

Leisure World Historical Society

Presents

JOHN DALIS

Leisure Worlder of the Month

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JOHN DALIS is a native son of "Sunny California". He received all of his education in Los Angeles including Manual Arts High, L. A. City College (A.A. Degree) and L.A. Cal State College (B.A. Degree). He was/is a Life Member of Alpha Kappa Psi Fraternity.

Our honoree was a long term career employee of Cal Trans (California Dept. of Transportation). His assignment as Senior Right-of-Way Agent made him responsible for appraisals, eminent domain issues, personnel requirements and budget preparation for specific projects. He retired in 1993.

John partook of many community/civic affairs during his working career. He was the Chairman of the Personnel Board and Library Commission for the City of Whittier and a President of its University and Executive Clubs, participated in American Legion units as District and Post Commander plus service on the Legion's Boys State Commission. In addition our honoree was Chairman of Saint Sophia Cathedral Camp. He was also a member of the professional society International Right-of-Way Association. John's participation in the foregoing earned him specific and special commendations from Saint Sophia and the Boys State Commission. Currently he is still active in the Whittier College Richard Nixon Scholarship Committee (carrying on for his wife Anne) and serves on the SCR Platinum Circle Committee.

Anne and John were wed in 1955 and gave the world a son and a daughter. The current extended family includes grandson Aristotle and granddaughter Antonia plus related in-laws. Anne passed into eternity in 1989.

The Dalis Family traveled extensively in Europe, Asia and Down Under and also dipped fingers and hands in the Danube and Rhine Rivers during river cruises. They also cruised the Panama Canal and Alaska. A special point of interest was Greece – land of John's ancestors.

John Dalis arrived in Leisure World in December, 1993. He became interested and active in the community's life as a Leisure World Historical Society and Bocce Club member. He has held membership and office in Kiwanis, Hellenic Club, TGIF, Italia-American Club and the California Club. John has also served in Leisure World governance as United Mutual Director and as a member of GRF and United committees.

When self-satisfying accomplishments and contributions are considered, John Dalis counts a career work project, completion of the 210 Freeway, in his list. He also believes in communicating and enjoying life in beneficial human endeavors "---to allow Leisure World to be a vibrant and pleasurable place for all of us to be happy and content."