

Milt Adamson puts his energy into everything

A few years ago, at the time the water park opened on the site of what had been Lions Country Safari, Milton Adamson, thought it would be a good idea if some Leisure World residents visited the park.

So Adamson, then chairman of the Golden Rain Foundation Area Project Review Committee, invited a group of the committee members to join him at the water park.

On arrival at the park, they were greeted by the public relation man, who asked if any of them wanted to experience the action at the park. Everyone looked around.

On this hot summer day, the park was a bee hive of youngsters, all in swim suits, all running from one water slide to another, voices raised in laughter and screams.

Milt Adamson and Ruth Grossfeld stripped to swim attire and joined the fun, as the others looked on.

Like a couple of kids, Milt ran and Ruth walked a little hesitantly to a huge water slide. They climbed to the top, sat on the slide, and slid down taking the curves like they had been born to them. For Ruth it was enough.

But not for Adamson. Vying for space with kids more than 60 years and in some cases 70 years younger

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than he, he headed for the next area. This time he climbed to the top, lay prone on the slide, and slid through dark tunnels into the pool beneath. He then started a water fight with the other committee members.

Milt Adamson is a ball of energy and enthusiasm, as those who work with him have found.

Adamson is the latest Leisure Worlder of the Month. The June honoree will view his portrait at a ceremony on Wednesday, June 7 in Clubhouse 6. The ceremony is sponsored by the Leisure World Historical Society and Home Federal Savings.

Born in Chicago he graduated from Armour Institute of Technology (now Illinois Tech) with a bachelors degree in civil engineering.

During the Depression, he worked as a surveyor, resident engineer and designer of bridges and grade separations.

In 1932 he married Ethel Nachman and in 1937 they moved to Indianapolis where Adamson went into banking. During World War 2 he

returned to engineering for naval ordnance in the assembly of the Norden Bombsight.

After the war, the Adamsons, now with a daughter, moved to Culver City and for the next 33 years Adamson was responsible for dust control and environmental concerns as an associate in a sales engineering company. His role in pollution control engineering led to clean-up programs in many parts of the world.

During their years in the Los Angeles area, Adamson was an active member of Big Brothers and had three little brothers. He soon became a director of the Big Brothers chapter.

The Adamsons moved to Leisure World in 1981 to "live in a community where security was the best, traffic less, distances shorter and there were no prior commitments."

But active as he was, Adamson was soon involved in the Moulton Parkway Corridor Study. He was elected a director of Third Mutual and became a representative to the Saddleback Area Coordinating



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Council. Later, as chairman of APR, a position he described as his "most gratifying," he established contacts with state and county officials.

But governance is not the only beneficiary of his verve. Adamson is also a tennis player, opera buff, bridge player, and member of the Historical Society, Academians and Community Association.