

## **Karen Russell**

Karen Russell has been a member of the Los Alamitos Unified School District Board of Education since 2004. Mrs. Russell is a retired teacher who has lived in Seal Beach for 46 years. During her 37-year tenure as a teacher she taught upper elementary and mathematics and science at the middle school level.

She has served on the boards of the California Teachers Association, the National Education Association and the California Teachers Retirement Board (CalSTRS). She has been recognized as Teacher of the Year in 1982 for the Westminster School District, received the state CTA Human Rights Award, the CTA state We Honor Ours Award and appears in the Women's Historical Biography of the National Education Association.

In her community she is a member of the Seal Beach Lions and the Seal Beach Woman's Club. As a Lion, Karen has received three Melvin Jones fellowships, the highest award a lion can receive.

Karen has been married to her husband Don for 42 years. She enjoys travelling with her husband, and has also traveled extensively throughout the world. She has traveled to more than 44 countries and 42 states in the U.S.