

# City of Chino ❖ Hall of Fame

presented on March 17, 2015 honoring

## *Phyllis Lang Outhier*

Phyllis Lang Outhier was Chino's principal historian for many years, collecting and recording the community's history, traditions, and heritage. For 27 years, she was active in the Chino Valley Historical Society, the past few years as president. She was a leader in the maintenance and preservation of the Old Schoolhouse Museum, where she spent thousands of hours.

Very modest and unassuming, she played a key role in staging and promoting the annual Pioneer Picnic and the bi-annual Chino High School alumni reunions.

She established a vast network of former Chinoans, keeping them connected with their old hometown.

Mrs. Outhier, born in Chino on April 17, 1925, was the granddaughter of early Chino merchant J.A. Mart, who ran town-founder Richard Gird's meat shop, which later became his own. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lang, who farmed in Chino.

She was in the Chino High School class of 1942, and after graduation went to work for the Southern California Gas Company. She was secretary to the area manager during her 40-year tenure and a president of the Executive Secretaries Club.

She was married to Raymond L. Outhier for 65 years.

Ms. Outhier served as a caregiver, counselor, and conservator for people no longer able to care for themselves, and spent numerous hours tending to the ill and infirm.

In 2008, Phyllis received the City's Edwin Rhodes Community Service Award and the Mayor's Spirit of Achievement Award in 2008.

Mrs. Outhier died on September 22, 2014, the year she assisted with the transfer of the Old Schoolhouse Museum to the City. Thanks to her time and effort, freely given, the history of the Chino Valley will continue to be well preserved for future generations.