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MARILYNN YOUNG, LAGUNA WOODS GLOBE

HONORED COUPLE: Laguna Woods Village residents Maggie and Tom Letcher have been honored for their volunteer work as Historical Society Honorees of the Month for October.

Honorees of the Month

Maggie and Tom Letcher get Historical Society's nod for October.

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THE LAGUNA WOODS GLOBE

There's something magic about Maggie and Tom Letcher. Although you wouldn't call them newlyweds, since they have been married four years, the joy they generate seems to warm anyone near to its glow.

The two were friends for nine years before they realized that their relationship meant more than being on church groups together. They are still involved with Laguna Country Methodist Church but now the committee members are life

partners and the Historical Society's community honorees for October. They will be honored at 10 a.m. Oct. 3 at Clubhouse 6.

Both say they were quite surprised at being contacted for the distinction. But each independently, not to mention as a pair, have been outstanding volunteers in the community.

Maggie, a native of Washington state, a former teacher and school librarian, is current president of Masonic Family, past membership chairwoman and president of the World on Film Travelogue Club, a member of the Board of Directors for Opera 100, a past member-

ship chairwoman of the Village's Philharmonic, a past Philanthropic Chairwoman of Ebell, a member of the Historical Society and the Village Computer Club, a volunteer at Saddleback Memorial Hospital, a charter member of the Friends of the Library of Laguna Woods and a poll worker on every election.

She's a world traveler and especially enjoys England so she can go to the locations where Agatha Christie and the Bronte family lived as well as the British Museum. She also traveled to Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Italy, France, Russia, China and Ireland - once, on her honeymoon with Tom.

Before coming to Laguna

Woods in 2001 she served on the board of directors of the committee of professional women of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, was president and woman of the year Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority, chairwoman of the Board of Trustees at Wilshire United Methodist Church (where she was the original "Voice of Wilshire"), was on the board of directors of the LA School Librarians, was a board member and edited the newsletter of the LA Public Library's Children's Department.

She says her most important accomplishments are as follows. "Philanthropy is very

where he investigated the alcoholic beverage industry.

He too was a special investigator for the Department of Motor Vehicles (looking into both internal and external fraud) He also worked as director of plant protection services for Harvey Aluminum Company in Torrance.

Like his spouse, he also was part of the Masonic Fraternity and still holds various positions with Laguna Country Methodist Church.

He also has volunteered in the community as a member of the Village's Disaster Preparedness Task Force and Laguna Woods city traffic and park

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She says her motivating source is "first, a loving husband who says I am the eternal optimist; then, a strong faith which keeps me going in spite of my poly-neuropathy, which could depress me if I let it."

Tom is a native of Nova Scotia, Canada who earned his bachelor's degree in police science administration from San Jose State College which he put to good use as a police officer in San Francisco and chief of police in Milpitas and Irwindale.

He also worked as a special agent for the state assigned to the attorney general's office

planning committees.

The former Eagle Boy Scout, has earned various honors as a Mason, where he's achieved 33rd degree as well as Worthy Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Currently, he is president of World on Film and a member of the Masonic Family, California Club, Historical Society, Opera 100 and the Village's Philharmonic group.

Like his spouse, Tom feels volunteerism is a vital part of his life. "I feel that being involved in the community and civic activities is the most important and satisfying part of my life. I have been assisted in most of these by my wife, Maggie, my co-honoree and the love of my life."