

'Mover and shaker' Schafer is new LWer of the Month

In recent years, the description "mover and shaker" has become part of our everyday vocabulary. Our politicians, newsmen and countless others use these words to describe a person who gets the job done with speed and expertise seldom matched by his counterparts.

November's Leisure Worlder of the Month lends personification to those words.

Harry M. Schafer is thought to be the only resident of Laguna Hills Leisure World to have served as mutual director, president and Golden Rain board member in both Seal Beach and Laguna Hills. He will be honored at a special ceremony Wednesday, Nov. 2 in Clubhouse 6 at 10 a.m. The program is sponsored by Home Federal Savings and the Leisure World Historical Society.

With Schafer's impressive Leisure World credentials, one might think that "moving and shaking" is a trait he picked up recently. According to Schafer, "It's probably been a lifelong characteristic."

Schafer attended the University of Cincinnati until the urge to serve in World War I became too great. Leav-

ing school in his junior year, he joined a unit just returned from service in Mexico. He believed association with these veterans would pro-

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Harry Schafer

Subsequently, Schafer served on Governor Pat Brown's Civil Defense Petroleum Supply and Transportation Committee.

Schafer returned to Union as a consultant after retirement. In this capacity, he designed a distribution plan that would serve the seven San Francisco area counties into the 1990s.

He did not, however, devote all his time to Union Oil. The former Los Angeles University Club president also served a term on the Southern California Federal Grand Jury indictment section.

But most of Schafer's retirement has been spent in Leisure World. The Schafers located in Laguna Hills in 1965, and Harry became instantly active. As a mutual director and Golden Rain Board member, he served on many committees, including bylaw amendments, capital improvements and finance, planning and construction of Clubhouse 3.

Schafer is a charter member of both the Petroleum and Rotary clubs of Laguna Hills. He has been honored as a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary Foundation and was recognized as "Mr. Rotary of Laguna Hills" for successfully spearheading Rotary's aid to the only fulltime music school in Honduras.

Last year Schafer returned to Marietta, Ohio for the 70th reunion of his high school graduating class. Being the sole attendee from the class of 1912, he said, "The class of 1982 really rolled out the red carpet for me."

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vide "the quickest route to action overseas."

To his disappointment, the only action he found was at the School of Fire at Fort Sill, OK. The war ended as he completed the Officers War Course for Light Artillery there.

Along with the end of Schafer's military career, Fort Sill proved to be the end of his bachelorhood. The former Fayne Havens and Harry were married in 1921. Their 58 years of marriage ended with Fayne's death in 1979.

Rather than returning to the University of Cincinnati, Schafer returned to his home town of Marietta, Ohio. He put his engineering education to work as superintendent for the Leidecker Tool Company, a pioneer manufacturer of oil well tools and machines.

In 1926, the Schafers moved to California, where Schafer took several interim jobs before joining the Union Oil Company in 1928.

From that day until his retirement in 1960, Schafer's career was on the rise. After serving in several managerial positions, he was promoted to manager of distribution. This department and its 620 employees handled the delivery of Union's finished products to its terminals and bulk station in 11 western states, including Alaska and Hawaii.

World War II found Schafer negotiating Union's petroleum product exchanges, aimed at reducing transportation and achieving a more efficient distribution of the industry's products on behalf of the war effort.