

# LEISURE WORLDERS OF THE MONTH

MAY 1994

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## HUGH (SCOTTY) and RUBY ORR

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The Leisure World Historical Society is pleased to announce the selection of Scotty and Ruby Orr as Leisure Worlders of the Month for May 1994. This event is sponsored by the Society and supported by the Ross Cortese Commemorative Fund.

Born and educated in Ayr, Scotland, Scotty joined his father and brother in the grocery business. When a family friend affiliated with the Chicago based Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company returned to Scotland for a visit, Scotty inquired about a job in America. Assured that one would be available, he came in 1930, settling in Des Moines, Iowa. He rapidly rose to management of a Des Moines store, and resigned only when he purchased his own supermarket.

In the meantime, Ruby, born in Des Moines, had gone off to Drake University where she majored in business. She came home, visited a friend working at the A and P, and was persuaded to accept a job. Ruby and Scotty first met when the company gave employees tickets to the football game. Scotty sat next to Ruby and her two friends. It was a cold, miserable night but it was Scotty's introduction to football, and to the woman who was to become his wife.

When Scotty was drafted into the army, Ruby ran the supermarket. The Orrs stayed in the supermarket business, moving from Des Moines to Cedar Falls, and finally to Janesville, Wisconsin, and to retirement in 1965.

The Orrs moved to Leisure World in July 1966. Here, they entered into the activities of the community, serving in many capacities in various clubs and organizations. They are willing to do any job, from stage manager to President, and in so doing, have gained an astounding number of friends in the Community. They are active members of the Geneva Presbyterian Church where Scotty is Deacon as well as Beadle and Usher Captain. They received a 1993 Lay Couple of the Year Award.

Ruby is President of the Women's Club. Together, they have entertained with the Globe Trotters for clubs, senior centers and nursing homes; served in several capacities for Travel Club 1; belong to Dakota-Iowa Club, Rondeliers, Historical Society. Scotty also belongs to the Shrine, Kiwanis, and American Legion. Ruby participates in PEO, the China Painters and the Geneva Mariners where she is Skipper and Treasurer. They have enjoyed travel both in the states and abroad.

The Orrs one son, Hugh Jr. and wife Joanne, live in St. Charles, MO. Their three grandchildren, Craig Orr, Linda Blank, and Vicky Collum, are all presently attending Universities.

The Orrs are always available, whether it is helping in an organization, assisting a neighbor, delivering Meals on Wheels or entertaining in a retirement center. Their friendliness, their willingness to do whatever job needs doing, their commitment to the community—these are the qualities that make them ideal "Leisure Worlders of the Month."