
Leisure Worlder of the Month

Frank Duelks

Laguna Hills-- Many times in this column, we meet individuals who sing the praises of Leisure World and the Southern California lifestyle, while nostalgically remembering their past homes of elsewhere. This month's honoree is a native Californian, in fact, Frank Duelks was born in Los Angeles, where he also spent most of his adult life.

To find out about growing and living here, the public is invited to attend the January installment of the "Leisure Worlder of the Month," program. The special ceremony is on Wednesday, January 6, in Clubhouse Six. It begins at 10:00 a.m. and is sponsored by Home Federal Savings and the Leisure World Historical Society.

Frank was born in Los Angeles and attended Woodbury College. He graduated with a degree in business education.

Upon graduation, his business career began with Los Angeles and Electric Corp. It was while employed there he met and married his wife Honor.

In 1937, as the result of gas franchise renewal negotiations, the electric properties were sold to the City of Los Angeles. Shortly thereafter, the company was merged with Southern California Gas Company.

This created new opportunities for Frank, and after following rotation in various positions over several years, he became Supervisor of Plant Accounting.

In this position, he was responsible for the administration and supervision of employees in accounting for the costs of construction and maintenance of the utility's properties.

Frank was an active member of the National Association of Utility Accountants during his last ten years of employment.

He retired from this position in 1973.

Frank and Honor moved to Leisure World in 1974. They located in Mutual 53.

He was elected as a director, and he served as Secretary-Treasurer until consolidation with Third Mutual.

During the following two years he was a member of the Golden Rain Foundation Nominating Committee. He was later elected a director of Third and became president in his third year.

Following Third he was elected a director of Golden Rain Foundation and became president the second year.

Frank and Honor's daughter and family reside in Grass Valley. They also have a son and family residing in Hawaii.

He is currently an advisor on the Television Services Committee of Golden Rain Foundation.

He has also been Green and Rules Chairman of the Laguna Hills Men's Golf Club for the past three years, and he's presently the President of South Coast chapter of Retiree's Association.

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