

Musical lady captures May Leisure Worlder honor

"I haven't done a great thing, like written a history book or painted beautiful paintings, but I feel that if my music may have given some people a lift, it's a nice feeling," said Lois Lux.

Anyone in Leisure World who knows music understands the "lift" that Lois Lux is referring to. This gentle, soft-spoken woman has provided piano and organ music for many groups throughout Leisure World and the surrounding community since she came here more than eight years ago. For those contributions, and many more, she will be honored as Leisure Worlder of the Month for May.

A special ceremony will be presented by Home Federal Savings and the Leisure World Historical Society on Wednesday, May 2 at 10 a.m. in Clubhouse 6. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Lois' love of music was born many years ago. While some girls dreamed of growing up to become nurses, ballerinas or mothers, Lois wanted to play theater organ, a desire acquired after she and her

mother moved from a small town in Colorado to Los Angeles. Lois took some organ lessons and sometimes substituted for the regular neighborhood theater organist.

According to Lois, "the 'talkies' were just then becoming popular and organists were losing their jobs. It seemed a better idea to go to UCLA and prepare for a career in the teaching profession."

In 1932, in the depression days, teaching positions were hard to come by, but a cousin of Lois' urged her to try the desert, as the Colorado River aqueduct was being built and the area was becoming fairly prosperous. Over the next 37 years, she taught in Indio, Corona and finally Palm Springs.

Her "boy next door" was Bill Lux. After some years of health and financial problems, Lois and Bill were married. The couple lived in Palm Springs. Bill joined the Palm Springs police department and served for 30 years, working up through the ranks to lieutenant.

Besides teaching the elementary grades in Palm Springs, Lois was

the organist for the Palm Springs' Community Church for 34 years, so it was only natural that she came to her current status in Leisure World. She is the regular organist at the Mayflower Congregational Church, and has filled in for many of her musical peers in the Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist and Lutheran churches.

In addition, she is well known for providing prelude music for P.E.O., Aliso, Ebell, the Leisure World Woman's Club and the afternoon Forum series. She also accompanies the Leisure World Chorale. She is accompanist for the L'Altes Strings and for many vocal soloists in the area. She is coordinator for music for the American Baptist Women and the Christian Women's Club.

Lois does keep busy, but she still finds time for bicycling, golfing with her husband, needlework, making greeting cards and sharing the household chores with her best helper, Bill.

"Best of all," she says, "is the enjoyment of living in this lovely paradise of Leisure World."



Lois Lux