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Honoree has special place for children

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Olive Greenman has a special place in her heart for special children. And she empathizes with the parents of the special children.

That's why Greenman and other volunteers with the Assistance League of Laguna Beach created a special Early Intervention Program to counsel parents and provide children (infants through toddlers) with therapeutic stimulation exercises to help them be the best that they can be.

But the league is only one of the many ways this 16-year resident contributes to the community both in and out of Leisure World, a fact not lost on the Historical Society which decided to make Greenman's its honoree for May.

Greenman also has held office in the League and worked in its Turnabout Shop and Farmer's Market to raise funds for the organization's many philanthropic projects.

Besides the Assistance League, Geneva Presbyterian Church, Chapter 645 of the Eastern Star and Saddleback Hospital Foundation work, Greenman has made her mark in many Leisure World clubs and organizations.

Her affiliations include Ebell, the Leisure World Library, the Masonic Auxiliary, the Historical Society, Women's 18-Hole Golf, Keyboard Concert and the Aliso, Saddle, World on Film, California and various bridge clubs. She also served twice on Third Mutual's nominating



Olive Greenman was instrumental in organizing an early intervention program for children with special needs.

committee.

"I'm not happy if I'm not busy - and I love to help and be with people," says Greenman explaining her record.

"I'm not surprised she was selected as Leisure Worlder of the month, she's organized, plans ahead and is *always* offering to help people," says Barbara Leeper, president of Ebell.

Helen Conser, who's a member of a plethora of Leisure World groups, agrees. "Olive is the most contributing, wonderful person I can imagine - she does everything well and carefully."

raised their son and daughter in Inglewood where she served on the Parent/Teachers Association; was a Brownie, Cub, Girl Scout and Job's daughter leader; hosted an exchange student in her home; and taught Sunday School.

When her son went to the University of Southern California, she was chosen "Mother" of his Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity, which meant she could be called on at any time for assistance in an emergency.

It wasn't until 1961 that Greenman decided to enter the work force. Her first full-time position, as a clerk, was with Great Western Savings, a financial institution she stayed with until her retirement, as assistant to the vice president/office manager of California Reconveyance Company (a GWS subsidiary and GWS trustee) in 1982.

She added to her credentials during her tenure by going to Woodbury College at night where she obtained credits in business and real estate law.

She says she and her husband heard about Leisure World from a friend and purchased a manor in 1975 but leased it out until she was legally "of age" to be a resident.

Once here, Greenman says she wanted to get involved and found the easiest way to do so was through volunteer work, a course she's followed in spite of severe health problems.

Greenman says she's able to keep up the hectic pace of her life by not dwelling on the past and taking things one day at a time.

She particularly notes the influence of family and friends. "Friends are the blessing of my life - and my family are my pride and joy; without all of them I could not have survived, particularly my two serious illnesses."

Background The Los Angelino says she came from a "small closeknit family."

She married her husband of 55 years, Kenneth, in 1942 and

Ceremony facts

Who: Olive Greenman

What: Leisure World of the Month for May.

Where: Clubhouse 6

When: 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 6

Sponsor: Leisure World Historical Society