

Volunteerism is tradition for LW honoree

Retirement hasn't caused Lois Rasmussen to pine away in a rocking chair. She keeps an alert eye and helping hand in the community.

To prove that her volunteer work hasn't gone unnoticed among her peers, and as a way to say "thanks," Lois will be named "Leisure Worldeer of the Month" for December. A ceremony will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 10 a.m. in Clubhouse 6. The public is invited to attend the program, which is jointly sponsored by Home Federal Savings and the Leisure World Historical Society.

Lois learned her sense of community while growing up in Idaho Falls, Idaho and Salt Lake City, Utah. "My family was involved in many community groups," she said. "I felt that I should continue the family tradition."

As a young woman, Lois attended Westminster College and the Univer-

sity of Utah where she majored in art and costume design. She was a member of ADPi Sorority. She also served on Panhellenic.

Lois moved to Los Angeles in 1934 to attend Chaunard's School of Art. Unable to find a position in the costume design field, she took a secretarial course. Upon completion of this, she worked as a legal secretary in Long Beach, San Francisco and Salt Lake City. While working there she met and married her husband Ivo. They have two sons and six grandchildren.

They moved to Long Beach in 1944 where they both became active in the PTA and Boy Scouts.

In 1950, Lois returned to school. She received her master's degree in education. She began teaching in 1952 and retired in 1968. She served as president of Stanford Junior High School and was department head in

home economics both there and at Hughes Junior High. She also taught art, social studies and physical education.

She took a sabbatical in 1966 and travelled throughout Africa. She joined her husband in Greece and the couple spent two and a half months sightseeing Europe.

Since then, the couple has continued to travel and have visited most of the world with the exception of the Antarctic and Southeast Asia.

Lois worked on the Head*Start program in the Compton area in 1967 and 1968. She helped organize and run the Meals on Wheels in Long Beach and was education chairman for the United Nations of Long Beach.

When the Rasmussens moved to Leisure World in 1976, she began working at the Saddleback Hospital Thrift Shop and soon was doing pub-

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licity for the group. This included doing a weekly TV show, something she had never done but enjoyed very much. She also served as president of the Laguna Hills Duplicate Bridge Club.

She was elected to the Third Laguna Hills Mutual board in 1983 and in 1985 became the chairwoman of the Community Relations Committee. She is also a member of the

Area Project Review Committee. She is currently serving as advisor on three of the Third committees and is a member of the nominating committee of Third.

Lois is now president of the Thrift Shop and very busy trying to raise the \$750,000 they have pledged to the new Woman's Center. She is also reservations chairman of the California Club.