



# Community Civic Association

## Of Laguna Woods Village

Meet your City Council Candidates  
Wednesday October 1, 2008  
CH 5 from 1:00 to 3:00



## Candidates for Laguna Woods City Council



Moderated by Jim Shaffer

CCA's mission is NOT to endorse candidates but to bring them to you so you can make an informed **vote on November 4th**.  
CANDIDATES Statements are from: <http://www.ocvote.com/election/gen2008/statements.htm>. Several candidates have changed their statements for this booklet.

This presentation will be on what they feel are the 3 pressing issues facing the City of Laguna Woods

Each candidate will speak 1 minute per issue for a total of 3 minutes each.

For personal information see the booklet. This is available at the Laguna Woods Globe office after this live presentation and is available on line at **DennyWelch.info**.



ASK them written questions  
that matter to YOU.



Compiled for CCA by Denise D. Welch



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## **RONALD ALLEN BELDNER**

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### ***OCCUPATION: Community Volunteer***

With no board affiliation, I will be an independent voice for Laguna Woods' residents. My allegiance will be to all citizens.

Calling on my financial management background, I will make sure every tax dollar is well spent and that outside resources are tapped for additional revenues. I will:

- Make city government more responsive, open and accountable.
- Fight commercial development in Laguna Woods Village.
- Preserve open spaces inside and outside the village.
- Enhance the Laguna Woods Newsletter to provide more vital information like consumer fraud warnings.
- Provide more pathways for disabled residents on wheels.
- Improve lighting and signage.

I'm committed to making a positive difference in my community. In addition to being a deputy registrar of L.A. County voters, I serve as a member of the:

- City of L.A. Fire Department Community Emergency Response Team (CERT); Past Member L.A. Police Dept. Volunteer Surveillance Team; Past Member District Attorney County of L.A. Advisory Board; Past Vice President-California State University Los Angeles Alumni Association for Government and Community Relations.
- Laguna Woods Animal Control Advisory Committee

Having family here for 14 years, I know the city's history and challenges.

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## MARGO BOUER AGE: 73

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### *OCCUPATION: Retired*

I am a retired registered Nurse from Michael Reese Hospital and have a Doctorate in Human Development from the University of Chicago.

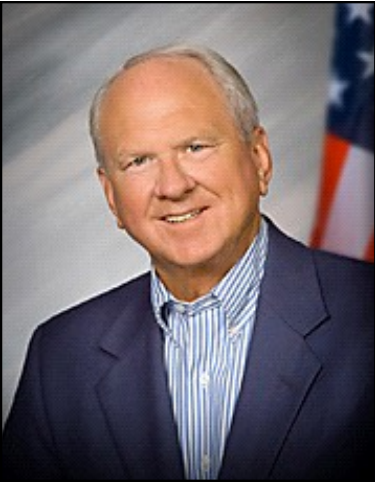


All my professional life has been in the care, teaching and administration of services to people in physical and mental distress. As a Director of Nurses and Hospital Administrator my services were involved with the guidelines of State and Federal agencies.

My goal is to be elected as a city councilwoman where my education, experiences and skills can be effectively utilized in the following areas.

I believe strongly that Seniors be educated and have control over their own needs and life expectations.

- Safety - Medical Rights
- Mobility Rights
- Financial - Legal Care Rights



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## JAMES "JIM" KANE

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### *OCCUPATION: Businessman*

As your new Council Member, I will:

- Be an effective liaison between the City of Laguna Woods and Laguna Woods Village
- Push for capital improvements including,

improved street lighting, curb cuts to insure sidewalk access to all our Residents and adequate parking at parks.

Until my recent retirement, I was a business executive for more than forty years. My firm not only grew, but also remained committed to our customers' needs.

As a Council Member, this is the same commitment I will bring to the city of Laguna Woods. I will utilize all of my experience in business and government to insure the well-being of our residents.

My previous experience includes many years of service in the city government of Tustin.

Among the positions I held were, Chairman of the Tustin Parks and Recreation Commission and Member of the Planning Task Force for Tustin's Senior Center.

