

Energetic volunteer named as May's honoree

Ask Margaret Strevey how she's enjoying a quiet retirement in Leisure World and she'll answer, typically, "I can't sit back. I end up having to do *something*."

"Doing *something* has characterized Strevey's busy life, especially in her unflagging commitment to volunteer work in the communities she has called home. And that is one reason she will join her husband, Tracy, on the honor roll of Leisure Worlders of the Month.

The ceremony for May's honoree, sponsored by Home Federal Savings and the Leisure World Historical Society, is scheduled at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 7 at Clubhouse 6. Social hour begins at 9:30. Residents and friends are invited to attend.

Today Strevey completes her third year on the United Mutual board of directors. She has been first vice president of the mutual, chairman of the Community Relations Committee and a three-year member of the Grounds Maintenance Committee. She also has served on the Golden Rain Foundation Health and Welfare Committee and COAC (Corporate Officers' Advisory Council).

But service to others did not begin for Strevey when she came to Leisure World in 1967; during a varied and well-traveled life, the

Virginia native has made it a point to become involved.

She had graduated from George Washington University and was working in the manuscript division of the Library of Congress when she met Tracy, who was an instructor at the University of Chicago and had come to the library to do research in the Lincoln collection.

They married in 1930, and career changes took them to Chicago, the University of Wisconsin, Northwestern University, the University of Southern California and Haile Selassie University in Ethiopia. Although the bulk of Strevey's time was spent in volunteer work, she found time in Chicago to work as a researcher for World Book Encyclopedias and in Evanston to be a judge for the Loyd Herrold Advertising Company. The company was the sponsor of the famous "25 words or less" contests for such products as Quaker Oats and Pepsodent.

Volunteer positions included the local welfare services program in Wisconsin, PTA presidency and Girl Scout troop leadership in Evanston and the Northwestern Faculty Wives' Club. She also "volunteered" as the mother of two active children.

In 1948 the couple moved to Los Angeles, where Strevey was president of the USC Faculty Wives'

Club, a board member of Town and Gown, president of the Inter-Sorority Mothers' Club and president of the board for a local hospital. She also was secretary of the board of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Women's Committee, a board member for Ebell of Los Angeles and a director of the Colorado River Association, helping plan use of water resources.

She spent 1966 and 1967 in Ethiopia, where her husband was executive vice president of Haile Selassie University. There the tireless volunteer organized the first university faculty wives' club in East Africa, as well as serving on various philanthropic committees.

The return to the United States brought "retirement" in Leisure World, but Strevey has been far from idle. In addition to her service in governance, she has amassed more than 1,700 hours at the Saddleback Hospital Thrift Shop. She also has been a member of the Women's Golf Club, Panhellenic, Travel Club 1, Foreign Affairs Council and United Methodist Church.

Most of this information comes not from Strevey herself, but from someone who has had a front-row seat during her busy life—her husband, Tracy.

"Margaret," says the *other* Lei-



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sure Worlder of the Month named Strevey (he was honored in 1978), "typifies the Leisure Worlder who gives of her time and energy for the welfare and benefit of the community."