

SHIRLEY AND HAROLD LARSON

The 1985 Business/Professional Citizen of the Year Award goes to a couple who have just recently celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary and who, for 21 of those years, have worked side by side in their own business. Shirley and Harold Larson of ARROW FORKLIFT SERVICES, INC., d.b.a. HAROLD LARSON TRUCK REPAIR, moved their company to Santa Fe Springs 19 years ago and since that time have been active members of the community.

Harold was actively involved in the daily routine of running his business until his two older sons, who joined the firm in their youth, took over the management allowing Harold more time for his many activities. He is presently a Member of the Chamber/League Board of Directors, an Ambassador, and serves on the Business Education, Member Relations, and Sacramento Field Trip Committees. He is a member of the Santa Fe Springs Kiwanis Club and serves as an advisor to the Key Club at Santa Fe High School. He has been named "Soroptimister" by the Santa Fe Springs Soroptimists for his behind-the-scenes assistance through the years. He is a Board Member of Parkinson Education Group at Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital, has served as advisor to the R.O.P Committee with Whittier Union High School District, and has supported numerous other committees and organizations.

Shirley is a former President of the Santa Fe Springs Soroptimists Club where she has been a member for 10 years. She donates her time and talents to the S.E. Council on Drug & Alcohol Abuse and Disabilities Unlimited of Downey. Over the years she has been a Cub Scout Den Mother, Church Choir Member, Sunday School Teacher and Sunday School Secretary.

Shirley was born in South Dakota and moved to Oregon as a child. Harold was born in North Dakota where he farmed before moving to California. He met Shirley in Oregon and they were married in 1950. They have lived in Norwalk for the past 25 years. They have three grown sons, two daughters-in-law, and three small grandchildren who, according to Shirley, are all learning to bake cookies. Harold and Shirley have many personal hobbies, but both love to travel and enjoy all kinds of food.

by JOHN NAIRN
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