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CARLOS J. VEGA

The Leisure World Historical Society is pleased to present Carlos Vega as its Leisure Worlder of the Month for April, 1998.

Carlos was reared in a family of six siblings. He had the distinction of being the oldest, the only son in the group. Not only was he patient with five sisters, he along with them had parents who were caring, and strict disciplinarians. There's more. Most of his early schooling was in Catholic parochial schools. Those who have been there are well aware of the discipline imposed in the school room.

It is of little wonder that Carlos grew into manhood as a highly disciplined man. Those who know him best see that distinctly refined quality. In his words: "I wouldn't trade those years for anything -- they gave me perspective, determination to set and achieve goals in my life."

It was unfortunate that he had to leave school prior to graduation. It was not uncommon for the youth of the country to drop school during the Great Depression. Yet, Carlos never lost sight of the challenge to get that diploma; his self discipline and confidence prevailed, he ultimately obtained his diploma and earned his Electrical Engineering Degree.

Carlos and his wife Flo reached Leisure World 17 years ago, and both have been active in the community. To quote him: "Leisure World has given me a lot, and I have tried to give back to the community."

He has been a member of various clubs and organizations, yet Carlos is best known for his "behind the scenes" work. When asked to explain, he pointed out his service on nominating committees that select candidates to run for election to governance boards. An inquiry of how many boards on which he has served, he begs off, complaining, as do many Leisure Worlders, that his "mind has not kept track."

One thing is for certain: Carlos was selected, and will continue to be, to participate on nominating committees, because of his intellectual honesty and integrity. He is known to be meditative and perceptive, that his recommendations for candidates were well qualified. His greatest contribution to Leisure World, he is quick to say, is "Assisting in selecting good people to govern the community."

He takes pride in observing the performance of those whom he has recommended to be candidates and who were successfully elected.