

McNultys Named June Honorees

The Historical Society of Laguna Woods will present Gail and Jim McNulty as Honorees of the Month for June in a ceremony at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 6, at Clubhouse 6. A reception with refreshments is at 9:30 a.m.

The McNultys have served on a number of Village boards and committees and as officers in several clubs. They will be featured in an article in next week's issue of the Laguna Woods Globe.



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HONOREES: Gail and Jim McNulty take a moment at the Laguna Woods Village stables with King, a horse that Jim rides twice a week. The McNultys are the Historical Society's Honorees of the Month for June.

McNultys Honorees of the Month

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FOR THE LAGUNA WOODS GLOBE

Jim and Gail McNulty are the newest members to join the Laguna Woods Historical Society's Honorees of the Month. Surrounded by friends and family, the McNultys were honored at a ceremony on June 6 where they were recognized for their contributions to the community.

When the couple had retired 11 years ago, they had no idea retirement, for them, would mean attending committee meetings, reading through stacks of community information, and performing audits.

"I thought we're retired and now it's our turn. We want to play!" said Gail McNulty.

But after moving to the Laguna Woods Village and seeing the needs of the community, the McNultys decided to do something about it.

"The only thing that is necessary for evil to prevail is for

good men to do nothing," said Gail.

It is Gail's adapted saying by political theorist Edmund Burke that motivated the McNultys to their level of involvement in the community. Jim's experience as a CPA landed him the chairman's seat of United Mutual's Finance Committee and the Select Audit Committee. He is also a member of the GRF Finance Committee and the Community Activities Committee. He is the CAC representative for the Equestrian Advisory Committee, chairman of the Ad Hoc GRF By-laws Committee and the CAC Recreation Fees Committee. When Gail is not supporting Jim at his meetings she fulfills her role as chair of the Philharmonic Committee or is volunteering her time for a variety of organizations.

When the McNultys aren't busy with committee business they take part in many of the

activities offered to residents. Gail plays paddle tennis and golf. Jim rides at the Equestrian Center every Sunday on King. He is a firm believer in Will Roger's axiom, "the best thing for the inside of a man is the outside of a horse." They are in the Bocce and Social Club, Rock 'n' Rollers, California Club, and Club 30. Gail volunteers at AARP tax counseling as a greeter while Jim volunteers as a preparer. Gail is a historical society docent, Festival of the Arts docent, and Channel 6 volunteer.

There were mixed emotions at first when the McNultys learned they were going to be recognized.

"When I was first asked by our friend in the middle of the grocery store, we said of course we'll do that!" said Gail.

"When I first heard about it I thought gee whiz we haven't been here that long. Others

who are recognized have been here longer and done more," said Jim.

Now that the thought has had time to sink in their minds and with other residents in the community, the McNultys feel humbled by the recognition.

"People say we're so proud to know you," said Gail, "It's very tender. If you think about the other people that have been honored I think it's a natural emotion to think, 'What have I done?' It is very humbling to have cards and phone calls coming in."

"You end up getting more out of it than you put in," says Jim.