

City of La Palma



Kitty Mallett and
Rosemary Scichilone

It has been said by many friends and colleagues that La Palma residents Kitty Mallett and Rosemary Scichilone are a couple of “super volunteers.” Like sisters, they together are always in demand for anything and everything that needs to be done in La Palma.

Both are deeply involved in the La Palma Neighborhood Watch. They will also be found at La Palma Days, the 4th of July Run for Fun and at the Halloween Carnival. They volunteer at the annual Buena Park/La Palma American Cancer Society Relay for Life, and during the busy fall registration, they are registering students at Walker Junior High School.

Kitty Mallett has been with Neighborhood Watch since 1985, shortly after the organization was formed. Since then she has been block captain of District 37 and served as vice president from 1998 until June last year, when she took over as president. She has also served as coordinator for the past 10 years. From 1998 until 2006, she also organized District 33. As the leader of La Palma Neighborhood Watch, Kitty is the link to the

La Palma police and hosts meetings so neighbor can meet neighbor.

Kitty’s work with the police department includes attendance at the Citizens’ Police Academy, helping with the department’s bicycle registration and being a member of the Community Emergency Response Team. In 1995 she worked the “Baker to Vegas Police Run” as a timer and water tender. For her many efforts, Kitty earned an award for “Exceptional Work in Neighborhood Watch” in 1995 and she was named the “La Palma Police Department Volunteer of the Year” in 2003.

Kitty grew up in Los Angeles and met her now deceased husband Bob on graduation night - a blind date. They moved to La Palma 41 years ago, where they raised two children, Robert Alan of Coarsegold, CA, and Shari Candelaria, living in nearby Cypress. Kitty has six grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Rosemary Scichilone has been with the La Palma Police Department’s VIP (Volunteering in Policing) since 1993. In a city marked car, with another VIP member, she drives around town one day a week doing vacation house checks and traffic-control. She is a graduate of the very first La Palma Citizens’ Police Academy.

Rosemary has been devoted to the La Palma Neighborhood Watch since its inception in 1984. She received an award for her faithful support and encouragement in 1990 for District 10 and was the “Coordinator of the Year” in 2000. For over a year, she has delivered Meals on Wheels to sick, elderly and shut-ins in La Palma. In 2003 she was honored in the La Palma Days Parade as the “Park and Community Service Volunteer” of the year.

Currently, Rosemary is the president of the Cypress Sunshine Club. She is also active in her church, St. Irenaeus Catholic Church in Cypress, where she serves as hospitality minister. She also volunteers at the annual St. Irenaeus three-day fiesta.

Rosemary grew up in Akron, Ohio, in a house her father built. While a student at St. Mary’s Catholic School, she attended a Christmas dance where she met her future husband, Gaspare, now deceased. Thirty-four years ago they settled in La Palma and raised four children: James, of Bothell, WA, Maryann of La Palma, Gary of Murrieta, CA and Karen of Mission Viejo, CA. Rosemary has five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Kitty and Rosemary have both helped out with the annual La Palma Days. Kitty works on the Advertisement Committee and staffs the booths for Neighborhood Watch and Youth 20-20, while Rosemary has helped out in the Historical & Cultural booth. “We worked wherever we were needed,” said Kitty.

According to Rosemary, she and Kitty don’t like sitting home watching TV. “I have to be doing something,” she said. And for over 10 years now, both have enjoyed doing a lot of “something” together.