

Great World

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Prestige is a nebulous something one cannot package in a box and say "Here it is." We all know what it means; that it is earned, deserved. Residents have brought prestige with them to Leisure World in impressive backgrounds, accomplishments. Their minds and spirits are high and alertness is the fiber in their personalities.

As one Leisure World Resident of the Month said: "The responsiveness of its (Leisure World's) people to friendly, helpful motivation" is what he likes and adds, "It is what makes Leisure World live."

The Leisure World environment is here, was on our drawing boards and, prior to that, in our minds. Most clients looked at Leisure World, read our concept of total life and living, and purchased the "package." That it attracted prestigious clientele is natural, so we salute Leisure World's total 19,000 and more.

The nation's 1976 Bicentennial gave impetus to Rossmoor's program for selecting Residents of the Month for the honors of nominations by fellow residents; for an oil portrait of each, and its hanging in a prominent place in our sales pavilion.

From the beginning men and women of prestige were available and their constructiveness, past achievements and current endeavors suited them for the responsible positions so important to the community, because its pattern calls for resident-control on bases of voluntary acceptance and friendly cooperation for general achievement. They have responded. We're building together.

In January 1977 Herbert E. Morey, world adventurer, photographer and lecturer was named. As teacher, supervisor and principal in Los Angeles schools he was lured to travel and adventure on all continents by wonders of his life studies.

The Honorable Harry Clay Westover, a former California legislator from Orange County, Superior Court Judge in Los Angeles, head of Internal Revenue Service in Los Angeles; from 1949 to retirement in 1976, had been Judge of the Federal District Court in Los Angeles. Judge Westover was selected for February.

Involvement in community affairs, including Golden Rain Foundation and Saddleback Community Hospital, is Albert Hanson's pastime when not taking care of his own business, Pasadena Financial Consultants, Inc., and managing partnership with his son in Hale-Hanson Co. An engineer by training and experience, he is another Leisure World resident in Who's Who in America and other categorized Who's Who tomes.

Col. John H. Awtry, honored in June, saw service in both World War I and II. In between he had careers in law and insurance. He possesses three battle stars and merit and achievement awards. Continuing in the service, he performed duty in the foreign and Washington offices of the assistant secretary of the Army and the War Department at General Staff, retiring in 1953. He is a popular Leisure World platform speaker.

I'll have a few more in next week's column to bring this year's Resident of the Month series to date.