

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



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## Leisure Worlders of the Month for the year:

1992	July	Doyle and Ruth Selden
	August	S. Cushman Clark
	September	Ruth M. Payne
	October	Joe Samet
	November	Virginia M. Halley
	December	Claire Still
1993	January	Robert D. Donaldson
	February	Theresa Zuffante
	March	Rex Perkins
	April	Peggy Kermer
	May	Shirley O'Connor
	June	Seymour L. Coblens

**Rosters** were distributed to members, Associates and Affiliates. **Gene Conser** welcomes your suggestions for the next roster. Please check the list of Leisure Worlders of the Month, pages 24-28. If you have current addresses of people who have moved from the community, or know of persons deceased but not marked, please call the office. We want to update our files.

**By-Laws** are available in the Society Office.

**Fullfilling Retirement Dreams** [the first 25 years at Leisure World] is also available at \$7.95 a copy.

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**President's message**

Evelyn Shopp

Past President Irving Goldberg identified some of the most pressing issues facing our Society in his message in the February issue of the Newsletter. I hope we will move toward accomplishment of some of these goals:

- ...move beyond the circumscribed dedication to preserving the archives...identify Leisure World of today and define its meaning...by recording ongoing activities and events as history in the making...
- ... greater attention and recognition to Leisure Worlder of the Month activity...it is the bridge connecting us to our past; it is of today; it is an inspiration for tomorrow.
- ... Archival materials need space..accumulated, identified, classified, and prepared for ready retrieval...need computer competency.

We will explore every possibility for more space. We believe developing a relationship with the library is appropriate. Our computer committee, headed by **Foster Sampson**, is studying how a computer could be used, and will make recommendations about equipment to the Board. