

LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH APRIL, 1997

The Leisure World Historical Society is pleased to announce the selection of **JIM ETTER** as Leisure Worlder of the Month for April, 1997. This event is sponsored by the society and supported by the Ross Cortese Commemorative Fund.

Jim Etter first saw the light of day in Piqua, Ohio and received his elementary and high school education in Covington--also located in the Buckeye State. Subsequently, he matriculated at the University of Illinois and stayed on to obtain a BSEE, MSEE and Doctorate in electrical engineering. He was a member of Eta Kappa Nu, an electrical engineering honorary society, and also participated in Sigma Xi, a research honorary group and Pi Mu Epsilon, an honorary society.

The U.S. Navy was benefactor of Jim's talents and service for three years. He was discharged as an Ensign in 1946.

Jim began his working career at Hughes Aircraft (Fullerton Plant) and retired from that organization after 31 years of service as department manager of various units, and Senior Scientist at the "ivory tower" installation of Hughes Research Laboratories (Malibu).

His working career was not a deterrent to participation in community/civic affairs. Jim was League President of Western Boys Baseball, co-founder of ANEW, a widow/widower support group, and also served as president of the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Vacuum Society.

Besides being technically and scientifically oriented, Jim was a musician. He played the clarinet and saxophone well enough to be a member of the Ohio State and University of Illinois concert bands as well as the football marching band of the Illini. He played with small groups until retirement.

Jim met and married his first wife, Maxine, while both attended the University of Illinois. Unfortunately, after 31 years of marriage and two children, Maxine passed away. Subsequently, Jim met his current spouse, Lori, through a mutual friend and they were married in 1979. Jim's extended family includes three grandchildren from daughter Pamela--Larry, Mike and Andrew--and three more--Ryan, Alison and Kevin--sired by son Jim, Jr.

The Eters came to Leisure World in 1987 and very quickly Jim "got involved" in a variety of recreational and governance activities. He has served as a Director and President of GRF and is currently a member of United Mutual Board of Directors. He has chaired the TV Services Committee and served on the Government and Public Relations and Facilities and Land Planning Committees.

Jim has found satisfaction and gratification in technical and social/civic accomplishments. When considering the motivation for activity and participation in Leisure World affairs Jim's words tell it like it is: "To promote and further the development of Leisure World as a most desirable community for active retired people--a need to keep occupied by working on solutions to problems."