

LEISURE WORLD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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GREETINGS! "Every day is a new life
to a wise man." Dale Carnegie

**1. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING . . . is
coming up soon:**

DATE: - Wed. March 16, at 9:30 a.m.
Clubhouse 3, Dining Room 2

After refreshments and an opportunity to greet friends and view exhibits, the meeting will begin at 10 o'clock. There will be a short business session for reports and for election of five Directors.

The Program described below will take place at 10:30, to be followed by drawings for membership prizes. These will include a free 4-day cruise and tour of the San Francisco Delta area and Sacramento Delta area, and Sacramento, for two people; also one free tour for one person (accompanied by paying passenger) or either a 4 or 7 day tour in the Caribbean from Miami.

The speaker for the program will be Joseph Osterman, teacher and author of "Old El Toro". He will speak about Saddleback Valley, its history and characteristics: - particularly about the Moulton Ranch area on which our Leisure World sits.

2. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE This is the last reminder for renewals and new members to sign up before the drawings at the Annual Meeting, March 16. So far, the efforts of the Membership Committee, under the chairmanship of Irma Franklin, have produced 325 members, including 45 Life Members of the Society, for 1983. All members who are paid up by March 15 (including Life Members) will be eligible for drawings of the numerous prizes. Members need not be present for the two major prizes of tours. Other prizes will be given as door prizes, including a valuable marine print by Arthur Beaumont, one of whose originals was presented to Queen Elizabeth last month at Los Angeles. This print will be presented at our meeting by Dorothy Beaumont, widow of the artist.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT . . . The year 1982 was not too good from a financial viewpoint. We did not sell enough advertising and Journal copies to cover the costs of publication. It seems that "LEISURE WORLD HISTORY" has achieved the same prestigious stature as "Saturday Review", "Harpers", and the "Atlantic"; it too was a loser! Our, as yet, unaudited financial statement for the past year, shows an operating loss of \$1,565. However, contributions, donations, and interest did increase our Buildings and Archives Fund by \$6,000, to a total of \$19,680.



4. **ACTIVITIES.** We are and have been busy. During the 1982 year your Society pursued actively its tasks of accumulating documents and memorabilia relating to Leisure World. The exhibit case in the lobby of the Administration Building was well received and commented upon.

VOLUME III of "Leisure World History" was the Journal Committee's most ambitious publication. It won much praise for its interest, significant coverage and contribution to the understanding of Leisure World by its sixteen authors.

Your Society continues to serve as consultant to Home Federal Savings and Loan in choice of the "LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH", and to participate in the monthly presentation of this award. You are reminded to attend this fine Breakfast ceremony at Clubhouse 6 to greet friends and neighbors who are honored. Dates, times, and honorees are announced in advance in the LEISURE WORLD NEWS.

During the year officers of the Society made presentations with talks and slides to Leisure World Clubs. This is another way by which we remind Leisure Worlders of their local heritage.

5. **PLANS FOR 1983.** Experience with our 1982 Journal and its losses will call for a re-evaluation of the scope of future issues of "LEISURE WORLD HISTORY". You will doubtless see changes in format and content to reflect available resources and supply of editorial material.

We now have under way the Oral History Project which involves taping interviews with residents and others who have observed and participated in the beginnings and subsequent development of Leisure World. Concentration for the time being is on the period between 1964 and 1969. If you have any suggestions regarding likely persons who could and would contribute significantly to this collection, call Joyce Hassing who is in charge of the project. (Tele: 586-8065).

A special exhibit is being planned by our ARchives Committee for the "Country Western Festival - 1983" which is being planned by the Recreation Division at Clubhouse 3 on September 10 and 11.

6. **THANK YOU!** The officers and directors of your Society thank the members for their support; the volunteers for their hours of labor; and the community for its recognition.

Our two membership meetings were well attended. In March, Bob Price continued his saga of Leisure World's early days from an administrator's viewpoint. In September we continued our entertaining and educational presentations with historical anecdotes by Dr. Lewis Reichman, entitled: "A Slice of Orange". Our "thank you" present to the whole community was in the form of a talk by Jack Smith, Columnist for the Los Angeles Times. This delightful lecture was the gift of Jack Smith himself. Music for the occasion was by the Les Altes Strings.

(A copy of THE CALIFORNIANS - (see folder enclosed) is available in our office for viewing. It is an attractive publication for CALIFORNIA HISTORY buffs.)

And now, enjoy a delightful Summer, and REMEMBER: -

"IN DARKNESS DWELLS THE PEOPLE WHICH KNOWS ITS ANNALS NOT."

Thank you
HELEN
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