

November honoree invests in civic life

A constant theme has played throughout Donald Davis' life and it's punctuated with investment and finance. His song was written from the time he graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in political science and economics and completed graduate studies at Northwestern University in finance and business administration.

Davis will reap a profit from all he's invested on Wednesday, Nov. 5, when he's named "Leisure Worlder of the Month," by Home Federal Savings and the Leisure World Historical Society. The special ceremony begins at 10 a.m. in Clubhouse 6. The public is invited to attend.

After graduating from the University of Illinois, he married Florence, his college sweetheart. During his early career, he became director of advertising and sales promotion and then director of research for James R.

Buck & Co., an investment banking firm in Chicago. He was then promoted to director of sales for the state of Illinois. During this period, Davis was a guest author for midwest financial publications.

At the age of 32, Davis and two associates formed the investment banking firm of Thompson, Davis and Phipps. A short five years later, the United States entered World War II and Davis liquidated his interest in the firm and joined the Navy.

At the end of the war, he reentered the investment business in Los Angeles. He became a senior vice president and director of Dempsey Tegeler & Co. During the last five years on the job, Davis chaired his firm's National Sales Committee. The firm had more than 1,000 account executives. Davis is listed in "Who's Who in Commerce and Industry" and "Who's Who in the West."

The Davises retired and moved to Lake San Marcos, where he served as a director of the Homeowners' Association, United Way (San Diego County) and its management committee. Davis is a past president of the Lake San Marcos Kiwanis Club where he received the Distinguished President's pin from the governor of the California, Nevada, Hawaii District.

In 1981, the Davises moved to Leisure World where he has been active in government and club work. He has served as a member of the Golden Rain Foundation Board of Directors and was treasurer and chairman of the Finance Committee in 1985-86. He currently is an advisor on the GRF Finance Committee, the Community Relations Committee, the Long Range Planning Committee, the Security Committee and is a member of the GRF Nominating Committee.



Donald W. Davis