

Leisure Worlder

OF THE MONTH

Mina Cunliff

She is among the busiest women in the community, still giving of her time and herself as she has done for years. Finding an available time to award Mina Cunliff anything can be one of the most difficult tasks in all Leisure World.

In August, though, Home Federal Savings and the Leisure World Historical Society will join to honor her as Leisure Worlder of the Month. Her special ceremony will commence at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 1, in Clubhouse Six. The public is invited to attend.

Mina's long career in the philanthropic arts began many years ago. When her sons were in the Cub and Boy Scouts, she worked as a den mother. When her sons joined DeMolay, she took a post with that organization. Also, like millions of other moms, through the local school district, she joined the PTA, remaining an active member for 17 years.

The concept of one thing leading to another has seldom been better illustrated than in the life of Mina Cunliff. From her days with the aforementioned groups, she met members of and began to work with the United Way, the American Red Cross and her hometown Community Chest. She was also active with the Ebell Club in Los Angeles, serving as treasurer and chairman of the Ebell Rest Cottage. She is also a past Matron of the Eastern Star.

Not all her time was spent in volunteer service, though, she had a professional career too. She began with the Zellerback Paper Company as a secretary, and then went on the Standard Oil. But she was destined for much more. She served as secretary/treasurer, and continues today on the Board of Directors of Westways, Inc., a major agent of Aero Mayflower Transit Company. Located in Cerritos, the family-based business grew throughout her tenure and today her son is its Chief Operating Officer.

Since retiring to Leisure World, Mina has not exactly settled back into her rocking chair. In fact, one seldom finds her at home. Her many club and association commitments keep her on the go most of the time.

She is a past president of the Ebell Club of Laguna Hills and has worked on committees of the Woman's Club, Travel Club Number One, the Camera Club and is a member of the California Club. Mina has been a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood for 20 years, serving as president of Chapter CY in Los Angeles, as president of the P.E.O. in Laguna Hills and is currently serving as president of Chapter C in Laguna Hills.

In addition, she is past president of the Philharmonic Committee, and just to show her appreciation of the arts isn't purely administrative, she is an active performer with the Leisure World "New Harmonies," a 50-voice strong singing group.

Her love for the arts and her membership in the Beethoven Chapter, an organization she founded, has led her to become one of the founding members of the Orange County Performing Arts Center. The Center is scheduled for completion in 1986. The Center is funded entirely by private money and Mina has played a very active role in fund raising for the multi-million dollar facility.

Mina is also active as the treasurer for the Geneva United Presbyterian Women's Association through her local church.

She has been active in Leisure World politics, too, having served as a Third Mutual Director for the past three years. She also sits on special committees for budget, finance and community relations, three areas in which she has amassed a wealth of experience through her many previous associations. •