

LEISURE WORLD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Presents
CHARLES “CHUCK” ZOFFER
LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH
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The Leisure World Historical Society is pleased to present **CHARLES “CHUCK” ZOFFER** as the LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH for January 2001.

Chuck was born in Brooklyn, New York, and received his primary and secondary education in his hometown, graduating from Boys High School. Later he earned a BSCE from City College of New York School of Civil Engineering and a BS in Industrial Relations from Cornell University. In subsequent years he “returned the favor” by teaching 12th grade at a local high school, was a guest lecturer at John Jay College of Criminal Justice and functioned as an instructor at Cornell’s School of Industrial and Labor Relations.

Engineering, arbitration and mediation were Chuck’s career areas based on his educational background and experience. His expertise was utilized in industrial areas such as automotive, clothing, home improvement, trucking and health and education facilities. He devoted 15 plus years to grievance resolution, contract negotiation and arbitration. In addition Chuck was instrumental in the development of “Lemon Laws” that were incorporated into legislation by New York, Connecticut and Florida.

Chuck participated in community and civic affairs by functioning as arbitrator/mediator (for local Better Business Bureau), parliamentarian, volunteer fireman and he received a special commendation from the Town of Brookhaven for procuring two bald eagles for the zoo.

He was a member of and recognized by the American Bar Association for his mediation/arbitration contributions and also was a consultant to a national advisor in consumer affairs.

The Zoffer family includes wife, Ronnee, and children, Mathew and Terri.

While employed in career assignments our honoree visited many cities in the U.S. and traveled in Europe and elsewhere.

Ronnee and Chuck came to Leisure World just about nine years ago (January 20, 1992). Chuck has continued his interest and involvement (15-20 years) with bonsai, dabbled in golf (an “almost player”), was co-founder of the New York Club and belongs to the New Jersey Club. He has been an adviser to GRF and United Mutual M & C and Landscape Committees for most of his habitation in the community, besides being a member of ad hoc and sub-committees of the standing committees mentioned.

Chuck has an interesting take on the things that are important and personally satisfying: “I believe in returning (volunteering) to the community - have always done so. I also believe in sweat equity – all in all, life is pretty good.”