

Caldwell's career spans globe, lands in LW

This story could be titled "From around the world to Leisure World."

John Caldwell served the United States Foreign Service from 1940 through 1974. Ports of call along the way included Texas, California, Washington D.C., Mexico, all of Central America, with stations in El Salvador, Panama and Jamaica, Zaire and Cuba. In fact, he was on duty at the American Embassy on Jan. 1, 1959 when Fidel Castro assumed power in Cuba.

Caldwell has been a Leisure World resident since May 1976. On June 3, he will be honored as Leisure Worlder of the Month in a special ceremony planned for 10 a.m. at Clubhouse 6.

Born in Edwardsville, Ill. in 1908, Caldwell came to California as a young man attending Hollywood High School, followed by University of California Santa Barbara, USC and La Salle Law, plus the Armed Forces Institute, and in his senior years, the Saddleback College Emeritus Institute.

In 1932 he married Ouida Hooper in

Westwood. He began his professional career in the Bireley Company in Hollywood in production, sales, accounting and supervision. He stayed with the company for 12 years before entering government service. He retired as a foreign officer of the U.S. Department of State in March 1974.

Caldwell lists of affiliations in Leisure World spans the length of an av-

erage man's arm. He has been president of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Masonic

Club, Camera Club and Saddleback Hi-12, commander of the Post 257 American Legion, treasurer of the Jewelry and Enameling Club, secretary-treasurer and board member of former Mutual 57. He is a former member of the Third Laguna Capital Improvements Committee, member of the Rock and Gem Club, the GRF biennial Festival Committee, Leisure World Continuing Education Committee, Foreign Policy Association, coordinator of the annual Scottish Rite Maundy Thursday ceremony in Leisure World.



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And more. He's a

charter member and past member of the Saddleback Valley Masonic Lodge, affiliated past patron of the

Saddleback Valley Eastern Star, member of Royal Order of Scotland, Santa Ana Scottish Rite, Santa Ana Royal Arch, American Foreign Service Association and the Diplomatic and Consular Officers Retired of Washington, D.C.

He served in the Coast Guard intelligence during World War 2 and was in the 340th CIC MI Unit from 1948-50.

The term retired just doesn't fit John Caldwell. He probably worked less when he was employed than he does today with his involvements with various clubs and civic duties.

He is an active volunteer with Saddleback College helping with registration, chairman of the college's Emeritus Council Executive Committee and a member of the Liaison Committee, keeping the college apprised of the desires of Leisure World residents.

The public is invited to attend the ceremony sponsored jointly by Home Federal Savings and the Leisure World Historical Society.