

# Great World

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Our regular column of congratulations to the Leisure Worlder of the Month has a special significance this week because the honoree has been involved with the development and operation of this community since the days of the very first move-in of residents.

Recognizing the contributions of Robert L. Price as Home Federal's Leisure Worlder for the month of July is also significant because he is one of only three honorees who is not a resident.

However his career here has required so many hours of dedicated service he might well be considered a resident.

Imagine a career as advisor in Afghanistan, a support engineer for a Pacific Missile Range facility, an army medical department officer and several positions as city manager before winding up his public service with 13 years as Leisure World administrator!

It is particularly interesting to talk about this honoree because it gave us an opportunity to recall those early days. Price recalled the first move-ins in 1964 when the 20 vans began unloading the belongings of Leisure World

pioneers. He said they were eager, expectant, patient and cooperative. It was an attitude, Price said "that laid the groundwork of Leisure World today. Also, they were pioneering, and so they knew there would be changes ahead and they looked forward to them."

Price kept the Leisure World community fully informed and encouraged active participation of residents in the affairs of the many units and organizations.

He helped organize the historical records committee and has continued to be involved in the Historical Society.

He also was an incorporating director of Saddleback Community Hospital and a founder of the Saddleback Area Coordinating Council.