

LEISURE WORLD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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JAMES “JIM” MARSH LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER 2001

The Leisure World Historical Society is pleased to present **JAMES “JIM” MARSH** as the LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH for November 2001.

Jim Marsh was born in Cincinnati, Ohio and very early on his family moved across the river to Dovington, Kentucky. Jim received his elementary and secondary education in Covington, graduating from Holmes High. In later years he enrolled in insurance and underwriting college courses at the University of Cincinnati. Under the aegis of the Institute of Underwriters he was awarded a certificate as a Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter, after completion of his course work.

His earliest non-insurance employment was with AT&T. Over a succeeding span of years he was employed by a multiple line insurance company that eventually promoted Jim to district claim manager of a branch office. After retirement he was an owner of an insurance agency and had enough time to become founder and president of the Cincinnati Claims Association.

Career work assignments did not preclude Jim's involvement in civic/community affairs. He was active in scouting as Eagle Scout, cubmaster, scoutmaster, neighborhood commissioner and Scout Council staff officer. Diversity was key to Jim's interests. He served as Lutheran Church Council member and diversified by officiating at high school and college football and basketball for 25 years. He was an active member in the local Masonic Lodge.

Jim had his service and “travel” experiences simultaneously. He served five years in the Signal Corps and Air Force attaining the rank of Captain. Courtesy of the U.S.A.F. he visited Normandy, Northern France and the German Rhineland areas. He was awarded the Service Medal and Battle Stars for the combined ETO/Africa/Middle East Theaters of Operations.

The Jim and Eve Marsh family encompasses three sons, three daughters, seven grandsons and five granddaughters, one each great grandson and great granddaughter and the requisite number of in-laws.

Leisure World became beneficiary to Jim's talents, energy interest and involvement in 1983. During his 18 year tenure in the community he has served in Security as gate officer, patrol officer, dispatcher and fire marshal. He has also held the positions of vice president, president, member of the board of trustees and life member of the Security Officers Club. He has also served United Laguna Hills Mutual Board of Directors as member, first vice president and second vice president. His committee participation include stints as vice chair of the Finance and Maintenance & Construction committees. He also served on the Golden Rain Foundation Security, Finance and Select Audit committees.

Jim Marsh's satisfaction in personal achievements in three distinct areas is reflected in his own words: “Service to the church and community, raising six children and service to Leisure World.”