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BURNS Q. NUGENT

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Burns Q. Nugent hails from the midwest heart of the U.S.A. He was born and raised in Algona, Iowa where he received his primary and secondary education, graduating from the college prep course given at Algona High. In subsequent years he earned a B.S. in Government from Harvard and then returned to his home state to obtain a J.D. (Juris Doctor) Degree from the University of Iowa College of Law.

Before embarking on an extensive working career in radio, television and cable, Burns served as Lieutenant, U.S. Naval Reserve in World War II and the Korean War.

His various assignments and responsibilities in the aforementioned communication areas include CEO/Owner of his own broadcasting corporation, Executive Vice President of Station Relations for the NAB (National Association of Broadcasters) responsible for five departments, Vice President/General Manager for operations of TV and radio stations, Vice President/General Manager of a TV, Radio and Cable corporation and President/CEO of associated subsidiary TV, Radio and Cable Systems. After approximately 40 years in the communications industry Burns retired in 1992.

Our honoree married Joan Foster in 1952 and this union produced a son and a daughter. The current Nugent Clan includes three granddaughters and associated in-laws.

Burns did not permit his vocation to preclude volunteer service to the communities in which he resided. He was a Trustee (fund raiser and labor negotiator) for the Duluth Symphony Association, Director and President of the Oregon Association of Broadcasters, Chairman of the Wasco County (Oregon) Library Board and Senior Warden (headed the Church Vestry) for the Trinity Episcopal Church in Waterloo, Iowa.

The Nugents left tracks in many foreign countries as a consequence of participation in Elderhostel international programs. Burns' occupational changes took the family into many geographic areas of the U.S.A.

Burns and Joan arrived in Leisure World in 1992. He served the United Mutual Board twice as Director with specific service on the Capital Improvements, Joint Marketing and Finance committees. GRF's Government and Public Relations, TV Services, New TV Program, Ad Hoc TV Studio Facilities and Project 2000 committees were also beneficiaries of his time and talents as Director. In addition, Burns was a Co-President of the Leisure World Community Concert Association and functioned as Television Coordinator for TRP during its activity in the El Toro Airport closure program. He has also been a Director (1999-2000) and Telephone Tree Phone Voice (2002-2004) for the Community Civic Association.

Most likely Burns' appreciation and personal satisfaction of achievements stem from his four management rules: "First, assemble the best damn team; secondly, outline the goals to be reached; thirdly, remove any dissident and, finally, - leave them the hell alone!"