

## 2007 Woman of the Year Liz Minor

Since 1953, Rick Rackers, an auxiliary of Assistance League® of Long Beach, has honored one outstanding woman in the community with its prestigious Woman of the Year Award. On October 5, 2007, Elizabeth Minor, who has dedicated much of the last 60 years to supporting local philanthropic projects, was honored at the annual luncheon held at the Hyatt Regency in Long Beach. Trumpets sounded as Elizabeth Minor was presented to the more than 150 guests.



In addition, Steve Chesser of The Boeing Corporation accepted the Assistance League National Operation School Bell® Award. Boeing Corporation and its employees were honored for their long-standing support of Operation School Bell, Rick Rackers' major philanthropic program.

"Liz makes a difference in the life of our city and is a model for volunteerism. She is humble, practical, and an inspiration to others. Her impact will be evident for generations to come," wrote a supporter of Liz Minor in her Woman of the Year nomination form.

Elizabeth Gale Minor was born in Rapid City, South Dakota, and lived there until she moved to Long Beach. Liz enrolled in Long Beach Poly High School and became involved in clubs and organizations, such as, Portia, a welfare club and Tajma Sorority. After school, she volunteered at Long Beach Day Nursery at 15<sup>th</sup> and Chestnut.

In 1951, Liz married Harry Minor a professional baseball player who has been with the New York Mets organization for 40 years. During his time as a player, they lived and worked all over the country. Liz and Harry have four children, Debbie, Bob, Becky and Steve, nine grandchildren and one (almost two) great-grandchildren.

As a young girl, Liz gave of her time as a Girl Scout. As a teenager, she volunteered at her high school through clubs and organizations, and as mother and grandmother served her children and grandchildren's schools as PTA President, Carnival Chairman, and room mother. Her involvement in the PTA throughout her children's years in school earned her an Honorary Life Membership three times. She was active in Camp Fire Girls for 17 years and received many honorary "Pins." In addition, she was instrumental in forming both the Bobby Sox league and Basketball Night League for girls.

Liz continues to give her time and talent to so many organizations in the community, most notably, Beta Rho, where she is President and various boards at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center. Liz has volunteered with Long Beach Guild of Ability First, Sea Breeze Manor Housing Corporation, Long Beach G.O.P. Republic Board, and Dramatic Allied Arts Guild.