

Public 'servant' is March Leisure Worlder

As a public servant throughout his career, John Conway had a simple cause: to make sure that the law and its procedures were worded so that all people would understand them.

Conway's career spanned five decades before he came to Leisure World in 1979. On Wednesday, March 5, he will be named Leisure Worlder of the Month in a ceremony sponsored by Home Federal Savings and the Leisure World Historical Society.

The public is invited to attend the program, scheduled at 10 a.m. at Clubhouse 6.

Conway, born in Watertown, Wis., graduated from the University of Wisconsin and began practicing law in his hometown in 1935.

In 1937 the young attorney went to work for the Tennessee Valley Authority in the personnel department—and there he found his true calling.

Conway began an organizational analysis; his tasks included writing procedures and policies which would streamline the Authority and make it operate more efficiently.

The job lasted until 1948, with a three-year hiatus for a stint in the Marine Corps. In 1948, Conway returned to Wisconsin to begin a new assignment as assistant revisor to the Revisor of Statutes for the state of Wisconsin.

"Wisconsin was the only state that republished statutes every two years," says the state's former employee. "That made sure we kept our laws up to date."

As a revisor, Conway worked with corporate, procedural and criminal laws. In 1953 he sought to share his experience with students at his alma mater. Professor John Conway taught law until 1979.

"I enjoyed teaching because I always had to do more than criticize," he said. "I felt I was responsible to

see that what was wrong was fixed."

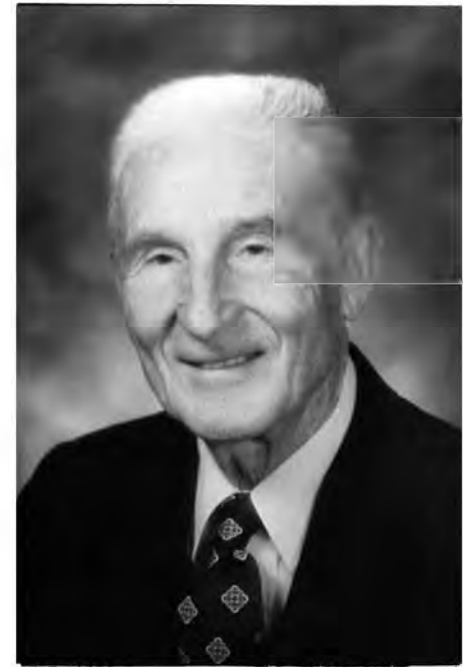
From 1961 through 1980 (as a commuter after moving to Leisure World), Conway edited Wisconsin's civil jury instructions; from 1951 through 1978, he was a member and chairman of the Wisconsin Judicial Council. He was given the task of making major revisions.

He served on two state constitution revision committees—but, in the end, "we left it alone," he said. "It was short and concise."

Conway also is the author of many law review articles and has written several casebooks on civil procedure.

In Leisure World, he was a United Mutual director from 1980 to 1983 and is a current director of the Golden Rain Foundation.

He also is an avid bicycle rider and an "informal hiker" who takes to the mountains each Friday. Conway and his wife, Barbara, have been married since 1935. They have two sons and four grandchildren.



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