

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



*Dedicated to preserving the Archives of Our Community*

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Although the opportunity to serve as President of the Historical Society offers a very rewarding experience to me, it is tempered by the responsibility it imposes. There is a veritable laundry list of "must do's" that call for our attention.

We sense a need to vitalize the Society's activities: to offer more involvement for our members, to broaden the base of leadership, and to increase the ranks of our membership. We would like to institute a more ambitious program of trips to places of historical significance. We mean to expand the agenda of our General Meetings to a discussion of current issues from the historian's perspective. We would appreciate suggestions and help in planning such events.

Our shelves and files are a treasure chest of materials - a great educational experience in which to indulge. We have an urgent need for your help in arranging and cataloguing so that the community can have ready access to our resources. Please come forward to assist us.

But the Society's mandate goes beyond only assembling and maintaining archival material. Its challenge is to be the historian of the ongoing life of our community. If the past is prologue to the future, then let us recognize that today's events are tomorrow's history. We must be a presence at all events of moment. It is our responsibility in recording these events to assure the accuracy of Leisure World's history.

At present, our office in the Administration Building is open daily from 10 to 12 noon, but we would like to see it open for at least two more hours a day. Please call and let us know if you can help us.

I look forward to meeting you at our next meeting, but don't wait until then to drop by the office or call.

Irving Goldberg, President

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## **CITYHOOD - INCORPORATION ADVANTAGES//DISADVANTAGES**

A Panel Discussion  
at our next meeting  
**TUESDAY, MAY 26, 1992**  
**2:00 P.M.**

**CLUBHOUSE THREE**  
**Dining Room 2**

with  
**Doyle Selden**  
**Ward Payne**  
**Wally Bjornson**

**EVERYONE WELCOME**  
**Refreshments**

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In keeping with our focus on the theme, "Today's Events are Tomorrow's History", Program Chairman Rex Perkins has planned a series of issue-oriented forums designed to explore some of the major developments impacting our community, and to give our members an opportunity to receive accurate, timely and unbiased information and to participate in a discussion of them. Cityhood as an issue has been a highly-charged emotional one in our community, and our handling

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of it in the past has not been very satisfactory. We have permitted passion, pressure and panic to influence us.

We can improve our decision-making process through a better understanding of the problem, and the best way to accomplish this is through a dispassionate and well-documented presentation and discussion. Such a procedure is already in place, and we are happy to be part of it and to offer our members and their friends an opportunity to participate in this plan.

Our program will be conducted by Doyle Selden, who will serve as Moderator and Discussion Leader. Doyle is Chairman of the Golden Rain Committee on Government and Public Relations and also heads the Golden Rain Foundation Subcommittee studying the fiscal feasibility of Cityhood. His long experience in dealing with the highest levels of state, county and local assures us of his capability and understanding.

As Presentors for this discussion, Doyle has two of Leisure World's best-known leaders, Ward Payne and Wally Bjornson. Both Ward and Wally have been among the most active participants in the discussion of this subject.

These three outstanding leaders, well-versed in the intricacies of this issue, and capable of making a clear and interesting presentation will provide a rich and thought-provoking program which should not be missed. IF YOU HAVE A SPECIFIC QUESTION WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE DISCUSSED, EITHER SUBMIT IT ON THE SPACE PROVIDED AT THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER OR STOP IN THE SOCIETY OFFICE TO LEAVE A MESSAGE ON OUR ANSWERING MACHINE -- 951-2330.

COME AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS                      REFRESHMENTS                      EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

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**LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH PROGRAM TO BE REINSTITUTED!**

We are very pleased to announce that the monthly program honoring a Leisure Worlder of the Month will be reinstated, beginning in July, 1992. This happy circumstance was accomplished through the optimistic attitude and untiring efforts of Al Hanson and Tracy Strevey. They have secured donations sufficient to start the program again and are reasonably certain that monies from the same source will be forthcoming for the uninterrupted continuation of the program.

On the strength of this assurance of Board of Directors of the Historical Society passed a resolution in April establishing a fund to underwrite this activity and named the fund the Ross Cortese Commemorative Fund in honor of the Leisure World founder who was originator of the program. Contributions to this fund will be welcomed.

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