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# Leisure Worlder of the Month

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Walter Tait

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Teacher, trainer, world traveler and lecturer, Walter Tait has had a full life sharing his experience here in Leisure World, in Orange County and also helping developing countries around the world. To honor Walter Tait's achievements he will be named the "Leisure Worlder of the Month" on Wednesday, April 2, at a special ceremony, sponsored by Home Federal Savings and the Leisure World Historical Society, that will be held at 10:00 a.m. in Clubhouse Six. The public is invited to attend.

Tait is a member of the Program Development Committee of the Saddleback College Emeritus Institute, as well as being a part-time instructor, teaching courses in slideshow production and public speaking. He is a member of a number of Leisure World organizations including: the Republican Club, the Saddle Club, the Theater Guild, the California Club, the Petroleum Club, the Camera Club and three ballroom dance clubs. He is presently the President of the Laguna Hills Chapter of the Chevron Retirees Association. He has spoken to a number of Leisure World organizations describing his experiences in living abroad in many countries. In Orange County, Tait is an active member of SCORE, (Service Corps of Retired Executives), that assists small businesses and helps persons who wish to start a new business. He is also a volunteer consultant with the Executive Service Corps of Southern California that provides assistance to non-profit organizations. Last year, Tait spent 3 months assisting the Orange County Association of Retarded Citizens as a volunteer consultant. He is also an instructor at Orange Coast College. Throughout his life and career he has furthered the cause of developing human resources. After receiving his Bachelor's degree in Economics from U.C.L.A., he went to Honolulu and earned a Master's degree, (with Honors), in Business Administration from the University of Hawaii. He and his wife, Edythe, were married in Honolulu 53 years ago.

Returning to California he went to work for the Standard Oil Company of California, (now Chevron), where he was employed for the next 36 years in various phases of Personnel work, including training and development. His duties at Standard took the Tait's to various places; Los Angeles, San Joaquin Valley and San Francisco. During World War II he spent two and a half years in the Yukon and Alaska as Personnel Manager on a wartime project. After the war he returned to San Francisco working in various management positions that required travel in the United States, Canada and Europe.

Tait retired from Standard Oil in 1970 and moved from the San Francisco Bay Area to Leisure World 13 years ago. During his retirement years he has had his own international management consulting firm, has worked for the U.S. Department of State, Agency for International Development (AID), the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of International Labor Affairs, the United Nations and the Economic Commission for Africa. He and Mrs. Tait have had eight assignments overseas for the International Executive Service Corps, (IESC), in Taiwan, Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia and have also lived in Brazil. He has worked in 25 countries and in the course of vacation and business travel, he has visited over 115 countries. He was appointed by former Governor Ronald Reagan as a member of the California State Advisory Committee on Management Development.

Tait is a registered member of the International Consultants Foundation in Washington D.C. and London, and is listed in "Who's Who in International Human Resources Development." He is a member of AARP and the Western Gerontological Society and has conducted seminars in Planning for Retirement. His hobbies that help to fill his "spare time" include photography, tennis, woodworking, sailing, and yes, of course, ballroom dancing. Tait's philosophy is that "if one keeps busy and the mind active one doesn't have time for the aging process to slow one down." However, he thinks he may really retire, one of these days.