

Lynne Ebenkamp

Lynne and Ted Ebenkamp rolled a winning seven when they purchased their home sight unseen in Solera, two days before the fireworks went off on the Strip to kiss 2020 goodbye. “I’m lucky; I’m here in a community sight unseen,” she marveled.



Lynne has embraced the culture of the community, serving on committees, welcoming new home owners and relishing support from neighbors, who became friends when her dear husband Ted passed away last spring. **“I have really wonderful neighbors. They really look after me. We’re kind of a team,”** Lynne concluded.

The California transplant has exhibited a commitment to service for her community throughout her life. While in high school, a part time job in a pharmacy paved the way for a long career path...and more...for Lynne. It’s where she met Ted, her husband of 61 years and where she was inspired to become a registered nurse. Lynne’s ambition motivated her to enroll in the University of Southern California, leading to a 30-year career as a registered nurse and physician’s assistant specializing in geriatric care, all while raising three daughters.

Lynne’s love of Solera’s culture is demonstrated at the Welcome Committee presentations. From its earliest days, the committee has matured to a quarterly gathering, introducing new residents to the rich inventory of community amenities. She keeps a running list of absentee new homeowners and ensures follow-up invitations are extended. With the extensive list of committees and clubs Solera offers, Lynne admits, “I always look for people who can be leaders.”

Lynne and Ted took leadership roles in their community of 60,000, 25 miles east of Los Angeles. “We were the face of Rowland Heights. We were the first ones everyone called for everything.” Among her volunteer activities, Lynne was a longtime member of the school board and Ted served on local and state-wide boards as well as training pharmacists at USC. Their small California town honored the couple by crowning them Grand Marshalls of the annual Buckboard Days parade, kicking off the town’s three-day spirit festival.

Lynne expected “to get away from responsibility”

with the move to Solera, but found old habits die hard. In addition to serving on the welcome committee, she’s co-chair of Neighborhood Watch, a member of the newsletter staff. She has acted as moderator for some community meetings.

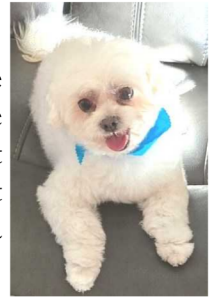
“Answers aren’t always readily available at board meetings,” she observed, and encourages the BoD to be proactive in researching and providing answers to the community.

—*Sam Wagmeister*

Spotlight on Pets

Hi, my name is **Chance**.

My parents are **Martin** and **Denise Alarcon**. They changed my name from Paco to Chance. Since I was at the Animal Foundation, they thought it was a good name as I was getting a second ‘chance’ at a new life.



I am a Maltese male, seven years old, and weighing 9.13 pounds when they brought me home. (More now with all the treats I get!)

It was love at first sight. I captured their hearts, as I was wagging my tail and not barking like the others in kennels, and I’m really cute.

We played and walked around the foundation courtyard. I wanted to be picked up, so my new mommy picked me up. We hugged and I gave her lots of kisses. That must have sealed the deal because I went home with them that day. I love to cuddle with my parents, take naps, and even sleep on their bed, even though I have two doggie beds in the house.

The adoption is now finalized, and I am so happy to be in my *fur-ever* home.

—*Denise Alarcon*