

Great World

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In our trips down memory lane we have been thinking about the final months of the development of Leisure World, Laguna Hills and thinking about what has been accomplished, not only by Rossmoor Corp. people but more importantly by the people here. They are the ones, the human factor, that made the dream happen.

But in looking backward, we have neglected to consider that all of those things that we have been pleased about still continue to happen because the people who have made this their home continue to do good things toward that goal of making Leisure World a good home for a great number of people.

And the people who live in Leisure World have honored one of their own each month through a program called Leisure Worlder of the Month.

It has been our custom to add our voice to the congratulations and appreciation that is most certainly due these honorees. But because we got carried away in our nostalgia, we have failed to acknowledge the most recent honorees.

The idea of honoring Leisure Worlder of the month continued with the publication of a booklet that recapped the program, and it somehow seems to be part of making the whole Leisure World project come together.

We envisioned a community for residents beyond a certain advanced age who had chosen to readjust their priorities of activity and our task was to make it possible for them to make that readjustment without the

worry of those kinds of concerns that afflict society outside a security situation.

The fact that once the community got going, those with particular leisure interests began to realize that they had no security problems.

That's when "Leisure Worlders of the Month" began to emerge. When our neighbors realized that there was, in fact, the security of person and property they had longed for, the activity in their primary personal interest area began to intensify. Community leaders in the sense of helping the neighbors reach an established goal, rose to the top.

One such person is John A. Sickenberger, recently honored with the designation "Leisure Worlder of the Month for May." He and his wife Henrietta May have been in the community for 15 years, and Sickenberger has been active in community affairs through offices and directorships in several mutuals as well as serving on the board of Saddleback Community Hospital.

The community action idea has been most helpful, it would seem, in keeping residents fully aware of what is planned, what is suggested for the development around them.

We doubt that by design any surprise ideas have been inflicted upon unsuspecting community members. And because residents have been active in the management of their community, the feeling of belonging, of mutual respect has been nourished.

So we appreciate people like John Sickenberger and we congratulate him in particular today.