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Guess which Hazel is La Belle of the month?

The music was part of Hazel LaBelle when she was a child, and it remains within her today. She shares that music with others as concert mistress of the Leisure World String Ensemble and conductor of the community's orchestra.

In honor of the joyful noise she has made for others, LaBelle has been named Leisure Worlder of the Month for April. A ceremony co-sponsored by the Leisure World Historical Society and Home Federal Savins is scheduled at 10 a.m. Monday, April 1, at Clubhouse 6. The public is invited.

LaBelle played her first notes on the violin at age 6 in suburban Oak Park, Ill. While still in high school she played in the Chicago Women's Symphony, and later studied under Leon Sametini at the Chicago Musical College.

After playing, singing and dancing on the RKO vaudeville circuit, she settled down to raise four children while working as a secretary for a public school in Chicago. But music remained a part of her life, and her abilities continued to develop.

After some years she became a member of the Northside Symphony, eventually serving as concert mistress for the group. She also played the viola for the Oak Park Symphony and was principal violist—the equivalent for that instru-



Hazel La Belle

ment of concert mistress or "first violin."

When she moved to Leisure World 10 years ago, LaBelle brought her music with her. She is an enthusiastic chamber music player in the string ensemble, and conducts the orchestra, "an outstanding group," she says, "that is 55 musicians strong."

Although, she says, she doesn't have time for many Leisure World clubs, she has given volunteer services at the Good Shepard Lutheran Home, the Leisure World Library and the Drop-In Lounge at Clubhouse 1.

April honoree to be 'hung' Monday

The Leisure Worlder of the Month ceremony honoring Hazel LaBelle, will be held on Monday, April 1 at 10 a.m.

in Clubhouse 6.

Besides her varied musical activities, LaBelle is a member of the Carillon Handbell

Choir of Geneva Presbyterian Church and directs the two handbell choirs at United Methodist Church.