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NEWSLETTER

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NEXT MEETING: On Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 2:00 P.M. in the Auditorium of Clubhouse 3, your Society will offer the Annual Community Service Program to members of Leisure World and their guests.

The principal speaker will be William J. Crawford, California State Commissioner of Savings and Loans, speaking on "The Outlook for the Savings Industry". Mr. Crawford is well known to many of us; he opened Belmont Savings which was bought by Great Western and later, Saddleback Savings which was bought by Coast Savings. He is perhaps best known for his service on the Board of Saddleback Hospital on which he was Treasurer.

At the same meeting, six outstanding members of Leisure World will receive special recognition. They include: Mary Drane, George Rowley, Dorothy Novatney, T.J. Tandle, Wilson Kline, and Elm Weingarten.

ANNIVERSARY DINNER: The Society marked its first decade with a gala dinner on Jan. 20 at Clubhouse 5, with 150 or more attending. Besides music and song, each guest was presented with a 25 page keepsake Anniversary Edition booklet, edited by Tracy Strevey and Robert Price. It includes a history of our Society by Dr. Strevey, a poem by John Kassenbrock, a roster of our board members for each of the years, a summary of programs and activities, a roster of Leisure Worlders of the Month since 1976, names of honored "Pioneers", an article on the Future of the Society by Robert Price, and the names of our present members. Any member who has not received a copy of this memorable little volume may pick one up at the Society office.

The master of ceremonies was our Program Chairman, Richard Hauptfleisch, who presented Robert Price to lead an invocation, Merle Trail for the salute to the flag, our President Claire Still for a welcome, Vernon McGuire to introduce entertainers LaVerne McDermott, Dolly and Art Briggs.

Isabella Leland presented certificates of appreciation to six of our volunteers: Roberta Lindberg, Helen Marks, Marian Fox, Claire Still; two were unable to be present in person. Eleanor Ashleigh's award was accepted by Mary Drane, Bea Carter's by Irma Franklin.

Several of the above were active on the dinner committee. Others whose help contributed importantly were: Don Davis, Wilson Kline, Fern McCoard, Toby Nerenberg, Ruth Selden, Jim White, Helen and Cushman Clark. Bob Price's and the Society's thanks go to each of them.

JOURNAL: From the spring of 1980 through winter 1982, the Historical Society published five issues entitled "Leisure World History, but often called "The Journal"; it was distributed gratis to our members, for sale to others. These were later offered for sale as a bound volume, hard cover and indexed.

The first issue sold out and is now available only in the bound volume which sells for \$15 a copy. The other four Journals will be offered for sale at our Feb. 16 Community Service meeting in Clubhouse 3, at half-price. That is, issue 2, 3, and 4, originally \$1 each can be had for 50¢ each. The final one, double issue, originally priced at \$2 will now be \$1.

Supplies are limited, so this may well be your last chance to acquire these truly authoritative and very readable items of Leisure World lore, for yourself or for distant friends.

MAJOR PROJECT: For the next year's celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Leisure World, the Historical Society has agreed to underwrite, to the amount of \$15,000, the publishing of a history of our community, a volume of perhaps some 250 pages, to be sold during the summer of 1989. Contingent upon a few details, we have accepted the task.

Gene Conser of our Board will be General Chairman, Editor in Chief will be Tracy Strevey and Robert Price. Victor Brink will serve as Consultant to this special committee. Our Treasurer, Bob Dozier, who is also Treasurer for the Golden Rain Foundation Board will watch the financing. Many people will be needed to contribute various skills; Evelyn Shopp, our Secretary, has offered to present the project to the Writers' and Publishers' Club. We hope for many other volunteers. Tracy Strevey will present the project to the Academians to recruit writers and other assistants.

MEMBERSHIP: While Membership Chairman Merle Trail is seeking people and groups to join the Historical Society, Treasurer Bob Dozier is keeping track of what money comes in. Now that we have our several brackets of membership, Bob has prepared a graph showing how many people are choosing the various amounts.

At the end of 1987 we had, in individual memberships at \$10 each, 132, at \$25 and over, 19 plus one each at \$50 and \$100.

The clubs and corporations that support the Society are designated Associate Members. Up to years end, among these we had 15 at less than \$25, 12 at \$25 or more, one at \$50 and three at \$100. We are counting on several other substantial contributions before long.

We do need the support of individuals. If you have not yet sent in your dues, please consider this a request for your renewal, send your check in whatever amount you choose, to: The Historical Society, P.O. Box 2220, 23522 Paseo de Valencia, Laguna Hills, CA 92654. THANK YOU. Even if you are one of our 62 Life Members additional contributions will be most welcome.

LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH: The Honoree for February is Victor Brink. For December, the distinction went to John C. Harding, and in January to Frank Duels. You do not need an invitation to attend these informal little ceremonies, you know. You will be cordially welcomed if you come to Clubhouse 6 at 9:30 A.M. on the first Wednesday of each month.

FUTURE EVENT: On March 31, the Society will hold its Annual Meeting with election of officers. The Nominating Committee has already begun work on a slate; if you have any suggestions, please tell them...they are: Cushman Clark, Chairman, with Margaret Strevey, Ruth Selden, Merle Trail and President Claire Still, Ex-Officio.

Cordially,

*Claire Still*  
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President