

Leisure World Historical Society of Laguna Hills, California Inc.

Dedicated to preserving the Archives of Our Community



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ANNUAL DINNER MEETING, WEDNESDAY MARCH 31 Club House 6

Attendance will be limited to 96. Reservations will be made as checks come in, so don't wait! Leisure Worlders named since the Society resumed the program in 1992 will be recognized. Come and bring your friends.

Menu will be either prime rib or orange roughly, catered by Lombardi. Tickets are \$15 per person. Angel Thompson, renowned Astrologer, will present the program. See the attached reservation sheet for more details.

In November we had a very pleasant trip to the Bower's Museum in Santa Ana. A bus load of members and friends were shown through the renovated museum, with a docent explaining the exquisite Colombian Gold artifacts, loaned by the Museo del Oro, as well as the permanent exhibits. This was followed by a delightful lunch at the Saddleback Inn.

Ben Mandelstam, Program Chairman

By-Laws, revised as authorized last spring, were approved by the Board of Directors in December. Copies are available in the office.

ANNUAL ROSTER is being prepared and should be issued the end of February. The roster is made possible by the contributions of a number of friends of the Society, professional and business people who have taken an interest in furthering our work, and are listed as "Affiliates."

Included also will be a listing of Leisure World Clubs and Organizations presently assisting the Society as "Associates." Many clubs depend on the Society to keep books, manuals, and membership lists of the early days in the community.

Alphabetical list of members will indicate the type of membership held, including those early "Life Members," a type of membership no longer available but offered in the beginning years of the Society. Rosters will be mailed to all members as soon as it is published. [Gene Conser]

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Eleanor Beckwith
Thomas Beckwith
Vera DeCamp
Joe Fischler
Judge Samuel Kirbens
Justice Laub
Anita MacDonald
Mary Martin
Jean V. Miller
Robert E. Miller
Edith Nathan
Ruth Payne
Louis E. Perlgut
Estelle Pry
Milton Ray
Isabel Tashman
Jerard B. Werner
Ruth Youngblood**

** Please see page 3 for more new members.

NEW ASSOCIATES

Colorado Club
People for a Nat'l
Health Program, LW
Philadelphia Club
Laguna Hills LW Women's
Club

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Irving Goldberg

As we approach the completion of my term in office on the Board of Directors and as the President of the Society, I have been reflecting on the state of the Society at this time --the many positives which distinguish it, and the challenges which confront it.

The most significant aspect of this year's activity is the break through of new ideas which the Board has undertaken to address. It is doing this, even though its members know there is nothing more difficult to take in hand, more perilous to conduct, or more uncertain of success than to take the lead in the introduction of a new order of things. The Ad Hoc Study Committee, chaired by Dr Tracy Strevey, along with Evelyn Shopp, Foster Sampson and reports of committees as called upon will orchestrate the change of direction as indicated above.

One such consideration is to move beyond the circumscribed dedication to preserving the Archives, as highlighted on our letterhead, albeit recognizing the importance of that activity. The Society must identify the Leisure World of today and define its meaning. It accomplishes this task by recording ongoing activities and events as history in the making. The idealogue we stress is ...The Past is Prologue to the Future...Today's Events are Tomorrow's History..

In furtherance of this concept, our unique Profiles in History, the Leisure Worlder of the Month Activity, deserves greater attention and recognition than it is now receiving. The Board of Directors, by reinstituting this ceremony, calls to the attention of the community the historical importance of this event and how deserving it is of community support. It is, truly, the bridge connecting us to our past; it is of today; it is an inspiration for tomorrow.

Archival materials need space. They must be not only accumulated, but identified, classified, and prepared for ready retrieval. This requires computer competency.

The work of our committees and officers has been positive and deserves recognition: Betty Hohweisner and Jean Downs for increasing individual membership and club Associates. Surely this is the life blood of any organization. Marion Olson and Isabel Tashman served as hostesses for LW of the month ceremonies. Their preparation and serving of refreshments and their graciousness as greeters endowed the occasions with warmth and congeniality. Bob Dozier's attention to detail and unfailing punctuality kept our credit rating intact, our books in balance and governmental bureaucracy at bay. His task would be much lighter if the Board would offer him a budget to guide his efforts.

Maintaining the membership mailing lists on his computer and providing mailing labels has called for ceaseless effort on the part of Harry Grossman. He has also prepared material for the new roster. Gene Conser deserves a special note of appreciation for his role as Ways and Means Chairman. He has performed "Yeoman's service" in his presentation of the Historical Society to the outside community. A parting word for an ex-officio supporter, counselor and confidante, Jim White, whose management sagacity I treasured.

As we end this year, we say to those who will succeed us ---"If in truth history repeats itself in a spiral of expansion, then it is for you to continue such expansion...upward and outward."

TREASURER'S REPORT Bob Dozier, Treasurer

The Society completed 1992 with almost a break-even. Expenses exceeded income by just \$50.00. It could not have come much closer to being a truly non-profit corporation for the year.

Income of \$10,034 was approximately the same as for the prior year, but expenses were up. The Historical Society occupies a small office in the Administration Building. Although we do not pay rent, it was determined that the Society was a tenant in the building, and therefore required to provide public Liability Insurance of \$1,000,000. The annual premium is \$581, subject to change.

The Society is financially in good shape. In 15 years, a \$25,000 surplus has accumulated. Designated contributions are also made to the Memorial Fund and to the Ross Cortese Commemorative Fund. Monies are held in C.D.s and in a checking account. The Society has a total net worth of \$29,700.

