

# Great World

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Being able to create something that continues to provide pleasure for people for years and years is a special gift that not too many people possess.

One such person is George A. Rowley who is being honored as the first Leisure Worlder of the Month for the new year.

Rowley's gift is his ability as an animation artist, and his career has been nothing short of sensational. We are happy to help honor George, and we offer our congratulations and our thanks for all he has done to help bring joy to the lives of so many at Leisure World.

Rowley was connected with Walt Disney studios for more than two decades, and his credits in film work include such famous productions as "Snow White," "Pinocchio," "Fantasia," "Bambi," and "Song of the South."

After Disney, he worked in other studios where his skills in animation provided special effects for such movies as "The Ten Commandments," along with Doris Day and Clark Gable's film "Teacher's Pet" and Alfred Hitchcock's "Vertigo."

Rowley's talent as a

cartoon artist began showing when he was but nine years old, and he was drawing pictures of Santa Claus and all the other holiday figures that helped decorate school classrooms.

When he came to Leisure World after 36 years as a professional animation artist, Rowley provided cartooning for the Leisure World News and served as host for Channel 6 program "What Was My Line."

He also donated his skills to various groups, providing his drawings as door prizes for charity raffles. He has often been a guest speaker at art schools and for local clubs.

His voluntary art also decorates the fireplace at Clubhouse 1 during holiday seasons and is used on letterheads and directories of many community groups.

Obviously Rowley has left his mark on Leisure World just as he has done with his more famous contributions to Disney's masterpieces.

Our community is indeed fortunate to have George Rowley as one of our neighbors, and again we thank him for what he has done and congratulate him for being Leisure Worlder for January, 1982.