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# Leisure Worlder of the Month

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Carl H. Holmberg

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The Leisure Worlder of the Month program has honored people from all walks of life, who made their marks before coming to the community, or who fully blossomed afterward. In December the Leisure World community will honor one of the special people who make the retirement enclave go around.

The honoree is a man who led a full and successful business life before retirement and now devotes a great portion of his time and energy to the quality of life for his friends and neighbors here.

December's Leisure Worlder of the Month is Carl H. Holmberg. He will be honored at a special ceremony on Monday, Dec. 2, at 10:00 a.m., in Clubhouse Six. The public is invited to attend the event, which is sponsored by Home Federal Savings and The Leisure World Historical Society.

Carl was born in Pine City, Minnesota. His father owned a general merchandise store and his mother was a school teacher. An active athlete, he played basketball and football in college. The early death of his father impelled Carl to leave college to return home and help run the family business. He took several jobs beyond the store to finance his education. Among them a supply sergeant for the National Guard and a deputy sheriff in Pine County.

Carl subsequently entered and graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in business in 1930 and went to work for the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

Following Equitable, Carl joined the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company (3M), where he remained for 35 years. He worked in sales administration and general management, eventually overseeing the activities of five branch sales managers and their 46 salesmen throughout eight western states. Holmberg's coated abrasives division worked primarily for the industrial, automotive, hardware and building industries, but many familiar products, including masking tape and scotch tape were developed by the coated abrasives division.

In 1972, Carl retired from 3M and began a new phase of activity by becoming a member of the Orange County Grand Jury. According to Carl, serving on the Grand Jury was one of the most enjoyable and satisfying periods of his life.

Holmberg says the Grand Jury is, "concerned with much more than criminal cases. It is involved with all phases of county government, from the airport to education, county planning, public information and social welfare. The Grand Jury is in place to hold all county agencies accountable to the taxpayers."

In August of 1973, Carl and his wife Mary Ann (Polly) moved to Leisure World. In 1974 he was elected a director of Homeowners Mutual 61 and then of the third mutual in 1975. The following year Carl was appointed director of the El Toro Water District and appointed to the Paramedic Task Force by the Orange County Board of Supervisors.

In 1978 and 1979, he was a director of the Saddleback Community Hospital Board and he became an elected director of the El Toro Water District. Later in 1979, he was appointed director of the Aliso Water Management Agency Board.

Carl was a director of the Golden Rain Foundation from 1980 through 1983 and was again elected a director of the El Toro Water District in 1983.