

Tait is touted as teacher, traveler, talker



Walter Tait

Teacher, trainer, traveler, lecturer—Walter Tait has led a full life sharing his experience with others in Leisure World, in Orange County and in developing countries around the world.

Tait's achievements will be honored with the title "Leisure Worlder of the Month" at a special ceremony sponsored by Home Federal Savings and the Leisure World Historical Society. The ceremony is scheduled at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 2, at Clubhouse 6. The public is invited.

Tait is a member of the Program Development Committee of Saddleback College's Emeritus Institute. He also is a part-time instructor, teaching courses in slide show production and public speaking.

His Leisure World organization memberships include the Republican Club, Saddle Club, Theatre Guild, California Club, Petroleum Club, Camera Club and three ballroom dance clubs. He is president of the Laguna Hills chapter of the Chevron Retirees' Association.

Tait is an active member of SCORE (Service Corps of Retired

Executives), an organization that assists small businesses and helps those who wish to start new businesses. He also is an executive consultant with the Executive Service Corps of Southern California, providing assistance to non-profit organizations.

Last year, he spent three months assisting the Orange County Association of Retarded Citizens as a volunteer consultant. He also is an instructor at Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa.

Tait's academic career began at the University of California, Los Angeles, where he received a bachelor's degree in economics. While in Honolulu, earning a master's degree in business administration from the University of Hawaii, he married his wife, Edythe—53 years ago.

Returning to California, Tait went to work for Standard Oil Co. of California, now called Chevron. He spent the next 36 years in various phases of personnel work, including training and development.

His duties at Standard took the Tait's to Los Angeles, the San Joa-

quin Valley and San Francisco. During World War II he spent 2½ years in the Yukon and Alaska as personnel manager on a wartime project.

After the war Tait returned to San Francisco; his various management positions required travel in the United States, Canada and Europe.

Tait retired from Standard in 1970 and moved from the San Francisco Bay area to Leisure World 13 years ago. During his "retirement years" he had his own international management consulting firm and worked for the U.S. Department of State, Agency for International Development, Department of Labor, Office of International Labor Affairs, the United Nations and the Economic Commission for Africa.

The Tait's, through assignments overseas for the International Executive Service Corps, have lived in Taiwan, Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia; they also spent some time in Brazil. Walter Tait has worked in 25 countries and, in the course of vacation and business travel, has vi-

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sited more than 115.

He was appointed by former governor Ronald Reagan to the California State Advisory Committee on Management Development.

Tait, a registered member of the International Consultants Foundation in Washington, D.C. and London, is listed in "Who's Who in International Human Resources Development." He is a member of the American Association of Retired Persons and the Western Geronto-

logical Society and has conducted seminars in planning for retirement.

In what April's Leisure Worlder refers to as his "spare time," he enjoys photography, tennis, woodworking, sailing and 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* retire—one of these days.