

**LEISURE WORLDER  
OF THE MONTH  
DECEMBER 1996**

**TOM JORDE**

The Leisure World Historical Society is pleased to announce the selection of **TOM JORDE** as Leisure Worlder of the Month for December, 1996. This event is sponsored by the Society and supported by the Ross Cortese Commemorative Fund.

Tom Jorde first saw the light of day in a very unsafe place --Thief River Falls, Minnesota. He received his primary education in his home town before going on to university studies. The University of Minnesota bestowed a degree of Bachelor of Business Administration on Tom. Subsequently he diversified his academic career with an M.A. in Theology at Pacific Lutheran Seminary in Berkeley, California.

Our honoree utilized his initial degree as a Sales Manager for the Jewel Tea Company, but went on to use his seminary training as a Parish Pastor of the Lutheran Church. Tom served California parishes in the Castro Valley, Fresno, San Jose and Lake Forest.

His people orientation took him from his various parishes to outside activities in clubs like Toastmasters, The Exchange Club, a Chamber of Commerce and he also became Dean of Lutheran Churches of the Fresno area. Tom garnered the "Man of the Year" award while in Fresno for initiating and directing various Senior Citizens' programs.

The nuclear Jorde family includes wife Marie, sons Thomas and Stephan, and daughters Linda, Nancy, Doris and Anita. The extended family encompasses daughters-in-law, sons-in law and 14 grandchildren.

Tom rounded out many of his career activities with the avocation of golf (started at age 7). He was a member of the University of Minnesota Golf squad and has been local club champion of two golf clubs.

Tom and Marie arrived in Leisure World in 1983, but Tom didn't really "get into things" until 1988 when he became a director of the Laguna Hills Golf Club and 1992, when he became a Golden Rain Director. Tom served as Chair of GRF Social Service and Community Relations Committee, as Vice Chair of the GRF Water and Grounds Committee and as a member of the Aliso Creek Park renovation.

For a change of pace, Tom and Marie went cruising and became "hooked" to the extent that they have now been on eight cruises and have seen their fair share of the globe.

Tom has always claimed the title of "people person" and this is exemplified by his own words: "Since I am by nature a 'people person', I have enjoyed being involved with our Social Service Department where so many, many people are helped in such a wide variety of ways".