaction....I doubt that there is another place in the world that we could have lived such a life".