

## *Louise Meiklejohn, Woman of the Year*



Born in Delaware, Louise went to Banks Business College in Philadelphia, and although she worked in insurance early in her career, she eventually became secretary to the Orange County Superintendent of Schools, a position she held for 18 years. This year, Louise and William (Bill) Meiklejohn will celebrate 50 years of marriage a blissful result of a 1948 blind date in Philadelphia.

Year after year, they continue to define philanthropy- the love of mankind. Fragile newborns find warmth in tiny sweaters knitted by Louise. Thousands of couples rejoice in learning square and round dancing lessons. Men and women suffering from cancer have access to modern radiation oncology technology at the Meiklejohn Radiation Oncology Pavilion opened in 1996. Each year, several students benefit from the Meiklejohn Scholarships at University of Pennsylvania. Recently, the 30 year Leisure World residents provided the largest gift in the history of Saddleback Memorial Foundation, to build the Meiklejohn Critical Care Pavilion, a two story 45,000 square-foot facility to house an Emergency Care Center and Critical Care Unit.

Tonight Saddleback Community Outreach pays tribute to Mrs. Louise Meiklejohn as Woman of the Year for her unending love of mankind and commitment to helping friends, neighbors and our community.