

Lescher lauded as Leisure Worlder for September

It did not take long for Len Lescher to decide he wanted to take as active a part in community affairs in Leisure World as he had taken when he was associated with Continental Illinois Bank in Chicago.

Since coming to Leisure World in 1979, Lescher has served as a director and president of the Golden Rain Foundation and president of the Saddleback Kiwanis Club. He is a director of the Saddleback Hospital Associates and a member of the Saddle Club, Travel Club 1, the Academians, Opera 100, the California Club and the Men's Golf Club.

But with all that, the immediate past president of GRF is not resting on his laurels. He remains active in governance as an adviser to GRF's Legal Committee, the Committee on Incorporation and the Airport Awareness Committee.

To recognize him for all these contributions to the community, Lescher will be honored as Leisure

Worlder of the month for September. The ceremony, sponsored by Home Federal Savings and the Leisure World Historical Society, will be on Wednesday, Sept. 4 at 10 a.m. in Clubhouse 6. The public is invited to attend.

Born and raised in the Chicago area of Illinois, Lescher was admitted to the practice of law in 1933. He joined the staff of Continental Illinois Bank and Trust Company of Chicago almost immediately and spent the next 36 years as a helpful part of that institution's growth in the financial industry.

He handled real estate functions, the administration of trusts and estates and later corporate banking and legal matters. He eventually became vice president and secretary of the bank. He retired in 1970.

Lescher and his wife, Florence, first moved to Rancho Bernardo, then across the county to Clearwater Beach, Fla., and in 1979 finally

settled down in Leisure World.

Before retirement the Leschers, along with their two children, lived for more than 30 years in Elmhurst, Ill., where he served as alderman and chairman of the city's planning and zoning committee. He was also active as chairman of the United Way Fund Drive and board adviser to Elmhurst Memorial Hospital, the Boy Scouts and the Chicago and Illinois chapters of the American Bar Associations, and he was a director of the Performing Arts Center later in Clearwater.

Nominations for Leisure Worlder of the Month are welcome from all Leisure World residents. The primary criterion is a record of outstanding service to the community. Send information to the Leisure World Historical Society, PO Box 2220, Laguna Hills, 92654, marked "confidential to the president." Information can also be left at the Society's office in the Administration Building.



Len Lescher

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