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HONOREE OF THE MONTH: Bert Goldstein, the Historical Society's honoree for October, with just some of his photography displayed at his home. He will be honored at 10 a.m. Oct. 4 at Clubhouse 6.

Computer whiz gets Society's October nod

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THE LAGUNA WOODS GLOBE

Laguna Woods Village resident Bert Goldstein will make house calls – to solve residents' computer problems.

But it's not for that service alone that Laguna Woods Village Historical Society recently selected him as its service award recipient for October.

His community activities list includes volunteering as a Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) counselor, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) tax preparation consultant, Computer Club super-

visor and lecturer, Camera Club president/website creator, Digital Photo computer lab supervisor and Nifties Club photographer.

He also is a member of the Golden Rain Foundation computer advisory group, Hikers club, Art Association, Keyboard Club, Film and World on Film clubs and has created slide shows for the Village's 40th anniversary, for the retirement of Recreation Director Debbie Lamb and for the New Jersey Club's 10th anniversary (which will be celebrated Oct. 25).

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Goldstein says that helping others is something that, for him, comes naturally. He says he's simply "made it a habit" to assist residents with their computer, photo and digital camera problems.

He also likes to create invitations for friends' memorable events and to photograph and produce audio and visual DVDs of the same.

Ira Joss, himself a former service award winner and Historical Society member, says he's known Goldstein for more than 15 years and would characterize him as the man who will never say no to an S.O.S.

"He's a very caring person, the consummate volunteer; if anyone who calls him and asks help he'll always say yes."

Marty Rhodes, Golden Rain

foundation director and another former Villager of the Month, agrees that Goldstein is one of a kind. "He's very knowledgeable, enthusiastic, patient, and giving, no matter what you ask of him you can't throw him."

Sandy Smolensky, new editor of the PC Club Newsletter, says Goldstein is always willing to try new things, full of energy, very organized and dedicated. "He's a quick learner, quick study, has a tremendous breadth of knowledge and yet is extraordinarily friendly and welcoming."

BACKGROUND

Goldstein has been a resident of Laguna Woods Village since 1999 with his wife of 58 years, Shirley.

Before that, the native of New York attended City College of New York and majored in retailing.

He became vice president of merchandising for M.H. Lamston Co. variety stores and re-

tired in 1997.

Before moving to the Village, he volunteered in a variety of ways: doing HICAP counseling and AARP tax work, teaching computer operations to mature students, serving as president of the Glen Cove, Long Island Cancer Club and creating slide shows for Senior Centers, libraries and social clubs.

After he came to the Village, he became a valued member in 11 clubs and organizations. He remains in demand for his computer expertise, a skill he nourished from the first primitive Tandy to the high powered computer video production software where he mixes still and moving images, graphics, music and more for a professional quality presentation piece.

Goldstein will receive his reward at 10 a.m. Oct. 4 in Clubhouse 6. Refreshments will be served and the event is open to all LWV residents.