

LEISURE WORLD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH

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CHARLES E. NAHAS

The Leisure World Historical Society is pleased to present **CHARLES E. NAHAS** as the **LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH for DECEMBER 1998.**

Charles was born in Brooklyn, New York and became an early traveler when his family moved to Jamaica, British West Indies. He received his primary and secondary educational training in Jamaica, returning to the U.S. in 1945.

While growing up Charles carried out family obligations by working in the family-owned business of Nahas Groceries. Subsequently he spent 32 years with A.T.&T. in telephone central office installations throughout Southern California.

Our honoree was active in a variety of organizations. He was treasurer of the Shadow Hills Property Owners Association, board member of his local church and was involved in equipment maintenance for the Talking Books (for the blind) as a member of Telephone Pioneers of America.

Charles also participated in a diversified group of community/civic activities as a volunteer for the Eagle Rock District Food Bank, a Boys Club leader (church and YMCA), as a campaign worker for the First District Los Angeles City Council, as a worker in the U.S. Center for World Museum Accounting Dept. and as an English tutor for foreign students.

During World War II Charles served in the U.S. Army overseas in the European Theater of Operations. Not satisfied with "government sponsored" travel, Charles has visited Canada, Mexico and Israel to expand his personal experiential horizons. After thinking about it since his retirement in 1986, Leisure World became home for Charles in 1991. Robin and Charles were married in 1997.

His input into the community is reflected in his participation in the lifestyle and activities available. He has served as a Computer Club Teacher/Supervisor, Hikers' Club Treasurer, Backgammon Club Secretary/Treasurer, Sunday Discussion Club Vice President, Earthquake cul-de -sac Coordinator, TV 6 Volunteer (4 years), a Laguna Hills Senior Center Volunteer (6 years), and he is also a member of other clubs including the Audubon Society and the Historical Society. Besides all the foregoing Charles has found time to serve on the United Mutual Nominating Committee (3 years) and he regularly attends GRF and United Board and Committee meetings.

Though his accomplishments span many areas, Charles' own words define his satisfaction with what he does: "In whatever situation I found myself..I simply lent a hand. I am reluctant to identify one situation over another in importance". His modesty regarding his achievements are reflected in his statement: "That someone should submit my name and the Historical Society take it seriously is certainly a surprise. I thank all those who had a part in making this possible".