

Jan Elbaum

Honoree of the Month
April 2010

Born in Mc Keesport, PA, a little over 90 years ago, Jan has spent her entire adult life accumulating knowledge and artistic skills and sharing this information and talent with others.

From 1942-1946 she served as Administrative Assistant to the Admiral in charge of the 11th Naval District.

She was an Honor graduate of the first class of the University of Judaism in 1957 and the 2008 Teacher of the Year of the Saddleback Emeritus Program.

For almost 30 years she worked as a Teacher and Principle at a number of Academies and High Schools in the LA area

Despite this incredibly successful career, she somehow managed to raise five children and is the proud grandmother of eight and the great grandmother of five.

Jan and her devoted husband Murray have travelled extensively in Western Europe, Italy, Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii, Japan, Mexico, Alaska etc.

They moved to Laguna Woods in 1986 and for sixteen years she has taught Emeritus Classes, lectured and given many Book Reviews and has acquired a devoted following of current and former students and many, many dear friends.

When asked which of her many accomplishments have given her the most satisfaction, she readily responded that it was “raising a wonderful and loving family”. She also indicated that she doesn’t think that she deserves this designation of Honoree of the Month, but we most certainly disagree with that later statement.