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Good guy finishes first

Martin is named July Leisure Worlder

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These days Ted Martin is up to his neck in water.

His service as a director on the El Toro Water District Board, as well as his past and current activities in Leisure World, though, have just earned him a place on the Historical Society's roster as Leisure Worlder of the Month for July.

Now serving a second, four-year term on the ETWD, Martin is one of five board members (three of whom are from Leisure World) who set policy, standards and prices for ETWD 50,816 customers.

He's also on the Aliso Water Management Agency serving as chairman of its finance committee and researching ways to improve the water supply and get it to people at an affordable price.

Martin, who's been a Leisure Worlder since 1985, says although he's retired, he has no intention of resting.

"You have to put back to the

community," says Martin.

But even though Martin does more than his fair share of community service, he says the notification that the Historical Society had picked him for its July honoree was a real surprise.

To the people who've been privileged to work at his side like his former co-director on the Third Mutual Board and fellow member of the El Toro Water Board, Herb Heyes, the honor is well-deserved.

Heyes says his colleague's selection recognizes his dedication to service both on the ETWD and to the community inside and outside Leisure World's gates.

"Ted has always been an unselfish, reliable and hard-working contributor.

"When the (Third Mutual) Board became the victim of divisiveness that interfered with its ability to perform, Ted Martin stepped in and restored order and control.

"As the treasurer of the Saddleback Kiwanis Club and its Foundation, he introduced



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Ted Martin, Leisure Worlder of the Month for July, is up to his neck in water issues at a director of the El Toro Water Board.

sophisticated computerized financial controls that were needed because of that organization's constantly increasing scholarship and community enhancement programs."

Ceremony facts

Who: Ted Martin
What: Leisure World of the Month for July
Where: Clubhouse 6
When: Wednesday, July 2, 10 a.m.
Sponsor: Leisure World Historical Society

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Ed Watson, president of Saddleback Kiwanis, points out too that Martin has contributed other money management skills as well, like purchasing and inventory control and investment management.

Said Watson, "He's a good man to have taking care of the books, he keeps an accurate account for everything; and he works in all the fund raising activities."

Fellow Saddle Club member and former Golden Rain Director Earl Donaldson adds that Martin is "a very special person: someone who cares and is always willing to go the extra mile for anything he makes a commitment to do; I treasure him as a friend."

Background Martin, a certified purchasing manager, was born in McDonald, Ohio and left the Buckeye State in 1942 to serve in the Army.

He was stationed in the Aleutian Islands for 33 months, achieving the rank of battalion personnel sergeant major in the Army Quartermaster Corps.

He first lived in the Golden State in 1953 and except for five years in the early 1980s when he relocated to New Jersey to take over the presidency of an electronics company, California has been his home.

For 36 years he served the manufacturing industry (electronics, medical and military Fortune 500 firms) as president, chief or director of material.

Some of the firms he worked with are American Hospital Supply Corp., Edwards and Baxter Laboratories, American Electronics, and Northrup/Nortronics and Beckman Instruments.

The former Boy Scouts and Parent/Teachers Association leader also held positions of responsibility in the Orange County Purchasing Management Association and National Purchasing Management Association.

Martin points out that he and Marion Bergeson, former state senator, and now the Governor's Secretary of Child Development and Education, were colleagues in the Mariners Elementary School PTA in Newport Beach.

After moving to Leisure World in 1985, Martin joined the Saddleback Kiwanis, CTL Bridge, World on Film, American Ballroom, California and Saddle Clubs.

He also ran for and won positions on the Third Mutual Board (which culminated in his presidency) and the El Toro Water District Board.

Martin says he "keeps busy" consulting and satisfying his passion for computers, especially designing pages for the Internet. He notes he has five pages to date on the World Wide Web on the Kiwanis Club and its various projects.

Martin said although his activities require a lot of time and attention, he enjoys accomplishing goals as well as addressing new challenges, whether trying to determine if the ETWD should consolidate with other area districts or making a three no trump at a CTL bridge meeting.

Explained Martin, "If you don't contribute you don't get anything back."