

# Katherine De Courcy

Honoree of the Month - October 2011

Born and educated in Billings, Montana, Katherine and her husband William, raised three children, had six grandchildren and have five great-grandchildren,

Somehow she also found the time to enjoy a successful business career, in the accounting department of North American Aviation, and as Office Manager for a Temporary Help Service. She founded K's Antiques, which expanded to Fisher & Chatham Antiques and did all major shows in the Los Angeles and Orange County area while maintaining retail sales in Tustin, and also operated Jacobs Realty Sales in Newport Beach.

In 1975 she received special awards from the American Society of Appraisers and the Gemological Institute of America

They moved to Laguna Woods Village in 1985, where Katherine immediately became an active member of the Community. She served as Chairman of the Philharmonic Committee from 1995-1997, is the current President of Opera 100, was Vice President-Programs for the California Club 2009-2010, and an active members of the Aliso Club

Prior to her arrival in Laguna Woods Village, she spearheaded an effort to create a Junior College for South County and thus was born Saddleback Junior College in Mission Viejo. She was also head of a Committee to establish a library at Guin Foss Elementary School in Tustin, CA.

She and her husband owned a Cessna 180 airplane for several years with which they explored a good deal of Montana, Northern California and Mexico etc.

Katherine is best described by her proposer for this Honor, as one who has never "shied away" from leadership roles despite personal challenges and family responsibilities and her gracious skills bring admiration from all who know her.