

Participation brings happiness for July LWers

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The desire of Bud and Lee Hermann to participate has not only brought them happiness, but has brought happiness to others in Leisure World.

Lee's experience with an architect firm and Bud's former ownership of a jewelry store were useful when the couple moved to Leisure World, and in 1974 they used their expertise to draw up plans and work on specifications for a new and better jewelry and enameling workshop.

To honor them, they have been named "Leisure Worlders of the Month" by the Leisure World Historical Society. The Hermann's will be honored at a special ceremony on Wednesday, July 1, at 10 a.m. in Clubhouse 6. The public is invited to attend the program, which is sponsored by Home Federal Savings and Loan.

Wilbert (Bud) Hermann, born in Quincy, Illinois, was influenced throughout his life by music. His father, a church organist, encouraged his five children to learn and enjoy music. Bud studied violin and piano and played clarinet in his high school band. After studying science and mathematics for three years at Quincy College, he left school to per-

form with a dance band. Later, he studied watchmaking and engraving at Bradley Polytechnic Institute in Peoria, and opened a jewelry store with his brother, Charles.

With the coming of World War II, Bud worked at the Puget Sound Navy Yard in Washington as an instrument maker. During this time, he played with the Bremerton Symphony and studied violin with the concertmaster of the Seattle Symphony.

After the war, he moved to Los Angeles where he met his future wife. They married, and settled in Glendale, where he was employed by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena.

Lillian "Lee" Hermann was born in Virginia and at the age of six migrated to Cincinnati with her family. She received a degree in fine arts from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

In 1942, she came to the west coast, doing art work in the recreation department of a company involved with aircraft sub-assembly.

She worked at the Disney Studios and with the Disney Player, a group which visited hospitals and army rest and relaxation centers entertaining the soldiers.

After Disney, Mrs. Hermann



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worked in advertising until she became a color consultant for a large architectural firm in Los Angeles.

She served as president of the Los Angeles Chapter of the Association of Women in Architecture and was national president of that same

organization.

When they moved to Leisure World in 1972, Bud and Lee became active in the Jewelry and Enameling workshop. Because of its success, a new studio was needed and it was the Hermann's and another resident Foster Sampson, who planned the expansion of the studio in Clubhouse 4.

The Hermann's were founding members of the Jewelry and Enameling Arts Club, with Lee being instrumental in bringing the finest jewelers in the Los Angeles/San Diego area to the club for workshops and speaking engagements. Lee is also a member of the Festival Committee.

Lee has been president of the Jewelry and Enameling Arts Club for two terms and the Rock and Gem Club. She has taught enameling classes for seven years, and has coordinated the spring Arts and Crafts show for five years.

Both Lee and Bud retired in 1978 even though they arrived in Leisure World in 1972. Since their arrival, they have pursued their interests in jewelry, genealogy and the computer.

"Our decision to live in Leisure World was one of the happiest of our lives."