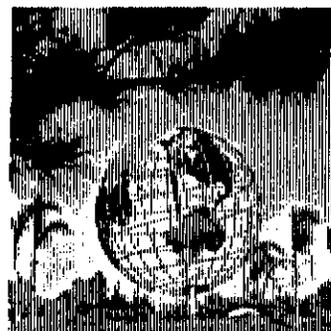


# Leisure World Historical Society of Laguna Hills, California Inc.

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**"LEISURE WORLD COHORT STUDY  
of  
HEALTH PROMOTION AND DISEASE PREVENTION"  
Is Topic At HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18  
2 P.M. Clubhouse Three D.R. 1**

Ronald K. Ross, M.D., co-investigator with Annlia Paganini-Hill, Ph.D., of the University of Southern California's Leisure World Cohort Study, will be the featured speaker at the February Historical Society meeting.

Some ten years ago, in 1981, USC researchers mailed questionnaires to all 22,791 residents of the Laguna Hills retirement community of Leisure World. Sixty-one percent of the residents responded, creating a remarkably detailed study into the aging process.

That research goes on today, with Dr. Ross and Dr. Paganini-Hill continuing to track the health and habits of two-thirds of the original respondents. Dr. Ross, who is also employed by the Norris Cancer Hospital in Los Angeles, will discuss the 10-year-old Cohort Study and its findings, and the projected Lifetime Cable television program being planned about it.

Wrapping up the program will be Albert L. Hanson, prominent Leisure Worlder and former Chairman of the Board of Councilors, USC-Gerontology Andrus Center. Mr. Hanson will give a brief update on that Center's latest research findings.

Refreshments will be served after the meetings. All Leisure World residents are invited. For further information, call Rex Perkins, Program Chairman, or the Society Office, 951-2330.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Our ANNUAL Dinner Meeting and ELECTION OF DIRECTORS to be held at 5:30 P.M. Thursday, March 19, in Clubhouse Five will feature talented Leisure Worlder JERRY MAUTNER, who will present a Gershwin Piano Concert following the dinner.

### **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

As our fiscal year 1991-92 comes to an end, it seems appropriate to recall a few highlights of this past year. Thanks to Rex Perkins, our Program Vice-President, we have had a year of great programs. Our first outstanding meeting was in May when Dr. Leon Bosch gave a comprehensive survey of possible ways Leisure World could cope with the developing cities around us. In July, the Society embarked on its first field trip to the Nixon Library in Yorba Linda,

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enjoyed by a busload of members and guests. In September we participated in the Community-wide Festival at Clubhouse 5, supervised by Harry Grossman. Following a respite during the summer months, in October we had another especially interesting program when Ms Billie N. Masters of the University of California at Irvine spoke on American Indians of Southern California.

Meanwhile, our monthly Leisure Worlder of the Month Program continued with Clyde Chaffins, engineer, being honored in October, and Sherwood Heiser, Golden Rain President, being inducted in December.

Prior to the December program we were notified by Homefed Bank that they would no longer be able to sponsor the Leisure Worlder of the Month program. A special committee is now exploring possibilities to continue this popular community tradition.

We were saddened to learn in October of the death of Ross Cortese and hope that the LWOM program which he originated can be continued in his memory.

This is the end of my fifth year as President of the Leisure World Historical Society. I thank all the Board members and volunteers who have assisted me during this period and herewith resign at the end of this fiscal year.

Claire Still, President

#### MEMBERSHIP

We are most pleased to welcome our new members who have joined since October 1991:

CarmaLee Brunner	Jerome Mautner	Wilson B. Smith	Helen W. Lyon
Vernon Gibson	Irene Voelker	Alex Gunster	Shirley Lynn

Our membership now numbers 214 in all. To all our members, we ask your participation in our volunteer activities. We need help in the office with mailings, etc. and with hospitality at our quarterly meetings. If you can spare an hour or two once in a while, please call our office, 951-2330 between ten and twelve, Monday through Friday mornings, and from two to four Friday afternoons. You are truly needed and we will be most grateful.

BELATED CONGRATULATIONS to Janet Smith and Tracy Strevey, both celebrating their 90th birthdays!

Betty Hohwiesner, Membership Chair

#### ARCHIVES

We were able to be of help to the Naturalist Club in its program of re-tagging significant trees in Leisure World. Ray Singer checked out 50 miscellaneous slides of Leisure World trees from our Archives, along with two carousels containing 211 slides put together by the Naturalist Club in 1981.

A video of the LW 20th Anniversary Parade of September 1984 has been received from the Community Relations office of PCM. It will be available to the public for loan.

Helen Clark, Archives Chair

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

A Nominating Committee to select Board Members for 1992-1995 has been appointed, and nominations by Society members may be made to any of the following Committee members: Cushman Clark, Betty Hohwiesner, Irving Goldberg, Harry Grossman and Evelyn Shopp, Chairperson. Five Directors are to be elected at our Annual Dinner meeting on Thursday, March 19, 1992.

**ORAL HISTORY**

"The First Five After Twenty-Five" is the title of our newest Oral History project which will be a series of interviews with community leaders who have been in the forefront of discussions and decision-making on issues that affect us all. The emphasis will be on the change in the relationship between Leisure World and the surrounding communities after its first 25 years. A full outline of this project is on file in the Historical Society office for those interested.

Irving Goldberg, Chair

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Leisure World Historical Society had a very satisfactory year financially in 1991. Our income amounted to \$7,834, and expenses were \$6,341, leaving a net income of \$1,493 to add to our accumulated surplus.

As usual, the largest source of income was from dues and contributions. We were gratified that over 25% of our total membership of individual, associate and life members contributed more than the basic dues of \$10, some as much as \$300. This indicates a real interest in the objectives of the Society to collect, preserve and publish the history of the Leisure World Community.

In addition to the dues and contributions of \$5,371, we earned interest of \$1,692 on our invested reserves, and \$471 from the sale of our publication.

Our principal expense was for payroll and required taxes and insurance for our part-time office secretary and for membership in historical associations, amounting to \$5,119. Postage and supplies and materials for storing and protecting our archives totaled \$1,158. The net cost of the bus excursion to the Richard Nixon Library and to hold two public meetings was a modest \$64. Total operating expense was \$6,341.

The net income for the year, \$1,493, brings our total accumulated reserves to \$25,045. In addition, we have a Memorial Fund of Special Contributions and Bequests totaling \$2,790. This includes a bequest of \$1,000 from the estate of Marjorie Jones, one of the founders of the Historical Society.

All of our funds are held in three banks in accounts covered by federal insurance.

Robert Dozier, Treasurer