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Oak View Civic Council Announces Honorary Mayor

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At the Oak View Civic Council Awards Dinner on Saturday, July 16, at the Oak View Community Center, **Mr. Larry Romero was selected as Honorary Mayor of Oak View**. The Awards Dinner is an annual event that recognizes Oak View and Ojai Valley community members for their contributions to the Council & the community.

In addition to the Honorary Mayor of Oak View, the community at large nominates area residents and businesses in categories such as Citizen of the Year, Business of the Year, Most Improved Business Appearance, Parent of the Year, Organization of the Year and Hall of Fame inductees. Those receiving awards that evening in each category were: **Citizen of the Year** John Herndon, **Business of the Year** Century 21 Ojai Valley Real Estate, **Most Improved Business Appearance** Big Buddha Lounge, **Parent of the Year** Trista Thrush, **Organization of the Year** New Hope Christian Center, and **Hall of Fame** inductee Ms. Karen Lagos. Additionally, the **Outstanding Service to the Community** award was presented to Heal The Community and the Oak View Rabobank for their “exceptional philanthropic efforts for and on behalf of the people of the community”.

The Oak View Civic Council is a 54-year old non-profit organization that focuses on community-based activities, hosting a variety of popular events such as the Christmas Tree Lighting event, the Oak View Pageant of Excellence and the Memorial Day Parade. The organization also supports, promotes and provides funds to qualifying non-profit organizations such as the Oak View Little League, Ojai Valley Softball League, the C.R.E.W., and Mentor Madness/Heal the Community.

The Civic Council invites everyone in the Ojai Valley to participate in the organization as a member or friend. Participation in the Council is open to all with membership required to vote on community issues and at the annual election of the Board of Directors. Member dues are minimal at \$5/year. Community meetings are held from 6:00-7:00pm on the first Wednesday of every month (except August) at the Oak View Community Center.

Since 1957, the Oak View Civic Council has acted as a non-profit coordinating group with a primary focus on youth-oriented community events & activities and takes an active part in the civic, cultural, educational, social welfare, and philanthropic advancement of the community. Contacts: John Herndon/President at 805-551-1192 or Lynn Smith/Secretary at 805-340-4190.