

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF LAGUNA WOODS

Presents

Wilma Hart

Honoree of the Month

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Wilma Hart was born in Honey Ville, Utah in 1917. She has one son, Dennis, and a daughter, Stephanie and is the beloved grandmother of three grandchildren, Halley, Marques and Meghan. Wilma calls herself a “jack of all trades” and her numerous activities attest to that.

During World War II she moved to California where she worked in a Rosie the Riveter type of job as a journeyman sheet metal worker in a shipyard.

After the war she owned a manicure business in the Beverly Hilton Hotel, Beverly Hills, where she met many of the rich and famous in the movie industry. She once gave a manicure to President Kennedy and to many of the “Rat Pack.”

Wilma, an avid ballroom dancer, unfortunately was in a very serious automobile accident 30 years ago and was told that she would never walk again. However, thanks to her determination and faith she was able to resume dancing several years later.

Wilma moved to Leisure World in 1978 and immediately started participating in two of her favorite passions, dancing and horseback riding. She was President of the Laguna Woods Sunday Night Dance Club for several years and is currently on the Board of the Ballroom Dance Club. She is a member of the National Smart Dancers Association and has danced in the Opera House in Vienna and in many venues in the United States.

She is a Past President of the Saddle Club, an organization for which she has been a constant volunteer worker for over 20 years.

Her son, an avid outdoorsman, recently took Wilma along on a hunting trip and though she did not shoot anything, she thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

A deeply religious person, Wilma feels that the Lord has blessed her with “a good second marriage and the good fortune to come to Laguna Woods Village to live out her years.” Truly, Laguna Woods Village has been blessed by her presence.