



LEISURE WORLD NEWS

Former United leader gets Society's nod

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Jean MacAuley says she was asked if she was sitting down when the Historical Society called and told her she was the choice for Leisure Worlder of the Month of August.

"I was so surprised!" says MacAuley, modestly wondering if there weren't some mistake.

No way, say those who know the native Canadian and five year resident whose accolades echo those of a fellow former United President Irving Goldberg who calls her selection a "great choice."

Explains Goldberg, "The keynotes of her character are honesty and integrity - she's a real straight arrow."

"She's one of United's great assets, very conscientious and very caring about what goes on," says former United Treasurer Ellie Schwarz.

"No one is more deserving of the honor for all the work and leadership she provided to United Mutual," agreed current United Director John Lathrop.

Background:

MacAuley and her family - husband Ken and sons Dan and Doug - moved to the United States in 1962.

She got into banking as a loan clerk in 1966 and ended, after 25

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Ceremony facts

Who: Jean MacAuley

What: Leisure Worlder of the Month for August

Where: Clubhouse 6

When: 10 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 2

Sponsor: Leisure World Historical Society



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Former United Mutual President Jean MacAuley has been named Leisure Worlder of the Month for August. The ceremony, sponsored by the Historical Society, will be held Wednesday, Aug. 2 in Clubhouse 6.

years in the business, as the vice president and manager of several branches of First Interstate Bank in the San Gabriel Valley.

MacAuley said that although her job required her to be a member of the Rotary and Lions Club and the Chamber of Commerce, she spent virtually all her free time during her working years at hockey rinks and football fields where her athletic sons played during their schooling (a tradition she continues today in absentia with her granddaughter who plays championship fastball in Oklahoma).

After MacAuley took early retirement from banking in 1989, she worked with her attorney son, who has an office near Leisure World, which became her home in 1995.

Once they moved in, she, her spouse and a tiny snow-white terrier named Molly-O MacAuley (in tribute to the clan's Scots heritage) got involved in a variety of clubs, Lawn Bowling (where she became president), Bocce, the Computer and Canine.

MacAuley says Goldberg first urged her to run for the board and, although there were trying moments, she contends she was glad she did.

MacAuley explains that she thinks the paramount qualities a leader needs is a "genuine interest in people," a listening ear and a willingness to keep trying to solve their problems. MacAuley says she tried to do them all.

"I really have no negatives (about being on the board) - it was so interesting and I learned so much about people," says MacAuley adding with her signature smile and infectious laugh, "In fact, I might run again!"