

LEISURE WORLD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PRESENTS

MARTY RHODES

LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH

February 2006

MARTY RHODES was born in Brooklyn, New York and received his early education in his city of birth. He graduated from Stuyvesant High, New York. Subsequently he matriculated at Brooklyn College of Pharmacy, Long Island University and earned a BS in Pharmacy. He was an Alpha Zeta Omega (pharmacy fraternity) member.

After completing his education our honoree served in the Army Medical Corps from 1953 to 1955. It was during that same time frame that Marty and Roz were married (1954). The result of that union was Ruth, Lee and David.

Rx filling, dispensing and pharmacy administration began for Marty in late 1955 in California. His working career encompassed employment with four pharmacies. He held positions as Pharmacy Manager, Treasurer of Long Beach Pharmacists (four years) and as President/Owner/Sales Manager of his own firm. He retired in 1998 after 45 years in pharmacy.

Marty was active in a number of Community/Civic activities even as he started and developed his career. He was a member of the Anaheim Charter Review Committee as well as the Downtown Renewal Committee. After arrival at Leisure World (Laguna Woods Village) in 1998 he served as a member of the Laguna Woods Planning Committee for the Pedestrian Fourteen Foot Walkway along the south side of El Toro Road.

The Rhodes family contingent left footprints in thirty-three countries of all nooks and crannies of planet earth and also spent time in thirty-five of the fifty U.S. States.

As noted earlier, Roz and Marty arrived in our community in 1998. The latter became a member in eighteen clubs ranging in interest diversity from Paddle Tennis to Community Civic Association to New York and New Jersey state groups, the Jewish War Veterans and the Reform Temple Men's group.

Governance beckoned Marty and he was elected to a three year term on the Third Mutual Board as Director. He participated in a number of committees for Third Mutual and GRF. Currently he is a GRF Director and Chair of the Community Activities and Community Name Change committees. He also serves on the City Wide Trails and Signs, Security and Community Access and Finance Committees. He is Past Chair of the Bus Services Committee.

The diverse activities that brought satisfaction and a sense of accomplishment to Marty included aiding the improvement with board-to-board and board(s) to community relationships, creation of a new community name, Long Range Planning, a ten year Paint Program for Third Mutual and the development of a set of Manor Resale rules.

All of the foregoing defined Marty's enjoyment at living in our community and are reflected in his words: "For such a blessing any effort I can make to maintain and improve Laguna Woods Village presently and for the future is worth it."