

Lorraine Patton

Honoree of the Month – August 2011

Lorraine, a 25 year resident of Laguna Woods Village, has not found much time here for being idle. Lorraine was a founding member and President of the Bicycle Club which is fondly nicknamed the “Recyclers”.

The oil industry is generally a man’s turf, but the Petroleum Club caught her interest and she worked herself into the Presidency, prior to its melding into the Aerospace Club.

Liking to keep her boots on the ground, she adopted the Hikers Club (one of our Communities oldest – having been formed in 1967) and served at least two terms as their very enthusiastic President.

She practiced her speechmaking skills with the Toastmasters and was also the President of the Aliso Club.

Along the way she took a special shine to the Republican Club where she served a term as President and a ten year stint as Special Events Chairwoman.

How she ever found the time to travel to such places as Africa, China, Indonesia, Russia, Spain, England, France and Germany etc. as well as visiting her ancestral home in Scandinavia is beyond the imagination.

Born on a dairy farm in Indiana she has come a long way, which included an appointment by Congressman Cox, to be a delegate to California Republican State Conventions. In 1995, the Close-Up Foundation (a non-profit group with the goal of bringing government back to the people) honored her at their 25th anniversary in Washington DC as “Volunteer of the Year”.

Even at 92 plus years of age she remarked, “Having had so many interests, I still try to live my life with much enthusiasm and appreciation for my family and dear friends”.