

May's honoree started on the farm and grew up to be a president

When Herb Troy steps down from the board of the Golden Rain Foundation next month, he will have completed eight years of service in community government.

His devotion to the welfare of Leisure World began when he was elected as a mutual director shortly after his arrival in 1974. "I liked what I saw here," says the former General Motors executive, "and I wanted to help keep it that way."

The successful accomplishment of that goal has led to Troy's selection as Leisure Worlder of the Month for May in the program sponsored by Home Federal Savings and Loan and the Leisure World Historical Society.

Community residents are invited to an informal ceremony at 10 a.m. Monday, May 2, when his portrait is unveiled in Clubhouse 6. The picture will be moved to Home Federal's Laguna Hills office for public viewing before it is presented to him at the next ceremony in June.

Born and raised on a farm in Indiana's Hancock County, Troy appreciated the values of rural life and expected to remain there. His future changed when he signed on for a half-day's work at a nearby General Motors plant, a job that led to a career lasting 45 years.

During that time with the automotive firm he progressed from the accounting department to production control, purchasing, quality control and production management. He held the position of plant manager in Wilmington, Del., upon retirement.

Troy's early studies in accounting at Indiana Business College were augmented during the years with engineering and personnel courses at the General Motors Institute. Also included was a study of interpersonal relationships called "humanics" by one of his favorite teachers.

"I learned that any day I couldn't visit with people on the job was a day that was not complete," says Troy.

His wife Flavia recalls the family's moves to various GM plant locations in the earlier days of their 54-year marriage. They lived with their two young children on a Maryland farm during one assignment, a period Mrs. Troy jokingly calls her "egg and I" experience due to her husband's long hours away from the farm.

The work load increased during the wartime years when many GM plants were converted to the manufacture of military aircraft. Troy served as director of purchasing and production control at a New Jersey facility that turned out a record-breaking 25 fighter planes and 15 bombers per day.

Active in civic affairs throughout his career, he was elected to chamber of commerce boards in both Kansas and Delaware. He was also on the board of directors of Delaware's State Safety Council and United Fund.

"Of course you have to remember that Delaware is very small," he remarks with typical modesty. "There are only three counties, and that's when the tide is out."



Herb Troy

Leisure Worlder due to retire once again

Troy began his Leisure World community involvement with two consecutive terms as a director of Mutual 56. Following its consolidation with Third Laguna in 1975, he continued on the board and was re-elected to a three-year term which culminated in his selection as Third Laguna President in 1979.

The following year he became a director of the Golden Rain Foundation and was elected as its 1982 president. He is now completing his third year on the GRF board as a member of the officers committee and served as chairman of the \$4 million Five Year Plan for improvements in community facilities and services.

A former member of the Management Agreement Review Committee, Troy brings a sense of responsibility to each job he tackles. "I believe we must be responsive to the needs and thinking of the people. That is our obligation at all times," he says.

He views his impending retirement from the GRF board as an opportunity to devote more time to church activities, golf and other favorite pastimes. One long-time interest is woodworking, which has produced a handsome and useful collection of furniture pieces for the Troys' home in Leisure World.