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ELIZABETH M. PEDROTTI

LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH

FOR OCTOBER

The tinkling of a string of camel bells attached to the patio gate announces the arrival of guests and Elizabeth Pedrotti, dark eyes sparkling, comes bounding to the front door.

Miss Pedrotti, a third generation Californian and daughter of a former State Senator, has directed that obvious energy in many charitable ways during her 13 years of residence in Leisure World with special attention to the Catholic community.

Because of these fruitful years here, this daughter of the late Senator and Mrs. Joseph L. Pedrotti has been chosen by a special committee to be Rossmoor Corporation's Leisure Worlder of the Month for October.

Her multitude of friends are invited to attend an informal ceremony in the spacious Rossmoor New Sales salon at 10 a.m. on Monday, October 1 when her color portrait will be hung in a place of honor. There it will remain on public display until Friday, November 2 when the framed photograph will be presented to her.

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Miss Pedrotti's work with the Council of Catholic Women, Catholic Daughters and kindred St. Nicholas parish organizations led to her recent election for the second straight term as President of the Orange County Diocesan Catholic Community Agencies Auxiliary.

Elizabeth's outstanding ability in the field of public relations also has been valuable to the Leisure World Volunteers for Childrens Hospital of Orange County; the Saddleback Community Hospital Adult Day Health Care program of which she is a member of the Advisory Board of Directors, the Leisure World Republican Club and many other groups.

The Woman's Club, Ebell Club, Opera 100 and Keyboard Concert Club also have felt the touch of her membership.

In addition to her numerous charitable chores, Miss Pedrotti has found part time employment with a number of Laguna Hills business firms. She served one year as news editor of the Laguna Beach News-Post and currently is employed by the Lake Forest Branch of Columbia Savings and Loan as its Public Relations Director.

"My mother (Frances) and I came to Leisure World in 1966. My father suffered a fatal heart attack several years before," Miss Pedrotti explained. "Mother looked so young, with her peaches and cream complexion despite her prematurely white hair that people used to take us for sisters."

Elizabeth showed a picture of her mother, which hangs in her

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boudoir, to proudly prove her point. There is so much of her parents about her home. "Mother and I furnished it together. We had fun going to sales." She pointed to a large oil painting of a field of vivid blue roses in a frame that has cardinal colored velvet trim to match the cardinal upholstery of a living room set. "The paint wasn't dry yet on that canvas when we bought it. I like color," she added needlessly.

In addition to a large picture of her father, there hangs a picture she identifies as "The Most Reverend William R. Johnson, Bishop of the Diocese of Orange." A large crucifix in a frame of gold further reveals the depth of her fervor. "It was given to me as a child," she explains.

Public Relations has been Miss Pedrotti's field almost from the day she was graduated from Los Angeles City College in 1932, but she had a taste of journalism as far back as 1929.

"My mother and I used to accompany Father to Sacramento during sessions of the Senate. I'd won top speed-typing honors at Lincoln High School so my father and two other Senators made me their secretary for several terms." One of them, Senator Bert Cassidy, also had her write a "State Capitol" column for his newspaper, the Auburn California Journal.

After college Miss Pedrotti became a secretary in the Public Relations Section of the Mayor's Office at Los Angeles City Hall.

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Most of the time, until she left city service in 1961, Miss Pedrotti's public relations career was largely City Hall and Police Department oriented. In the final years she was Information Center Director for City Hall and all its adjuncts.

In 1965 she authored a book still used in the Police Science curriculum at the college level titled "The California Court System."

"You know," said Elizabeth Mary Pedrotti, her big brown eyes laughing, "except for the trophies I won for speed typing, this will be the first time I've ever been honored so you know what it means to me."

Like they say in the Army. "Glory seldom catches up with the front line foot soldiers."

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