

Volunteers honored at luncheon

Golden Rain Foundation honored Laguna Woods Village volunteers at the 42nd annual Volunteers Luncheon held Friday, Dec. 1, in Clubhouse 5.

"We are open 365 days a year, even Christmas" noted Marty Rhodes, 2006 Community Activities Committee chairman and retired Golden Rain Foundation board member, of the Laguna Woods Village facilities.

This is possible, said GRF President George Portlock, because of the volunteers who help the staff at various facilities supervise rooms, answer questions and show residents how to use various equipment. Portlock, also, took time out to also honor Rhodes as "the ultimate volunteer" presenting him a handsome clock with those words engraved on it.

Rhodes noted that the staff had invited 504 volunteers for that day's luncheon and 107 more for the Library and Historical Society luncheon held Saturday. Volunteer hours totaled approximately 61,000, equating to \$411,750 at minimum wage. He also thanked the staff for preparing for the luncheon, including Barbara Johnson, Steve LaFortune, Roni Fox, Colleen Leslie, Bruce Gardner, Laura Cooley, Rick Roybal, Micke Tucholski, Mike Settupane, Roger Teel, Rob Merritt and the Clubhouse 5 staff.

Volunteer groups honored included:

Tax Aides at Clubhouse 1, Larry Collins, resident coordinator; Tax counselors at the Community Center, Hillel Pitlik, resident coordinator; Active Facilities Advisory, George Arnold, chairman; Aquatics Advisory Group, Mark Schneider, chairman; Art Studio, Lois Appelbaum, head supervisor; Volunteer instructors, Roni Fox, staff coordinator; Bus Information Services, Grete Rothschild, resident coordinator; Ceramics Studio,



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THE ULTIMATE VOLUNTEER: Marty Rhodes, right, receives a clock inscribed with the words, "The Ultimate Volunteer," from GRF President George Portlock at the 42nd annual Volunteers Luncheon last Friday. Rhodes served as the 2006 GRF Community Activities Committee chairman and as a GRF director.

Kathy Hewitt, head supervisor; Clubhouse Advisory Group, Ruth May, chairman; Computer Learning Center, Roger Turner, president of PC Club, and Charles Clark, president of Mac Club; Computer Advisory Group, Bevan Strom, chairman; Historical Society docents, Justin Ratner, resident coordinator; Continuing Education Advisory, Mike Evans, chairman.

Also, Defensive Driving Program, Herb Nathan, resident coordinator; Disaster Preparedness Task Force, Betty Rockefeller, resident coordinator, and Gene Hart, staff coordinator; Drop-in Lounge at Clubhouse 1, Bruce Gardner, staff coordinator; Equestrians Advisory Group, Jim McNulty, CAC representative, and Gary Empfield, chairman; Equestrian Center volunteers, Dottie Curran, resident coordinator; Golf Advisory Group, Joseph Heller, chairman; Jewelry Workshop, Murray Elbuam, head supervisor;

And Lawn Bowling, Ray Feldherr, club president; and Laura Cooley, staff coordinator; New Resident Welcome volunteers, Carol Nick, staff coordinator; Photography Workshop, Aaron Koslow, head supervisor; Progressive Bridge, Laura Cooley, staff coordinator; Sewing Room, Kelly Barrett, head supervisor; Slipcasting Workshop, Carolyn Nuenke, head supervisor; Tennis ball machine, Bobby Seaton; TV Six, Rob Merritt, staff coordinator; Video Learning Center, Marvin Green, resident coordinator; Woodshop, Gene Ryan and Bernie Stein, head supervisors; Machine Sho9p, Irv Kein, head supervisor.

Prior to leaving, all volunteers and guests received tote bag gifts from Attentive Home Care distributed by owner Rick Davis and his Community Relations staff members Angelica Gomez and Alex Thomson.