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Ahead of the pack

December honoree a real go-getter

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Jean Janowsky says she was "floored" when the Historical Society asked her to be its December Leisure Worlder of the Month.

"I thought- 'it's the end of the year they were scraping the bottom of the barrel,'" Janowsky says jokingly.

But colleague Bill St. John, former president of the Leisure World Chorale, of which she is a member and occasional soloist, says the society obviously saved the best for last.

"She's my right hand- personable, friendly, helpful and very generous - the kind of person you ask to do something and she's already done it."

Another colleague and New Jersey Club mate, not to mention her sister, Bea Cohen, adds of her sibling that "In her own quiet way she vibrates - when she walks into a room it lights up - yet she she's a born leader and makes every person feel they are important."

New Jersey Club President Cy Levine adds the Janowsky is a very hard worker. "She helped immeasurably in organizing our club and is a big help today not just doing her own work but doing posters and signs that really dress up our meetings."

Janowsky, who was "born, raised, educated and married in Newark (N.J.)," has really made her mark since she came to the area a decade ago.

"My plate, is really full," she admits noting that besides the Chorale (where, besides singing, she served as an officer and committee chair and continues to



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Jean Janowsky is the Leisure Worlder of the Month for December

handle all its PR printing needs), she is a member of the Nifty '50s-60s, Theatre Guild, B'nai B'rith and New Jersey Club (which she helped found and which now boasts a membership 400 strong).

She also works part-time at Promotional Signs in Lake Forest, keeping sharp the office managerial skills she perfected in her pre-retirement career on the East Coast.

Ceremony facts

Who: Jean Janowsky
What: Leisure Worlders of the Month for December
Where: Clubhouse 6
When: 10 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 1
Sponsor: Leisure World Historical Society

And, if that were not enough, she loves to work out at the gym and on the ballroom dance floor (with her husband of more than 50 years, Sidney).

Although her days are packed with activity, Janowsky says she doesn't have a thought of slowing down. "I'm not ready to walk away from anything yet."

"I am a 'people person' and I get more out of what I do than I give," she explains. "There's just something in me that likes to lead and get work done."

Janowsky traces her love of music to her family and her desire to get involved to her Dad. "To help people makes you feel like a million."

She points out that although she is now working, doing her club work and rehearsing for the Chorale's "Holiday Jingle Jubilee, which is scheduled to take place at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 15 in Clubhouse 3, she has even taken on a new assignment as the Chorale's music committee chairman, to select the numbers for their spring programs.

"What can I say? I am what I am. . . . sure, I have a busy life, but it's fun."