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September 1995 Leisure Worlder Of The Month - William "Bud" Kerney

The Leisure World Historical Society is pleased to announce the selection of William "Bud" Kerney as Leisure Worlder of the Month for September, 1995. This event is sponsored by the Society and supported by the Ross Cortese Commemorative Fund.

Born in Evansville, Indiana, Bud has his roots in the Hoosier State where he received his elementary and high school education. Subsequently, Bud attended the University of Wisconsin on an athletic scholarship and had the distinction of playing on a National Championship Basketball Team. His basic studies were in civil engineering and he was a member of Phi Kappa Tau.

Bud's engineering training and background took him on assignments to construction projects throughout the United States. He also functioned as a lubrication engineer in his home state and spent part of his career as a general building contractor in California.

It wasn't "all work and no play". Bud found time to be the President of a local Little League, President of two church boards, a member of the YMCA Board of Directors, Commodore of a San Diego Yacht Club and President of the National Guard Officers Association. He also managed to serve in the US Army on active and reserve status for 22 years, retiring as a Lt. Colonel.

Bud and his wife, Nell, moved to Leisure World in 1985 and he very shortly thereafter became involved in a variety of community activities that included President of the Art Association Board of Directors, the MAC Users Club, Indiana Club, Bocce Club, and he served two terms on the United Mutual Board, with one year as President of that governing body. In addition, Bud used his artistic talents in teaching sketching at Clubhouse 4 and Villa Valencia. He also participated in the Meals on Wheels program as "delivery man".

The Kerney's have traveled all over the United States, Canada, Mexico, Europe, the Far East, South Pacific and "parts of Kentucky". Bud and Nell are the proud parents of daughter Karen and son William Neal. They have an extended family of three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.