

Electrical inventor to be honored

Even if you don't personally know Ross Appleman, chances are good you have benefited from his handiwork. After graduating with a degree in electrical engineering from the University of Illinois in 1928, Appleman went on to design the original electric motors for the In-sinkerator garbage disposal, the Jacuzzi whirlpool bath and the electric hospital bed.

Appleman is retired now and living in Leisure World. On Oct. 2 he will be honored as "Leisure Worker of the Month" in a special ceremony sponsored by Home Federal Savings and the Leisure World Historical Society. The ceremony will be at Clubhouse 6 starting at 10 a.m. The public is invited.

The Appleman's moved to Leisure World in 1965 from Dayton,

Ohio. They found the community enjoyable and relaxing. "I like all the activities," he confesses, "but we're not forced to do anything."

Following the death of his wife Alberta, Appleman married Mildred Cutler in 1980. When the couple is not bouncing around on their feet, as they belong to three ballroom dance clubs, they are probably off their feet and relaxing on a cruise ship.

Appleman is a past president of Travel Club 1, and the couple claims to have seen the world.

Closer to home, Appleman has played piano for the Lions Clubs since 1967. He was also the first pianist for the Masonic Club and has been president of that group as well.

He is involved in politics, having been a president of the Leisure

World Republican Club and serving on the First Laguna Hills Mutual Board. He served three years on the physical properties committee, and two years on the community relations committee. He is also active in his religion, and is in charge of communion and ushering for the Geneva Presbyterian Church.

As an electrical engineer, Appleman has been well recognized for his talent. He is a life fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers. He has served on the national committee of both the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the National Electrical Manufacturers Association. He is listed in "Who's Who in Commerce and Industry," "Who's Who in the Midwest" and is still listed in "Who's Who in Engineering" and "Who's Who in Technology Today."



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