

**LEISURE WORLD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
PRESENTS**

MIKE EVANS

LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH

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MIKE EVANS was born in Yugoslavia (currently Slovenia) and came to the U.S.A. at age nine. His parents were earlier arrivals and filed for citizenship as soon as legally possible, thereby making Mike a newly arrived American citizen. The family settled in a small Pennsylvania town which was the source for Mike's primary education. He subsequently graduated from Greensburg, PA High. In later years he obtained a teaching credential from the University of California system and also completed a photography course at the U.S.A. Air Corps Photography School. Mike continued his academic bent and achievements by taking night classes at several colleges.

The U.S. Air Force was beneficiary to Mike's service from 1940 to 1945. He flew 65 missions with the twelfth Air Force and received the Air Medal and Purple Heart awards among his collection.

In the main, Mike devoted his working career to the field of photography. His assignments and responsibilities included camera store manager and buyer from 1945 to 1973. He was "Photographer, Special Projects" for the LAPD from 1973 to 1986 (retirement year). In addition Mike taught photo classes at Los Angeles City College for four years on a "moonlighting basis".

Mike's community service was photographically oriented to coincide with his vocation. He has been an instructor for the Saddleback Emeritus program, Laguna Woods photographer, Member of the Leisure World Continuing Education Advisory Group, Coordinator of the Saddleback Arts and Crafts shows and served on the Saddleback Emeritus Council.

Mike has received numerous awards and certificates of recognition from the Recreation Division of PCM, Saddleback Emeritus Program and from the L.W. Camera Club as "Person of the Year" and for "Exceptional Service".

Mike and Delores were married in 1948 and this union produced two sons and alike number of daughters. The current extended Evans Clan includes seven grandchildren and the necessary in-laws.

Being R.V. people the Evans' family has traversed the U.S.A. from hither to yon and back. They have left footprints in France, Germany, Belgium, Hawaii, Canada and Mexico besides cruising extensively.

Delores and Mike came to Leisure World in 1986 and our honoree became active in the Camera Club (President and Special Projects Committees), American Legion (18 Years), Leisure Wheelers (18 years), Video Club Charter Member, including Special Projects, Taping of Veterans' interviews/bios for the Leisure World Historical Society and Wood shop Supervisor for 12 years.

Mike States his feelings unequivocally: "I am sure that these activities added at least ten years to my life. I enjoy helping clubs in their many duties."