

## **2010 Grand Marshal**

**Ms. Mary Blatz**



Mary Blatz moved from New York City and a teaching career in 1992 to Long Beach. She lived and worked at Mt. Carmel Cambodian Center. Mary reached out in friendship with the Cambodian community and promoted community development and dialog while living at the catholic mission. In 2004 along with friends, she founded a small non-profit, Friends of Mt. Carmel. Currently, Mary is involved in building a School for Leadership with the Mastery Foundation of San Francisco. She is the Co-chair of the Cambodian Census Complete Count Committee and urges all Cambodians to be counted. May God bless the Cambodian community with justice and peace in this New Year.

She has been a long time supporter of the Cambodian community. Ms. Blatz always opens her door and heart to the people who need help with services ranging from health issue to social services with the local, state or federal government. The local Cambodians look up to her as a go-to person to seek for advices.

Ms. Blatz is working very closely with the U.S Census Bureau in an effort to have every Cambodians be counted in this year 2010 census. She is a very strong advocate for the community and with a heart. Ms. Blatz is a person with high ethic, integrity and respect. The Cambodian Coordinating Council is proud to have Ms. Mary Blatz to be the Grand Marshal for 2010, year of the Tiger.