

# From academia to opera to Leisure World honor

His career has been in academia and business. There is no hint in his background that Victor Brink is also into dancing and opera. But when Brink moved to Leisure World he became the president of the Ballroom Dance Club and is now the president of Opera 100. He has been and remains active on Golden Rain Foundation committees.

His involvement in the community has earned Brink the honor of being named Leisure Worlder of the Month for February. The ceremony sponsored by Home Federal Savings and the Leisure World Historical Society, will begin at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 3 at Clubhouse 6.

Brink was born in Matlock, Iowa in 1906, where his father ran a bank. Following his attaining his masters degree and teaching accounting in Lincoln, Neb. he joined the accounting firm of Arthur Anderson in Chicago then became an internal auditor with The Pure Oil Co., now part of Union Oil.

But Brink has the feeling that work and teaching should go together.

So he went back to school doing graduate work and earning his doc-

torate from Columbia University. At that time he also joined with two other people to form a new professional group, The Institute of Internal Auditors, an organization that now has more than 30,000 members in more than 100 chapter throughout the world.

"Internal auditing has been a thread which has woven its way through my life for over 50 years," he says and his book on the subject has gone through five editions.

Following service in World War II, and a stint as a public accountant, Brink joined the Ford Motor Co. under the leadership of Henry Ford II, Ernest Breech and Robert McNamara. He organized their internal auditing department, then went on to the company's aircraft division in Chicago, then headed up the overseas distributor and export supply operation.

Fifteen years later, Brink got a call from Columbia to resume teaching and his first love, academia. He became the school's first associate dean of the Graduate School of Business then became professor of management.



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In 1974, he retired from Columbia and moved to Heritage Village, Conn.

to continue research, writing and consulting.

In 1979 he married his present wife Dorothy who was director of public ceremonies at Columbia. Their sons had been best friends at Dartmouth, Brink recalled, and "it was a natural reunion."

In Leisure World since 1979, Brink has gotten involved in a myriad of activities included Ballroom Dance Club, Opera 100, which he has vowed to increase to Opera 1000, and election to the Golden Rain Foundation, where he served as secretary. He is still an advisor on two committees and chairman of the GRF Nominating Committee.

But he is also the president-elect of California Club, of which he and Dorothy are members via Dorothy's association with the state. And he is active with the Academians and is a member of the Saddleback Kiwanis Club.

He and Dorothy, who is president of Ebell, have enjoyed their association in Leisure World. "It's a way of life to which we are both committed to protect and perpetuate."