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Scotty and Ruby Orr demonstrate dancing, one of the activities they enjoy as residents of Leisure World. The May honorees will be feted at a ceremony on May 4.

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Happy Dollars couple named honorees for May

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Square dancing for charity, ushering in church, visiting the sick, hawking onions and fruitcakes, flipping pancakes and collecting Happy Dollars to raise funds for scholarships are just some of the ways the next Leisure Worlders of the Month have found to "give something back" to their community.

"I can't imagine anyone better

The ceremony

Who: Ruby & Scotty Orr
What: Leisure Worlders for May
Where: Clubhouse 6
When: 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 4
Sponsors: Leisure World Historical Society

suited to being Leisure Worlders of the month," says former Kiwanis President Ezra Webb of

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the Leisure World Historical Society's picks for May: Ruby and Hugh (Scotty) Orr.

"Scotty's been a very active member of the Kiwanis, he's friendly, has a great sense of humor, is thorough, dependable ... and he's well supported by his wife."

The Orrs have enjoyed working together as a team for years. They even celebrate their partnership by wearing color-coordinated clothes.

Scotty, a native of Ayr, Scotland, and Ruby, a native of Des Moines, Iowa, who'll celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary in October, met when they both worked for the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co.

After their marriage, they decided to buy and run a supermarket-but, when Scotty was drafted to serve in World War II, Ruby was quite capable of taking over the duties of manager herself.

After Scotty's term of duty was over, the couple continued to make a success in the food marketing business until their retirement in 1965.

Because of their hectic work schedules (their markets were

open 363 days a year) they had little time for clubs and organizations-but after moving to Leisure World they made up for lost time.

Now, Scotty belongs to the Kiwanis Club, Travel Clubs 1 and 2, the Shriners, American Legion, Dakota-Iowa Club, Globe Twirlers, Roundaliers and the Leisure World Historical Society. He makes deliveries for Meals on Wheels as well.

Ruby belongs to the two travel clubs, the Globe Twirlers, Roundaliers, the Woman's Club, PEO, China Painters, Dakota-Iowa Club, Historical Society, Theta Delta, various woman's masonic organizations, GAR, DAR, and United Way.

In addition, the Geneva Presbyterian Church pays an important role in both of their lives. As Scotty, who's served as a church deacon, beadle and usher captain, says, "A week doesn't start out properly unless we go to church on Sunday."

The pair have been honored for helping to coordinate the first Leisure World Festival for the opening of Clubhouse 5 and assisting in the community's 25th anniversary celebration.

The Kiwanis Club of Mission Viejo last year also named them "Lay Couple of the Year."

Scotty says he enjoys participating and says he's always willing "to do whatever I can and whatever is asked." Ruby says she's always willing to "support and serve."

Yet, in spite of their sterling record, when first told of their elevation by the Historical

Society their first reaction was "Why us?"

The Orrs say they enjoy involvement, "We like people and (all we do) is not a chore."

"Hard work never hurt anybody, only worry does; and that we never try to do-we take everything with a smile."

They also say the personal rewards of giving are great. Their weekly hospital patient visits are a case in point, says Ruby. "They do more for us than we do for them."

Scotty points out that being a Leisure Worlder of the Month is really icing on the cake-and it will have one small drawback, especially for a Scot: it will cost him money.

Scotty, who is known to his fellow Kiwanis Club members as the "Happy Dollar Man," says he takes delight in asking for dollars from people celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and other happy days in their lives. The booty helps build the service organization's scholarship fund.

Scotty says his success at grabbing greenbacks is legendary "I can find any excuse" and now, he's going to find out how to be on the giving side of the equation.

It seems that one of the highest ticket Happy Dollar items is having your picture appear in the newspaper-and if your wife appears too, the tab is double.

Scotty estimates their front page picture will cost them at least \$10-and color may be extra.

But he doesn't mind, "The Kiwanis is a fun club-and, anyway, it's all for a good cause."