

Leisure Worlder

OF THE MONTH

ALFRED H. DRISCOLL

As one of the attorneys who represented the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power for over three decades Alfred H. Driscoll played an important role in multi-million dollar decisions during a growth period that made it one of the largest and most successful municipal utilities companies in the world.

The department's expansion of hydroelectric plants along the Owens river and the erection of key steam power facilities during that period attest to his legal accomplishments on the federal, state and local levels.

"Like anything else," says Driscoll with a deprecatory smile, "we won some and we lost some."

Impressive as Driscoll's past is, his application of this expertise to Leisure World problems since he and his wife, Juanita, moved here in 1973 is what caught the eyes of the selection committee in naming him Rossmoor Leisure Worlder for the month of October.

In his first year Al served as vice president of Mutual #48. When it was consolidated into Third Laguna Mutual he went along and was named chairman of its Capital Improvements Committee. He currently is secretary of the Golden Rain Foundation.

Not content with that, he also has been active on the Leisure World Saddleback Area Coordinating Council (SACC) for the last seven years as well as being a member of both the Orange County Housing and High Rise task forces. Driscoll also is presently chairman of the Orange County Fair Practices Commissions.

Driscoll worked his way through UCLA and briefly debated whether it would be Caltech and engineering or Stanford and law. The legal profession emerged victorious and 1929, following a year of private practice, he answered the lure of the Orient. There he spent five years in the trust department of the American Oriental Bank Corp. in Shanghai.

Al went to work in the Dept. of Water and Power as a deputy Los Angeles City Attorney, in 1937 and except for three years as a Navy air combat intelligence officer, helped to guide its legal destinies through 1970:

Because of his earlier sojourn in the Orient, the navy assigned Al to coastal China as head of a clandestine team that rescued fliers downed in Japan occupied territory. He held the commission of Lieut. Commander at war's end.

It is not surprising, because of Al's two sojourns to the Orient, that China pervades the Driscoll home, even to the furniture.

He designed and built with his own hand their furniture—chow bench, tea table, even the frames of their overstuffed set. He also has designed and moulded Oriental ceramics.

Wife Juanita added her decorator's touch with rare Chinese prints on the walls and carefully displayed jades and other Oriental artifacts.

Just as he was active as a member of Los Angeles Town Hall, Los Angeles Breakfast Club and Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, etc. during his business career, Al now gives of his time here to such organizations as the Saddleback Kiwanis Club, Military Order of the World Wars, Opera 100, Laguna Hills Men's Golf Club and the Republican Club of Leisure World, to name several.

Somehow Al Driscoll also finds time to pamper a rose garden in front of their Leisure World home.