

The Leisure World Voice

DAVID BLODGETT

LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH - APRIL 1994

The Leisure World Historical Society is pleased to announce the selection of Dave Blodgett as Leisure Worlder of the Month for April 1994. This event is sponsored by the Society and supported by the Ross Cortese Commemorative Fund.

Born in Northfield, Minnesota, Dave became the sole support of his family at 17 when his father died. He took over as general insurance agent and he taught his mother the business. This did not keep him from graduating Phi Beta Kappa at Carlton College.

Dave and Jean met while in college. Married on June 12, 1943 and in the Navy on July 1, he served as a Navy Supply Corps Officer in the Pacific. His unit received a Unit Citation for combat performance at Mindoro Island, 1944-45.

After the navy, he went to work for Amoco Oil. Dave was with Amoco Oil Co. for 28 years as a district sales manager in the metro New York area. He retired after spending 16 years as a senior research associate with the general office in Chicago doing marketing, public opinion and advertising research.

In 1982, the Blodgetts moved to Leisure World. Soon, he had four

garden plots, and the title of "berry king." He is a recreational golfer with a handicap of 13.

Secretary-Treasurer of Mutual 78 for 2 years, on Third Mutual's Nominating Committee for three years, headed the campaign for cityhood, brought in 13 of the 59 Mutuals under Third Mutual CC&Rs—he works for the community through official channels. But even more time consuming is his commitment to "causes." He is Founder and President of the 800 member "Leisure World Residents to Save the Canyon." Now second vice-president for the 4000 member Community Association, he was First Vice President. He produces their annual newsletter. He served as program Chairman and newsletter editor for the Writers Club. He coordinated a petition campaign to get the California Parks and Wildlife Initiative on the June 7 ballot. In 1990, he recruited 1095 new dues paying members for the Laguna Canyon Conservancy.

The Blodgetts have two children: David of Chicago and Ann Taub of Irvine. They have six grandchildren.

Dave is a man committed to the causes he espouses. He is untiring in his efforts to protect and improve the environment of the Leisure World community. The Leisure World Historical society is pleased to recognize a dedicated man who does his full share to "enhance and advance" the quality of life in Leisure World.