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Pancook named LWer of the month for January

Col. Arthur John Pancook, a big, smiling, affable man who enjoys the friendship of many Leisure Worlders, has been selected by Rossmoor Corporation as Leisure Worlder of the month for January and his portrait will be hung in the main rotunda of the Leisure World new sales office.

Friends and neighbors are invited to see the portrait when it is presented to the Pancooks on Feb. 2.

"The things I like most about Leisure World are the affability and friendship of its people," Col. Pancook says. Those qualities came to the fore as Leisure Worlders, many of them virtual strangers, rallied around in loving support during long, dark days before the first Mrs. Pancook passed on some six years ago following a long illness.

The support turned to joy about a year later when another Leisure Worlder, the former Mrs. Margaret Reynolds, joined Arthur in marriage at Geneva Presbyterian Church to become the present Mrs. Arthur Pancook.

Arthur's many friends stem from his Leisure World activities, he says, especially from his five years as a security officer.

"I got to know lots of people during three years on the dispatch desk. In that job you get a lot of phone calls and when you're friendly, people respond."

Additional friendly contacts have been made through work as an officer in the Shrine Club which he helped to start,

the Scottish Rite Club, Masonic Club, Kiwanis and as first president of Leisure World Mutual 26.

Col. Pancook retired from the United States Army after 37 years in the Active Army, Army Reserve and National Guard, both in California and Hawaii. In reserve status he commanded the famous 442 infantry, known as the "Go For Broke" Regiment composed of Americans of Japanese ancestry and one of the most decorated regiments in the U.S. Army.

He earned all grades and ranks from private to colonel with the exception of two enlisted grades and the rank of warrant officer. He served for 33 months in the Pacific Theatre overseas during World War II and earned numerous medals and commendations. He retired as colonel, adjutant general's corps. At the time of retirement he was adjutant general, IX Corps (Augmented).

A banker by profession, Col. Pancook was employed by the Bank of America in the greater Los Angeles area from 1929 to 1941 and in 1946 and 1947. He was associated with the Bank of Hawaii in Hilo and Honolulu from 1947 to 1969 and retired as assistant cashier.

Col. Pancook's distinguished career as a Mason began in 1928. He held memberships in Riverside, Los Angeles, Hilo and Kailua, Hawaii and in Laguna Beach. He was Charter Junior Warden, Koolau Lodge No. 801, Kailua, Hawaii, in 1960 and Worshipful



Arthur Pancook

Master of that Lodge in 1963; Mason of the Year, Laguna Beach Lodge No. 672 in 1976; Member, DeMolay Committee, Grand Lodge of California and Hawaii, 1963-1968; Head Candidates Coach, Laguna Beach Lodge No. 672 for four years; received Scottish Rite Degrees in Hawaiian Bodies, 1944 and is now a member of the Long Beach Bodies; advanced through the various offices of the Honolulu Lodge of Perfection, A&ASR Bodies 1947-48.

He was High Priest, Orange Coast Chapter No. 156, Royal Arch Masons in 1977. He will be illustrious Master, Santa Ana Council, Cryptic Mason in 1978.

Other Masonic honors include election to Royal Order of Scotland and to Red Cross of Constantine.

Additional Masonic affiliated memberships and honors include: Awarded Grand Cross of Color, Order of Rainbow

for Girls, 1953; Past Patron, Hawaii Chapter No. 1, Order of the Eastern Star, 1953; Past President, Hilo Chapter No. 159, National Soujourners; MEMBER, Heroes of '76; Member, Saddleback High Twelve Club; 2nd Vice President, Laguna Hills Scottish Rite Club; Board of Directors, Leisure World Shrine Club; Member, Leisure World Masonic Club.

There has also been great dedication to DeMolay activities in Col. Pancook's life. He became a charter member of the Riverside, Ca., Chapter in 1924 and has been active in this state and in Hawaii ever

After 10 years as active member, he was elected Emeritus Member, International Supreme Council (for life) Order of DeMolay in 1977. There are only 28 in the world who own this honor.

In his career with DeMolay, Col. Pancook has been: Master Councilor, Riverside, Ca., Chapter, 1928; Courier, Southern California Jurisdiction; Elected Chairman, Hilo, Hawaii Chapter Advisory Council; Appointed Deputy of the International Supreme Council Order of DeMolay and Executive Officer in Hawaii, 1964; Elected Active Member, Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay and Executive Officer in Hawaii, 1967; 50 year membership award; DeMolay Legion of Honor; DeMolay Degree of Chevalier; Zerubbabel Key; Cross of Honor; Advisor's Honor Key (two times); Honorary Member, Order of Knighthood.

Col. Pancook is also Past President, Toastmaster's International, Riverside, Ca.; Past President Kilauea Council, Hilo, Hawaii, Boy Scouts of America. Awarded Silver Beaver by that Council; Past Commander, Fontana, Ca., American Legion Post; Past President, Honolulu Chapter, Reserve Officers' Association; the only caucasian member of the Hilo Japanese Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for four years. He is a member of the Leisure World Kiwanis Club and Life Member, Retired Officers' Association.

In civic work, Col. Pancook was Disaster Chairman, Fontana District, American Red Cross 1946-1947; Disaster Coordinator, County of Hawaii, State of Hawaii, 1948-1949; Chairman Bank Division, Emergency Preparedness Council, Island of Oahu, 1960. Awarded Certificate of Appreciation by the United States Government for that work.

Nowadays, the Pancooks love to travel. They spend several months a year at it. Current plans for this year include trips in April, May, September and December. In May they will travel to Hawaii; in September a cruise through the Panama Canal; in December to Oahu.

Service to mankind and friendships to all seems to come naturally to Arthur Pancook. He firmly believes that if you wish to have a friend, you must be a friend.