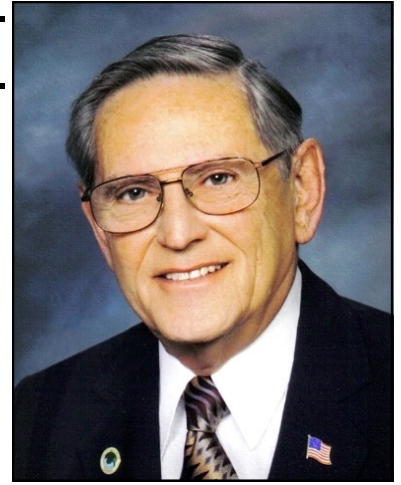
I was also active in the community of Tustin by serving three terms as a Board Member and President of the Chamber of Commerce. Elected Tustin Man of the Year in 1990.

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## MARTIN “MARTY” RHODES

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*OCCUPATION: Retired Pharmacist/  
Businessman*



Brooklyn N.Y., native, wife Roslyn and three children, Korean War Veteran, retired Pharmacist. Owned and operated three Drugstores and three other businesses. Ten year resident in LWV. Active member in 21 clubs and organizations in the Village. Recipient of Historical Society “Laguna Woods Honoree of the Month.”

Served three years on GRF Board and three years on the Third Mutual Board. I served as chairperson of the following committees: Community Activities, GRF Nominating, Bus Services, Community Name Change, Long Range Planning, Third Landscape, Resident Fees, and Clubhouse 7 Decorating.

Also served as Third Mutual Treasurer; Manor Resale Policy Change Committee; Transportation Sub Committee; Three story buildings Rules Committee and Trails & Signs Committee for 2 years.

Currently I am a Director on the Laguna Canyon Foundation Board; El Toro Water District Advisory Group; Inspector of Elections for GRF and member of the City Transportation Committee.

I know that I will be an asset to the City Council with my extensive background and experience inside and outside this community. I do my homework and listen attentively to the feelings and needs of our residents. I look forward to serving as your Council Member and keeping this the best little city in California.



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## MILTON W. ROBBINS

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### *OCCUPATION: Incumbent*

As the city's representative to Growth Management Area Committee about \$1,000,000 has been allocated to improve three major intersections.

As city's representative to Orange County Library Advisory Board (currently Chairman), I obtained authorization for 3 computer terminals and a book collection. Worked with Friends of Library - programs showcasing local authors, movies and readings.

While Mayor, I was on the team which negotiated the TV franchise agreement which saves LWV \$300,000 annually.

I was a proponent of annexation of Laguna Laurel open space, insuring traffic on Santa Maria will always be limited. I am sponsoring efforts to allow golf carts on Santa Maria for which we have received a grant of \$500,000 to safely access Moulton Plaza and Senior Center. I look for other areas to safely accommodate alternate transportation throughout our city.

To promote safety, I recommended red light cameras at Gate 12.

I had six years experience on Village Boards.

I will continue to keep an open mind on any issue and will withhold judgment until all facts are presented.

Please support my programs with your vote.

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## BRENDA B. ROSS

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### *OCCUPATION: Incumbent*

Member: Orange County Fire Authority Board; Orange County Trauma Intervention Program Board; Alternate Member Orange County Library Advisory Board; Committee Member: Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council, Housing Committee, Fall Prevention Strategic Plan Committee; Orange County Elder Abuse Committee; Orange County Mental Health Strategic Plan Committee, California League of Cities Community Services Policy Committee and Ethics Task Force; Human Services Committee; California Foundation on Aging; California Senior Leadership Alliance.



Over the past nine years I have worked hard as your Councilwoman, not only on the City level, but also at County, State and National levels to ensure that the City of Laguna Woods gets what it needs.

As an effective and experienced senior advocate, I have sought grant dollars that have allowed our City to support taxi services, energy efficient homes, social services and medical waste pickup programs.

I ask for your vote to continue the privilege of working with our passionate citizens, our talented staff and our dedicated volunteers to make our City better in every way.



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## ARLENE SONTAG

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### *OCCUPATION: Retired Fire Analyst*

I have 25 years of government experience as a member of the Orange County Fire Authority staff for 16 years and the Orange County CEO's office for 9 years. I have in-depth knowledge of budgets, human resource issues, legislation and I understand how government works. I have extensive experience working with elected officials and government agencies in Sacramento and Washington to actually solve problems.

I have a Master's Degree in Public Administration and a Bachelor's Degree in Social Ecology. I am a resident of Laguna Woods Village and a member of our Disaster Preparedness Task Force, and the city's CERT Team. I have served on the Boards of United Way, Planned Parenthood, the YWCA and the Orange County Aids Walk. I am an activist and a problem solver.

