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NEXT MEETING: On Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 9:30 in Club House 3, Dining Room 2, we will hold our Fall General Meeting. Coffee and doughnut holes will be there for the social hour, and at 10, we will have an address by Cliff Grant on "The Living Constitution". Besides having been Leisure Worlder of the Month for last August, Grant is a nationally recognized authority on constitutional history, and a highly entertaining speaker.

DUES: Your dues can be paid now for all of 1988. Remember that letter from us about a month ago about changing the Society's by-laws regarding membership and dues? The required majority was soon reached and we now have initiated the scheme of graduated memberships which you see on the enclosed yellow page. We hope you will take a moment to consider up-grading your own membership, and will tear off that bottom part and return it with your check, before you put this aside, and return it in the envelope provided.

For those of you who wish to become more involved with the Historical Society, we are also enclosing a questionnaire. If you find it less than self-explanatory, please call Blanch Miller at our office week-day mornings 10-12. Otherwise, please complete the form and return it with your dues in that same envelope. Thank you.

RECENT EVENTS: Your Historical Society was, of course, among those participating in the Leisure World Fiesta, Sept. 19-20 at Club House 5, this year celebrating the 200th anniversary of the Constitution. Marian Fox was in charge, over-all. The decorations and displays were collected, transported, arranged and dismantled by, among others, Merle Trail, Blanch Miller, Claire Still, Eugene Conser. Present in the booth were, beside the above, Verlie Nolan, Mary Drane, Janet Smith, Isabella Leland, Toby Nerenberg and Roberta Lindberg. The Society's thanks to each of them.

On Sept. 27, we had a nice representation at a Pioneer Round-up and Centennial of the Founding of El Toro, put on by the Saddleback Area Historical Society over at Heritage Hill. A lively time.

ORAL HISTORY: Through the encouragement of Cushman Clark, we acquired a transcriber machine and, through the skill and generous efforts of Fern McCoard, those tapes that various of us had recorded with the voices of significant leaders

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of our community, are now being put on exquisitely-typed pages. Thus far completed: Ross Cortese, Harry Babbitt, Dick Hauptfleisch, and Margaret Nelson who was the nurse in the original mini-medical center in Club House One. Toby Nerenberg has arranged the cataloging of all the tapes.

ARCHIVES: Helen Marks, our volunteer specializing in club liaison, reports to Archives chairman Helen Clark that, over the last several months, she has been doing some telephoning to presidents of clubs whose folder in our file is empty or meager, and has added to our collection a history of: Astronomy Club, Badminton Club, Bocce Club, Braille Transcribers, Cat Club, City of Hope Esperanza, Community Concerts and, the most recently formed Digital Electronic Club.

LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH: The informal ceremony the first Wednesday of each month continues to draw over-flow crowds to Club House Six. Honoree for October is Rodney R. Burns. Earlier we had: for July, John H. Caldwell, for August, Cliff Grant, for September, John Stransky.

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With regret, we have learned of the passing of two notable members of our community, Evan Baker and H. McDonald Barber. Mr. Barber was the original Chief who, with his staff of three, comprized the police force of Leisure World at its beginning. for a colorful account of their activities, see Leisure World Journal, Vol. I., pg. 10.

Evan Baker was an active member of our Society since 1979, a member of our board for most of the time, making major contributions to many of our activities. A year ago, at our General Meeting, he gave us a graphic account of his experiences as a general foreman at the Atomic Reactor Plant in Richland, Wash. We will miss him.

Claire Still

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President

