

# LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH

OCTOBER 1995

## GEORGE RATNER

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The Leisure World Historical Society is pleased to announce the selection of George Ratner as Leisure Worlder of the Month for October, 1995. This event is sponsored by the Society and supported by the Ross Cortese Commemorative Fund.

A native son of East Orange, N.J., George received his basic education in his home town and subsequently attended Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken where he earned a M.E. Degree in Mechanical Engineering. He spent three years in the U. S. Navy.

George's business and technical training were put to work in diverse areas such as sheet metal/roofing contractor, design of building construction products as well as manufacturer of specialized banking products. He was president and CEO of several manufacturing organizations, is a Life Member of ASME and is listed in "Who's Who in Commerce and Industry" (10th Edition).

Busy and active are words that define George. He has been involved as a member of a local Board of Education, a court appointed member of a Juvenile Conference Committee, has been associated with Crisis Intervention Training, a participant in Law Enforcement Assistance Program of Orange County and as a Better Business Bureau arbitrator in the Rutoline Program. He has also served as a Volunteer Executive for the International Exec. Service Corps to Romania. George and wife Justine came to Leisure World in 1987. He very quickly became active in the Community Association -- is currently president of the group --has served Third Mutual as a member of the Ad Hoc Committee to study direct election of GRF directors and is a member of the current Joint Marketing Committee.

The Ratners have traveled and explored such world areas as the Middle East, Europe, Asia and, of course, North America.

George and Justine are blessed with an extended nuclear family that includes one son, Mark, a daughter, Joanne, and grandchildren Sara and Jordan.

The key words of George's philosophy include "innovative", "new concepts", "obligation to participate in and work for the community".