

WOMEN

Mayor's daughter named as June LWer honoree

Her philanthropic duties, done willingly and graciously, appear as natural to Rissa Intha Coates as her raven hair and blue eyes. It is for these duties that the Leisure World woman is being honored as Leisure Worlder of the month for June.

The ceremony will be on Monday, June 3 at 10 a.m. in Clubhouse 6. It is sponsored by the Leisure World Historical Society and Home

Federal Savings, and the public is invited to attend.

Mrs. Coates was the mayor's daughter, born in Beeville, Tx. As a young lady she studied art, music, drama, and cosmetic chemistry, becoming a teacher on the high school and junior college levels. She also taught Americanization and rehabilitation at the Los Angeles County jail, and was a vice president in her husband's business.

Mrs. Coates' club and public service work was in several groups. She served for 25 years in the Assistance League and the Friday Morning Club. She worked with the Euterpe Opera, the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, Town and Gown of USC, and the American Institute of Fine Arts.

Another activity she devoted time to was establishing the Debutantes of Southern California. The Debs were presented annually at the Sweetheart Ball, which was held at the Los Angeles Athletic Club. She was instrumental in initiating the Athletic Club's scholarship for the Naval ROTC and was awarded a certificate of merit for her work on that program.

She was a member of the Thursday Club while living in La Canada, and as president organized the Debutantes, the Deb Tots, the Deb Teens and other groups.

Mrs. Coates moved to Leisure World in 1966 and quickly became an involved member of the community. She is a member of Ebell,

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the California Club, and Theater Guild, where she served on the board of directors and worked as a stage hand and make-up artist in the early years of the group.

A charter member of Aliso, she established the music, drama and arts and crafts departments and was also club photographer for both Aliso and Ebell.

She was on the board of Amigos Nuevos and in 1973 Saddleback Hospital awarded her the silver platter in appreciation for her work in organizing and presenting previews while the hospital was under construction. Mrs. Coates was active in setting up the plans for the original thrift shop at the hospital.

People are her hobby, says Rissa Intha Coates, her motto being "To be, rather than seem to be."



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