

Great World

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Perhaps the most satisfying remark we can hear is that made by Carl W. Opsahl, our Leisure Worlder of the month for July, when he said, "all this work rejuvenates and invigorates me. It's great therapy."

We congratulate Opsahl upon his election to the distinguished roster of residents who have been honored by their neighbors through the Leisure World Historical Society and Home Federal Savings and Loan's monthly recognition ceremony.

Friends say Carl looks younger and more physically fit than he did when he first moved to Leisure World, and that was in 1976.

Carl has a long history of "all this work." He started helping with handicapped people when he was still a teen-ager, and his concern for others continues.

That old joke that asks: "What have you done for me lately?" would never be appropriate to ask Carl Opsahl, because he always is doing something for somebody. His current projects include conducting monthly demonstrations at the Lions Club's Visual Aid Clinic, showing techniques to help visually impaired persons how to perform everyday tasks.

He also tours Orange County in the Lions District 4-LA Mobile Van to provide sight, hearing and blood sugar screenings.

We all are aware that helping visually impaired persons is the major work of the Lions Club, and in congratulating Carl, we must also voice a big thank-you to that wonderful organization.

Carl has been a district governor for the Lions Club and was named District Lion of the Year for 1980-1981.

After 38 years in the tire business in Long Beach, Carl and his wife Ardis moved to Leisure World. He soon established the Laguna Hills Visual Aids Center, where free consultations on sight problems are provided. The center is now operating at the Lions' monthly Visual Aids Clinic at Clubhouse 2, where residents and others receive free consultations with low vision specialists.

Carl Opsahl is an inspiration to all of us, and we especially appreciate that he says, "Learning to cope with handicaps is always part of my message"

Again, our congratulations to this wonderful member of our community.