



LEISURE WORLD NEWS

Thursday
March 1, 2001

Hat's off to Society's March nod



Bob Goldner wears and displays his extensive collection of hats.

Goldner is fighter for just causes

Bob Goldner began to wear his signature array of hats to display the pins and medals he'd received in recognition of service rendered to various organizations. One hat in particular has more than 100 momentos, (which is one reason he only dons it on special occasions).

With recognition like this, it's easy to understand why the Historical Society considered him the perfect choice for Leisure Worlder of the Month honors in March. But Goldner doesn't see it that way.

"The (Society's) call came as a complete surprise to me since I don't have any governance experience."

But participating in governance is only one area the Society uses to decide on honor-

ees. The other areas are contributions to the greater community outside the gates of Leisure World.

And it is those that the Society considered regarding its March honoree.

Jacqueline Beaver, immediate past president of The Society for Humanistic Judaism, explains that no matter what organization Goldner embraces as well as in his everyday dealings he is "committed, generous and just does everything he can for people."

Joan Tippman, a former president of the Theatre Guild agrees, "He's a lovely person, a wonderful actor and comic and so easy to get along with."

Background: Goldner, a New York native, former retail store manager and newspaper

advertising salesman, since his retirement in 1970 has given generously of his time and talents to a variety of worthy causes.

For three years, he was a Peace Corps volunteer in the Honduras where he exported mahogany artifacts and worked with more than 200 young people.

He currently is a Laubach

Rod Veal/The News

Ceremony facts

Who: Bob Goldner

What: Leisure Worlder for March

Where: Clubhouse 6

When: 10 a.m., Wednesday, March 7

Sponsor: Leisure World Historical Society.

teacher of English for Professional Community Management, Inc. employees; a captain and messenger with the Golden Rain Earthquake Task Force; a volunteer Security officer; a food provider for Saddleback Community Outreach; an usher at several local theaters; a library donor; and a delivery man for Meals on Wheels.

He also is a dedicated volunteer, member and service award recipient of the Orange County Society for Humanistic Judaism, the Orange County Jewish Federation, Volunteers for Israel and the Laguna Hills High Twelve Club.

He further participates in Leisure World's Theatre Guild, Concerned Citizens for Peace, People for a National Health Program, Common Cause and the Democratic Club.

And he is one of the most active members of Keep the Commissary.

For that organization which is fighting to keep El Toro's commissary provisions available to retired and active members of the military, he is ever ready to write letters to legislators, man picket lines and solicit petition signatures.

Goldner said the commissary helps save often cash-strapped veterans 26 percent to 35 percent of their food bill.

"Why should we have to lose a benefit when we were promised it?" he questions noting that in the next 60 days a determination will be made if this area can support an Exchange which would be both a commissary and a general store.

He points out there are more than 120,000 retired military and 1,200 active military personnel and there are congressional leaders who appear to be ready to lean their way. "We need lots of letters to make this happen to Bush, Cox, Sanchez, Boxer and Rumsfeld; today."