
Leisure Worlder of the Month

ALBERT M. POTTER

LAGUNA HILLS - Albert M. Potter will be named "Leisure Worlder of the Month", on Monday, May 2, at 10:00 a.m., in Clubhouse Six. The public is invited to attend the ceremony which is sponsored by Home Federal Savings and Loan and the Leisure World Historical Society.

Potter was born in Morrison, Illinois. Upon graduation from high school, he went on to receive a bachelor of science degree in retail from the School of Commerce at Northwestern University.

In 1939 Potter moved to Clinton, Iowa and started a water conditioning company. Later that year he married a former college classmate, Portia Clarke.

Mrs. Potter took over the business in 1943 when Potter was drafted. He was accepted into the ground forces of the air corps. For training, Potter was sent to weather observer school at Chanute Field in Rantoul, Illinois. Upon completing the course, he was assigned to the headquarters detachment of the 16th Weather Squadron in Edmonton, Canada.

Ten months later, Potter returned to the United States to attend Officer Candidate School. He graduated from Harvard University as a statistical officer.

When the war ended Potter returned to Iowa. In addition to his business, Potter took the positions of president and secretary of the Iowa State Trade Association, and also held a position on the board of the Water Conditioning Association International.

As an active member of the First Presbyterian Church, Potter served two terms as deacon, two terms as an elder and taught Sunday School. He was also a discussion leader at the National Convention of Presbyterian Men.

Since his retirement, Potter has remained active in community affairs. He has worked with the American Red Cross as County Chairman, served on four capital fund campaigns for the YMCA, the YWCA, and two area hospitals, and has brought the Red Cross and Red Feather fund raising campaigns together for one united fund drive each year.

Since coming to Leisure World in 1976, Potter has remained involved. He is a lifetime member of the Historical Society, was president of the Laguna Hills Tennis Club, served on the board of Opera 100, 3rd Mutual and currently the Golden Rain Board. He also served as chairman of the Golden Rain nominating committee in 1985. He is also a member of the Men's Golf Club, Writer and Publisher's Club, and the Leisure World Toastmasters Club.

His hobbies include tennis, golf, swimming, bridge and skiing.

The Potter's have one daughter and three grandchildren.

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