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COMMUNITY
SERVICE
MEETING

Leisure World Historical Society's 1987 Community Service Meeting, to be held at 2:30 P.M. Tuesday, February 17, in the Auditorium of Clubhouse 3, will be a double feature with an outstanding speaker on a topic of intense current concern, plus the awarding of citations to seven individuals who have made major contributions to our community over the years.

Dr. Richard H. Dekmejian, Chairman of the Department of Political Science of the University of Southern California, will discuss the number one topic of the day - "TERRORISM AND THE MIDDLE EAST."

Dr. Dekmejian, who earned his Ph.D. degree at Columbia University and attended the Mid-East Institute is the author of numerous books dealing with the politics of that troubled area, including "Patterns of Leadership: Egypt, Israel and Lebanon," and "Islam in Revolution."

This will be the fourth year that the Society has formally recognized individuals who have provided meritorious service to the residents of the Leisure World community. Individuals who will be honored are:

Mary Cornelius, long-time leader in civic affairs
Bud Davis, Rossmoor Corporation construction supervisor
Wallace Filson, First President of Third Laguna Mutual
Ferdinand Hall, Past President, Third Laguna Mutual
Tom Hensel, PCM service coordinator
Leota Peterson, leader in musical activities
Paul Zimmerman, Rossmoor public relations and Historical
Society Board of Directors

Tickets for the program are free and may be picked up at the Clubhouse 3 ticket office or at the Historical Society in the Administration Building. Friends and associates of the honorees are especially welcome to attend.

CLUB
SUPPORT

Last fall we sent a letter to all of the active clubs and organizations in Leisure World asking them to include support for the work of the Historical Society in their annual budgets. We have now received a goodly number of encouraging responses and contributions, large and small, ranging from \$10 to \$300. For each, we are duly grateful.

DUES

Many thanks from Membership Chairman Merle Trail and all of us to those of you who have paid your dues. Each of those \$10 checks is much appreciated, truly. We could do with yet more members and hope you may find an opportunity to interest a friend or neighbor in the Historical Society. For a phone call, Blanch Miller in our office will send such a prospect a copy of this Newsletter.

P.S. We now have 55 Life members at \$100 each.

LEISURE
WORLD OF
THE MONTH

Dr. Hamilton Robinson is our February L.W.O.M. Recent honorees have been Merle Trail, Donald Davis, Lois Rasmussen and Thomas Fitzpatrick. Honorees are chosen by a committee of the Historical Society which gives careful thought to suggestions from the public. The informal ceremony is held at Clubhouse 6 at 10:00 a.m. on the first Wednesday of the month and everyone is welcome. It is jointly sponsored by Home Federal Savings and the Historical Society.

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ARCHIVES

Chairman Claire Still reports the following items received since our last Newsletter:

From Bud Lang (Deceased), History of the Drop-in Lounge, originally operated by volunteers from the Institute for Living, written in 1978.

Jim White, Moulton Kiwanis scrapbooks and histories covering years 1974-1983. Also a manuscript entitled "Gift of Life", a transcript of a narration depicting the founding, construction, and opening of Saddleback Hospital. Also 19 miscellaneous photographs.

Jan Burroughs, Framed Charters of Veterans of World War I and Ladies Auxiliary, granted in 1965.

Philharmonic Society, Four scrapbooks for years 1970-1982.

Debbie Lamb, Serving dish from set originally used in the Clubhouse.

Canine Club, Scrapbooks and binders recording club's activities since 1969.

STORAGE

Arrangements have now been made to keep our Archives in a former photographic darkroom in Clubhouse 1. Some slight alterations are necessary, but we hope to be settled in by the end of February.

RECENT
EVENTS

The October 28 meeting was much enjoyed by a large audience when Gerald Jones related some of his experiences in charge of the Los Angeles Water Operating Division. Besides having been in a unique position in regard to expanding the water system of Southern California, Gerry Jones proved to be a highly entertaining speaker with many amusing anecdotes.

FUTURE
EVENTS

On Tuesday, March 24 at 9:30 a.m. in Dining Room 1 of Clubhouse 3 we will gather for our Annual Meeting with election of Directors for the coming year plus a speaker. On Tuesday, April 14, will be our annual Mercury Savings Luncheon. Tickets, \$3. On Sunday, May 24, we will be the guests of the Saddleback Area Historical Society for the annual joint meeting of the two clubs. Our general meeting in the fall will be on Tuesday, October 27, again in Dining Room 1, Clubhouse 3.