

Leisure World Historical Society of Laguna Hills, California Inc.



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"AMERICAN INDIAN WORLD VIEW - FOCUS ON SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TRIBES" IS TOPIC OF OCTOBER 22 MEETING

Ms. Billie N. Masters, Supervisor of Teacher Education at the University of California, Irvine, will be the featured speaker at the next meeting of the Historical Society at 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 22, in Dining Room 1 of Clubhouse 3.

Ms. Masters, who is of Cherokee Indian descent, is Coordinator of UCI's teacher-training project at Sherman Indian High School and of the UCI Cherokee Language and Cultural Institute. She is a Board Member of the National Education Association and has been Keynote Speaker at several Conferences throughout the United States.

You are invited to this exciting and informative presentation in DR 1, Clubhouse 3, at 2 p.m., Tuesday, October 22. Everyone is welcome. For further information, call Rex Perkins, Program Chairman, or the Society office, 951-2330.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

It's hard to realize that the year 1991 is nearly over and that it is again time to renew memberships. But "Time marches on" and we are looking forward to our first meeting of the year on Oct. 22. We value your membership and hope you will continue your interest in our Society.

This past summer has seen some changes in our office, with a complete new paint job on the walls and the addition of some new shelves, thanks to Cushman Clark who located and then assembled them for us.

A special committee is in the process of reviewing our By-Laws to correct any inconsistencies between the By-Laws and our practice. We will report to you if any changes are to be made. If you have any suggestions, I would be glad to hear from you.

A special thank you to all who staffed our booth at the recent Leisure World Festival. Meanwhile, thanks for your support and cooperation. I look forward to seeing you on October 22.

Claire Still, President

A CORDIAL WELCOME TO OUR MOST RECENT NEW MEMBERS!

We are delighted to welcome our new members who have joined since last May: John Osterlind, Renee Robinette, Dorothy Wojno, and Yolanda Briggs.

To our old members - may we remind you to please note the enclosed Membership Renewal form. We urgently need your continued support and ask that you renew promptly. We also invite your participation in various volunteer capacities. If you can spare a few hours now and then please call the Society office, 951-2330, between 10 and 12 noon, Monday through Friday. At present volunteers are needed to help with hospitality at our quarterly meetings. We know you'll enjoy the activity and we'll be most grateful.

Betty Hohwiesner, Membership Chair

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

PLAN TO ATTEND OUR NEXT MEETING
AT 2 P.M., TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22
CLUBHOUSE 3 DINING ROOM 1

RECENT ARCHIVES ACQUISITION

We are especially pleased to have received recently from James White a photo album and brochure describing the Meriwether Religious Museum, which was established in 1974 when the Meriwethers were residents of Leisure World and donated their collection of religious artifacts to St. George's Episcopal Church. Earlier a photo contest had been held to select the best scenes of the Meriwether's outstanding Oriental Garden, and Jim White received the sweepstakes prize of \$35. His album of various views of the Garden is a much appreciated addition to our collection of Leisure World memorabilia. Jim and his wife Alice have recently moved to Palm Terrace.

LEISURE WORLDERS OF THE MONTH

The program designating and honoring a LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH is jointly sponsored by HOMEFED Bank and the Leisure World Historical Society. It was initiated by the Rossmoor Corporation, developer of Leisure World/Laguna Hills, in January 1976. In 1981 HOMEFED took over the responsibility for presenting the honorees to the public, while the selection of the Leisure Worlder of the Month remains the function of the Historical Society.

Honorees for 1991 have been:

- ✓January - Benjamin W. Mandelstam, M.D.
- ✓February - Henry and Betty Hohwiesner
- ✓March - Wilson B. Smith
- ✓April - Irene M. Voelker
- ✓May - Jerry Mautner
- ✓June - Alex Gunster
- ✓July - Joe Dungan
- ✓August - Carma Lee Brunner
- ✓September - Vernon Gibson
- ✓October - Virginia Bosch

Should you wish to nominate someone for this honor just send a letter of recommendation briefly stating why they should be selected. Mark the envelope "Confidential" and mail it to the President, Leisure World Historical Society, P.O. Box 2220, Laguna Hills, CA 92654.

NEW RESIDENTS RECEIVE BOOKS AND INFO

Betty Narboe, our Community Representative, presents information about the Historical Society at the New Residents meetings which are arranged periodically by the Community Relations Committee of GRF and the Mutuuls, most recently on September 28 and 30 for United and Third Mutual. Nearby real estate offices continue to give to new residents a copy of the Society's 25th Anniversary book, "Fulfilling Retirement Dreams" as long as the supply lasts. The book is also available at the Society offices in the Administration Building at the close-out price of \$7.95.

"REFLECTIONS" BRING REMEMBRANCE

Longtime residents of Leisure World find Mary Drane's weekly columns "Reflections" in the Leisure World NEWS serve to bring back memories of early days here. Mary reports that this is the tenth year that she has been preparing it from old publications. "as a labor of love for the Historical Society."

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