

LEISURE WORLDERS OF THE MONTH

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CHARLES AND PAT McLAUGHLIN

The Leisure World historical Society is pleased to announce the selection of Charles and Pat McLaughlin as Leisure Worlders of the Month for January 1996. This event is supported by the Ross Cortese Commemorative Fund and is sponsored by the Society.

Charles McLaughlin was born in Peoria, Illinois and subsequently migrated west to Glendale, California where he met Pat, a product of Albuquerque, New Mexico, at Hoover High School. After graduation from high school, Charles attended Cal Poly as an Agricultural major while Pat obtained a degree from USC in Occupational Therapy.

Their working careers led to citrus ranching for Charles while Pat used her USC degree as an Occupational Therapist for cerebral palsy children in Visalia, California. Only after they "merged" as Mr./Mrs. McLaughlin did Pat work as Charles' "office manager" in his Insurance Agency in Porterville.

The McLaughlins have two married daughters, Kathleen and Sara, and are grandparents to Kathleen's Nick and Sara's Stephanie and Sam.

Over the years Charles and Pat gave of themselves to the Porterville community, Tulare County, Orange County and the Republican Party as they were appointed to many positions. Charles was appointed to the original El Toro Re-use Planning Authority and was selected as Volunteer of the Month for the Orange County Republican Party, while Pat garnered laurels as Chair of the Porterville Library Board, member of Tulare County Library, member of the Republican State Central Committee, plus other appointments and assignments. Pat is closely associated with cultural and historical organizations, applying her computer expertise where applicable. She was paired with Charles as Republican Volunteer of the Month for Orange County.

Their most recent involvement was the association with and the expertise they contributed to the success of T.R.P. in bringing Measure S (to rescind Measure A) to the ballot stage for Orange County.

Charles has served as a Director of United Mutual and on many of United's and GRF's committees. He has also served as Program Chair for the Leisure World Republican Club and as a Channel 6 interviewer. Pat, too, worked for the Republican Club as Program Chair and Publicity Chair, Newsletter Editor and had a stint as Publicity Chair for Opera 100. Pat and Charles agree that their T.R.P. work gave them a great sense of satisfaction and accomplishment.

Charles summarizes: "Leisure World has been a good place to retire to and I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to do the things I have done and been able to associate with the many fine people that live here. I try to do things that will help in some way give back to the community what it has given to me."