CLUB LIAISON Jean Downs

The Historical Society Office is sending "information request forms" to LW Clubs to bring their records up to date. We request that the form be completed and returned to our office. Completed forms are in for:

Academians * Am. Irish Society * Am. Red Cross * Am. Red Mogen David for Israel * Club of the Americas * L.H. Women's Billiard Club * Bocce Club * LW Hawaiian Bowling Club * LW Duplicate Bridge Club * Ceramic Casters of LW * Chicago Club * Club "30" * College Club of LW * Community Assoc. * Community Concerts * Computer Club * Creative Crafts * LW Cribbage Club * Ballroom Dance Club of LW * Daughters of the British Empire * Doll Collector's Club of LW * LW Eastern Star Club * Ebell Club of LW * LW Engineer's Club * Financial Club of LW * Foreign Policy Club * Fundala Performer's Club * Garden Club of LW * LW Women's Golf Club * LH Women's 18 Hole Golf Club * Hadassah * Natl. Health Fed./Nutrition Club * "HI Club" (Hearing Impaired Club) * LW Hikers * Home Economics Club of LW * Jokers Bridge Club.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE report will be presented at the annual meeting, and directors will be elected. The committee submits the following slate:

3 year term ending in 1996: Eugene Conser, Harry Grossman, Alex Gunster, Shirley O'Connor, Ward Payne

1 year unexpired term ending in 1994: Margaret Brady, Milton Ray

Other nominations may be made from the floor, providing the consent of the nominee has been obtained. [Evelyn Shopp, Chairman]

**** ADDITIONAL NEW MEMBERS -**

Rose Aulisio, Anthony Aulisio, Herman Eichner, Patricia Green, and Mary Raitano

ARCHIVES Claire Still, Archivist

The Leisure World Historical Society is dedicated to preserving the Archives of the Community. The Archives now includes original copies of the Leisure World News from the first issue, March 17, 1965; scrapbooks, photo albums and histories of nearly 150 clubs; original manuscripts of articles published in the Leisure World Journal; photograph files catalogued and filed alphabetically; other audio-visual materials, including slides and oral history tapes, some of which have been transcribed. Most of our materials are stored in acid-free envelopes or containers to prevent discoloration and disintegration, and are in our CH 1 storage area. There is an extensive file of clippings from the LW News, and also clippings in chronological albums. Photos of Leisure Worlders of the Month, both black and white and colored, are arranged alphabetically and chronologically. We have a small library of books, primarily related to Leisure World and its environs, including copies by some Leisure World authors.

We do not solicit or encourage collection of artifacts more suitable for a museum, but we have some trophies, plaques of disbanded clubs, and items such as pieces of the original Leisure World dinnerware. Our major problems are: need for more space and for conversion of our files with access to them in "state of the art" methods on computers.

If you have questions, Helen and Cushman Clark and I are in the Society office, room 25, in the Administration Building on Fridays from 2 to 4 pm.

AD HOC STUDY COMMITTEE Tracy Strevey, Chairman

The assignment of the Ad Hoc Study Committee was "to assess the present status of the Society and to offer recommendations for its future direction and development." The committee reviewed the purposes of the Society, the steps necessary to meet the purposes, and the major programs related to the purposes of the society. The committee recommended and the board accepted six projects that should be undertaken:

- 1] Secure adequate office help, and begin to use the computer for storage, roster, labels
- 2] Plan an aggressive campaign to secure members, Associates and Affiliates.
- 3] Develop sound relationships with the Boards of GRF and mutuels so that the intent of Resolution #G-87-1 can be carried out
- 4] Devise a program for fund-raising for specific "packages" needed by the Society, such as Video Equipment.
- 5] Investigate relationships with universities and colleges which might lead to the provision of staff/equipment.
- 6] Define areas, programs, trends, outside impact groups which should be researched and develop a plan for securing such materials. (This would include but not be limited to such topics as: history of PCM; Community Association; LW transportation; Health care; Airport Coalition etc)

A long term goal should be to secure adequate space for the Society and all of its functions. A committee should be appointed to detail the needs of the organization and to aggressively seek resolution of this problem.

The Study Committee is developing Guidelines for Committees to work on these projects. The Committee chair would be from the Board but it is vital that large numbers of members be involved in this process. If you are asked to join a Committee, Please say yes! We must move forward to meet our commitment to the Leisure World Community.

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S ANNUAL DINNER

Wednesday, March 31, 1993, Clubhouse 6

Please join us for this gala dinner affair. It is the Annual Celebration for our members and friends to spend an enjoyable evening together.

We will be entertained by Angel Thompson, an innovative astrologer with experience in lecturing, counseling and teaching. She has lectured in the U. S., as well as Canada, Western Europe and South America. She will be speaking on the topic - A Glimpse into the Future for the Historical Society and Leisure World.

The menu will include a choice of Prime Rib or Orange Roughy, catered by Lombardi's.

Reservation cutoff date is March 20th. If you wish to reserve a table of eight (8), please so list on the coupon below the names of all who will be at your table. Should friends wish to be at the same table, they each must indicate this on their reservations as well, so that the Reservation Hostess can seat you accordingly. Please mail your reservation by March 20, indicating your entree preference. The attached self-addressed envelope is for your convenience.

DATE: Wednesday, March 31, 1993
TIME: Happy Hour - 5:30 p.m.
Dinner - 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Clubhouse 6 (Black Tie optional)
PRICE: \$15.00 per person

We would appreciate your reply as soon as possible.

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The office of the Leisure World Historical Society is staffed Monday through Friday, 10-12 am and on Fridays, from 2-4 pm. At other times, you may leave a message on our machine, and someone will return your call as soon as possible. The office number is 951-2330.

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