

LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH

JANUARY 1995

MARVIN J. TAVES, Ph.D.

The Leisure World Historical Society is pleased to announce the selection of Marvin J. Taves, Ph.D. as Leisure Worlder of the Month for January 1995. This event is sponsored by the Society and is supported by the Ross Cortese Commemorative Fund.

Born in Ossette, Montana, Marvin graduated from Mountain Lake High School in Minnesota. Advanced education included a B.A. from Hamline University, B.D. and Th.M. from Bethel Seminary, M.A. and Ph.D. in Sociology and Psychology from the University of Minnesota. After 15 years as a Professor and Administrator at his alma mater and a stint as a Fullbright Professor in Austria, he accepted a position with the Federal Government. For 22 years, he administered programs of the US Administration on Aging, with an annual budget close to \$50 millions. Under his guidance, innovative programs were developed, including *Foster Grandparents*, *Meals for the Elderly*, and the *Senior Employment Corp.*

In addition to active involvement in neighborhood affairs, he served as Vice-President of the Midwest Council for Social Research on Aging. He was a fellow of the American Sociological Association, and also active in the Gerontological Society, AARP, National Council of Family Relations, and NCOA.

Marvin retired in 1985 and two years later, he and his wife, Mary, moved to Leisure World. Elected to the Third Mutual Board in 1989, he was Chairman of the Architectural Control Committee and on the Community Relations and Maintenance and Construction Committees. Elected to the GRF board in 1992, he served as chairman of the Finance Committee and was a member of the Legal Committee and the By Laws Revision Committee.

He served as Executive Director for the 25th Anniversary film production, *HEAVEN ON HOLD*, was founding president of the Video Club, and is a member of the Tennis Club, Hikers Club, Nifty Fifties, Art Association and Historical Society. He produces video tapes of each Leisure Worlder of the Month ceremony. In 1993, he served as a Leisure World representative on the Laguna Canyon Foundation, and was co-chairman of the L.W. Laguna Laurel Information Task Force.

Marvin has two sons, John and Peter, and one granddaughter, Janelle.

The Leisure World Historical Society salutes a man who made a notable contribution to society in his professional life and continues to give of his talents as a resident of Leisure World.