

Couple honored as LWers for April by Rossmoor

In a precedent-setting move, the Rossmoor Corporation selection committee is honoring a husband and wife as Leisure Worlders of the Month for April.

The list of offices Lenore and Glenn Giddings have had bestowed on them since moving to Laguna Hills to "retire" 13 years ago tells the story of why they were selected to be coholders of this month's honor.

On Monday, April 2 at 10 a.m. their color, framed portrait will be hung in a prominent place in the rotunda of the new sales office of Rossmoor Leisure World. At that time friends and many former Leisure Worlders of the Month will gather for the informal celebration.

Dr. Giddings' many laurels include past presidencies of the Camera Club and Rock and Gem Club, and Layman of the Year of the United Methodist Church, chairmanships of its pastor-parish relations and scholarship committees and lay leader.

For years he participated in activities of the Leisure World education and recreation program, including narrating color slide contest shows. Few recall when there were Leisure World spelling bees, or a kite-flying contest, but Dr. Giddings helped officiate both of these.

Mrs. Giddings hasn't flown a kite since she helped raise their science oriented sons, Donald and William, when Dr. Giddings was professor of physics at DePauw University, so she was a non-participant in those activities. But, she is a member of the P.E.O. of Laguna Hills, of which she is past president. Some of her other honors include vice president of the Aliso Club, and a circle chairman of the United Methodist Women for 10 years.

As in their religious work, the Giddings share

many common activities here: Latin-American Club, The Forum, Adventures in Travel, and of course, the Camera Club and the Rock and Gem Club.

Evidence of Giddings expertise in photography is displayed on the walls of their home in what space is left between shelves of books and commemorative plaques. The photographs depict world travels, including a prize-winning color picture of India's famous Taj Mahal.

Lenore and Glenn Giddings became aware of each other in 1919, when they enrolled at Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa. "Originally neither of us had planned to go to Cornell,

said Lenore, who grew up in the town of Keota. "I was going to go to Iowa Wesleyan, but changed my mind."

Glenn was slated for Morningside College, but a promise of a \$100 scholarship after winning a declamatory contest in Wesley, Iowa, guided him to Cornell.

Six years later when each had earned bachelor's and master's degrees in physics, they were married.

Giddings was in his 12th year at DePauw when he received a letter from a former fellow-student at Cornell. "I can't tell you what we are doing, but we need you." It was signed by Dr. Lee DuBridge. So Giddings spent the war years as technical aide to Lee

DuBridge, director of the M.I.T. Radiation Laboratory that perfected radar.

His wife was not idle in those war years. Among her many activities were substitute teaching, assistant librarian at a Cambridge school, and helping in the administrative office of the Harvard Radio Research Laboratory.

Heeding the advice of a friend to seek his future in industry, Giddings accepted a position as head of General Electric's program for recruiting young scientists for its research laboratory at Schenectady, New York, when World War II ended. Later he became a consultant in the company's educational relations program.

Helping others has been a dominant theme that runs through the careers of the Giddings, and the impact of their associations continues to reveal itself.

Recently Dr. George Hazzard, retired president of Worcester, Mass. Polytechnic Institute wrote Dr. Giddings a letter exemplifying this. "I find it hard to express how deeply I feel that you changed my life career," he wrote. "You did, and in a very positive way, I even find myself organizing and doing various activities in a way I picked up from you.

When the Giddings joined forces with GE, Mrs. Giddings organized a Newcomers' Club to help the wives of the new research men get oriented and acquainted.

Last June Cornell College conferred upon Giddings an award of merit "in recognition of loyalty to Cornell College and outstanding contribution as an educator and business executive."

Although Giddings has had many articles published and has given hundreds of lectures, he never stopped the learning process. Currently he is a member of Dr. Frederic Young's class in literature, is taking a course in "Cultures of Africa," and is studying the technique of color photography enlarging and printing. The Giddings are also regulars in an exercise class.

In so doing Glenn Ward Giddings lives up to his basic precept: "It is necessary to maintain an inquiring mind; not to find all the answers, but to ask important questions."



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