

LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH

EASTON R. ROBERTS

July, 1989

LAGUNA HILLS—He holds a resume that boasts more than 30 year's community service while running three businesses, Easton R. Roberts is surely qualified to accept his newest honor—being named Leisure Worlder of the Month for July.

His special ceremony will be held on Wednesday, July 5 at 10:00 a.m. in Clubhouse Six. The public is invited to attend the event, which is jointly sponsored by Home Federal Savings and the Leisure World Historical Society.

Easton R. Roberts was born in Boise, Idaho in 1913. While young Easton was still an infant, his family moved to Salt Lake City. By 1921, the family was off again, this time to Los Angeles.

Robert's education, from grammar school to a Law degree in 1936 earned at the University of Southern California was all in the Los Angeles city limits.

In his 11th grade history event, he met Miriam Hudson. Ten years later, he married her. Now 51 years later and still going strong, they have three children and eight grandchildren.

Roberts worked for a year as assistant to the general manager of the automobile distribution company. But he was too much an entrepreneur to stay in the assistant role for long.

Shortly thereafter, he formed a General Insurance company, followed by work as an account and later general manager of the Commercial Sand Blast Company. In 1945 he bought the company. He also formed Vibra Finish Co., a commercial deburring activity. Formed Commercial Process Co. a personal holding company dealing in industrial real estate.

By joining the Rotary Club of Vernon in 1946, a clue to Robert's philanthropic instincts surfaced.

In 1947, Roberts bought acreage in Friendly Hills in the Whittier area and built a home. For seven years he served as was chairman of the Architectural Control Committee. He's also a past president and Board member of the Friendly Hills Property Assn., and Board member and president Murphy Ranch Water Co.

During that time, he was a member of the board of California Domestic Water Co. for 15 years, member and three-time president of the East Whittier School District, 1955-1965, founding member and past president Vernon Chamber of Commerce, was elected to be the first Emeritus member of the Board in 1988, after almost 40 years.

In 1951, Roberts was elected president of the Vernon Rotary Club. He's still the youngest ever to hold that office.

Roberts was also a member of the Jonathan Club at the Hacienda Golf Club.

In 1975, Roberts sold two industrial businesses and the Whittier home and moved to Leisure World. Right away, his volunteerism came in to play.

By November, he was elected director/president of Mutual 63. A year later he was re-elected and after consolidation with third Laguna Mutual, he became a director there. He was also a member of the Tax Committee, Ad Hoc Water & Sewage Rate Committee. In April, 1977, he was elected director of Third Laguna Hills Mutual, and later elected vice president for Third Laguna. In April of 1978 he was elected president of Third Laguna and treasurer in April 1979.

From 1980-1981 he served on Nominating Committee for Third Laguna. And outside the Leisure World walls, he was elected to the Board of El Toro Water District.

In January 1981, he joined the Board of Directors Laguna Hills Men's Golf Club. He also wrote the "Hooks and Slices" golf column for Leisure World News two years and has served on the .

Golf Advisory Committee for the last eight years. He started the "Hustler of the Week," in 1982 and sponsored the annual Hustler of the Year Golf Tournament.

On May 18, 1981, he was elected director and second vice president for the Golden Rain Foundation. In May, 1982, he was elected vice president of Golden Rain

Other committee affiliations include:

1982-1984 Golden Rain Foundation Architectural Control Committee.

1983-1989 Golden Rain Foundation Television Committee.

1983-1987 Director Saddleback Hospital Associates.

1984 Re-elected to Board of El Toro Water District.

June 1988 President El Toro Water District Board.

November 1988 reelected Director and President of El Toro Water District.

Robert's hobbies include golf, Hammond organ, needlepoint portraits, and film to video transfers.