

Noel Hatch

Honoree of the Month – February 2010

A native Californian, Noel is a graduate of Stamford Law School and practiced corporate and business law in Los Angeles for thirty four years. From the very start of his business career and even before, Community and Civic activities were a major part of his life.

Among many other volunteer positions, he served as Vice President/Director of the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce, a principal in the creation of the Los Angeles Master Chorale, President of the Pasadena Unified School District Board of Education, President of the Los Angeles Rotary Club, Director of the South Orange County Interfaith Council, Member of the Los Angeles Federal District Court Indigent Defense Panel and the list goes on and on.

He has fifty-nine years of distinguished service in the LDS (Mormon) Church as a Mission President, Bishop, and a teacher and advisor of youths and adults.

Noel and his wife Sally moved to Laguna Woods in 1997 and they have four children and twelve grandchildren. They have traveled extensively both in the US and to such places as Japan, Hong Kong, Australia, England, Canada, Caribbean, Mexico and Hawaii.

Almost immediately upon arrival in our Community Noel began his active participation as a member of the Third Board, GRF Board and many of their Committees. A talented artist, he has been active in the Art Association, CAC (Director), an advisor to the Friends of the Village and in the pursuit of one of his own hobbies..genealogy.

When asked to select which aspect of his life has been the most satisfying, he readily responded that after family and law practice,

“devotion to some form of service (both spiritual and temporal) to or for others in a multitude of venues” has been most personally rewarding.

“I have learned the efficacy and happiness, as well as the challenge that comes from giving such service particularly when it is done with no thought of recompense or honor”.