

Nurse's advocate named LWer

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.

Shopp will be named Leisure Worlder of the Month on Wednesday, June 1 at 10 a.m. in Clubhouse 6. The public is invited to the ceremony, which is sponsored by Home Federal Savings and the Leisure World Historical Society.

An Oklahoma farm girl, Shopp attended Central State University in Edmond. After graduation she taught school for a year before going to Purdue University for a special program in electrical engineering.

She worked in the engineering department of RCA then decided to enroll in the Yale University School of Nursing, where 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 the education was strengthened by improved nursing service; she transferred to nursing service administration at the University's Crippled Children's 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. She also received a second master's in liberal arts from



USC.

Shopp served on the board of directors for the American Nurses Association and American Nurses Foundation. She was president of the American Journal of Nursing, and Association of Nursing Service Administrators.

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

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

In Leisure World, Shopp is a life member of the Historical Society, a member of AAUW, the Writers and Publishers Club, Stamp Club, Camera Club, Travel Club and Republican Club. She has served on the nominating committee for Third Mutual and is chairman of the 25th Anniversary subcommittee on special events.