
LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH

Jim Davis

Jim Davis has worn many hats in his life. He served in the U.S. Army, practiced law, and has been a husband and father.

To acknowledge all he has done, Jim will be honored as "Leisure Worlder of the Month," on Wednesday, December 7. His special ceremony will be held at 10:00 a.m., in Clubhouse Six. The public is invited to attend the program, which is sponsored jointly by Home Federal Savings and the Leisure World Historical Society.

Jim was born in Billings, Montana. He and his family moved to Santa Ana when he was five years old.

Jim received a scholarship to attend Pomona College in Claremont and graduated with honors in 1939.

After graduating from college, Jim attended Columbia University Law School in New York City and then the University of California Law School at Berkeley. He graduated in June 1942.

In July, 1942, Jim was inducted into the U.S. Army. He was assigned to the Medical Corps as a medical laboratory technician. In 1945, he was assigned to the 970 CIC (Counterintelligence Corps). He was sent to Frankfurt, Germany and achieved the rank of Technical Sergeant before his discharge in March, 1946.

After his discharge from the Army, Jim worked in Stuttgart, Germany for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration until the end of 1946.

While in Stuttgart, Jim met a young lady named Rosalia Bardoszczy. She was a war refugee from Hungary. They were later married in Whittier in the summer of 1947.

Edward Webster, age five, came to live with Jim and Rosalia in 1954. Today, Edward is married, has one child and is a Superior Court judge in Riverside County.

Jim was admitted to practice law in California in December, 1946. He had been employed as an attorney in the legal departments of Security Title Insurance and Guarantee Company, Shell Oil Company and California Federal Savings and Loan Association.

He was also employed by the Los Angeles Neighborhood Legal Services where he handled a wide spectrum of "people-related" cases.

In 1969, Jim and a friend opened their own law offices in Whittier. He remained in private practice until his retirement in 1982.

Jim has been an active participant in the Leisure World community since his arrival in July, 1981. He has volunteered at the Leisure World Library and is a volunteer at Saddleback Hospital. Jim is a member of the Board of Directors of the Associates of Saddleback Hospital. He was a member of the Board of Directors of United Laguna Hills Mutual from 1983-1986 and served as Treasurer during his last year on the board. He is a member of the Golden Rain Foundation Board of Directors and is serving as its second Vice President. He is chairman of the GRF Legal Committee, and is also President of the Kiwanis Club of Laguna Hills.