If elected, I will :

- Improve communication between the Council and the residents through town hall meetings, surveys and I will be available by phone and e-mail.
- Maintain our high quality of life by supporting plans that solve our traffic problems and preserve our open space.
- Protect us from any more developments like San Sebastian.

I ask for your vote on November 4th.

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## MARILYNN J. SORTINO

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### *OCCUPATION: Retired Project Manager*



I am a 14-year resident of Laguna Woods.

Graduated from Northeastern Illinois State University. Retired after 20 years of service in management with a large telecommunication company. Was chosen Business Woman of the

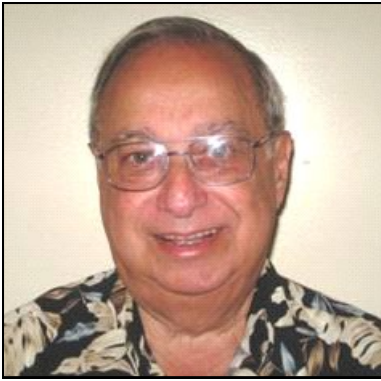
Year by the American Association of Business Women.

During my recent tenure as President of the Recreational Vehicle Club, I succeeded in maintaining fair and equitable lot rental fees. I also volunteered in Laguna Woods Village as a former teacher and board member for the Computer Club.

The primary responsibility for determining the reasonableness of city actions lies with the city council. My goals:

- To preserve our beautiful city by protecting and conserving our resources while working cooperatively with city council members and local government agencies.
- Have open communication with residents. Continue to keep Laguna Woods fiscally sound and physically safe.
- Promote the expansion of residents' services in environmentally responsible ways.

I pledge to listen to residents, act responsibly and protect our city.



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## **MARK STEIN AGE: 73**

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### ***OCCUPATION: Retired Corporate Executive***

I have B.S. and M.S. degrees in Electrical Engineering from Illinois Institute of Technology plus an M.B.A. degree, Executive Program from the University of Chicago.

Before moving to LWV in 1997, I successfully managed multinational high technology divisions of Fortune 500 corporations serving the computer, communications and power industries for over 25 years. Inventor and holder of a number of major electronic computer and control system patents.

Management Consultant for three years to Rossmoor Electric, Inc. who provided 35 years of TV operation and maintenance services to Leisure World. Developed TV6 Ad Insertion Business Plan; which, when implemented, has generated significant revenue to help offset increases to the LWV residents' assessments.

Served three years on the GRF Board; wherein, I was First Vice President, Chairman of Broadband Services and Security Committees and Vice Chairman of Finance. Made significant contributions in each of those areas.

I am a team player with expertise in strategic/tactical short and long range business planning, finance, fiscal budgeting responsibility and of greatest importance maintaining excellent communications. If elected to the City Council, I will be a major contributor in the areas of the City Budget, Greening the Woods and Traffic Control."

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## ROBERT "BOB" TUCKER

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*OCCUPATION: Business Owner*

As a fiscal conservative, it is my belief that the city should be pursuing projects that benefit its local citizens. Those citizens being the residents of Laguna Woods Village.

A city council that pursues projects and spends taxpayer dollars that go against the wishes of their constituents, is showing disrespect to those who elected them.

It is time for a change! Vote to amend the current council and the direction it is headed.

I support a balanced budget, the Greening of the Woods, disaster preparedness for the community, extensive golf cart accessibility, and a sensible management of our land resources.

Working as your council member, my goal is to have this city adopt the will of its residents.

"The City exists for the Village, NOT the other way around."

I have no hidden agendas, no prior relationships with the mutuels, GRF, or PCM. But I promise to work with these entities to protect your rights and way of life.

I am able, willing and qualified to be your Council Member. Vote for Change.

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**Thank you for listening to our City Council Candidates. Now you know how they feel on their three main issues.**

This booklet has Biographical Information on each candidate. This information is from the <http://www.ocvote.com/election/gen2008/statements.htm>. Several candidates have changed their statements for this booklet.

**Choose the 3 that YOU feel best represents what you want done in YOUR city.**

**VOTE NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**This CCA Meeting will be replayed on TV6 on:**

**Tuesday, October 7 at 2 PM**

**Friday, October 10th at 4:30PM**

**Thursday, October 16th at 8PM**

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