
Leisure Worlder of the Month

Evelyn Shopp

LAGUNA HILLS—Evelyn Hamil Shopp dedicated 30 years of her life to the profession of nursing. She is known as a fighter, having worked hard to better staffing, education and career opportunities for nurses.

Evelyn will be named "Leisure Worlder of the Month" on Wednesday, June 1, at 10 a.m. in Clubhouse Six. The public is invited to attend the ceremony, which is sponsored by Home Federal Savings and Loan and the Leisure World Historical Society.

An "Oklahoma farm girl," Evelyn attended Central State University in Edmond, Oklahoma. She was an officer in several campus organizations and made the distinguished student list each semester. Upon graduation, she taught school for a year before going to Purdue University for a special program in Electrical Engineering.

After working in the engineering department at RCA, she decided to enroll in the Yale University School of Nursing. It was there she received a master's degree.

She worked as a private duty nurse and as a staff nurse prior to accepting an appointment to the University of Oklahoma School of Nursing. She was convinced that education was strengthened by improved nursing service; she transferred to nursing service administration at the University's Crippled Childrens Hospital.

In 1953, she was recruited to the Los Angeles County hospital system as director of nursing for the respiratory center at Rancho Los Amigos Hospital. Four years later, she became director of nursing services and education for Los Angeles County/USC Medical Center.

She retired from the county in 1975 and worked as assistant administrator for patient care services at San Pedro Hospital. During that time she received a second master's degree in liberal arts from USC.

Evelyn served on the board of directors for the American Nurses Association and the American Nurses Foundation. She was president of the American Journal of Nursing, The Association of Nursing Service Administrators and the Commission subcommittee on Graduates of Foreign Schools of Nursing.

In 1980, Evelyn moved to Leisure World with her husband of six months, Bill Shopp.

While settling in, she became involved with the Saddleback Hospital Aassociates as editor for the membership newsletter. She then held the positions of secretary and president within the organization. She is also a board member for the Saddleback Health Foundation.

Within Leisure World, Evelyn is a life member of the Historical Society, as well as a member of A.A.U.W., the Writers and Publishers Club, Stamp Club, Camara Club, Travel Club and the Republican Club. Shopp has served on the nominating committee for Third Mutual and is chairman of the 25th anniversary subcommittee on special events.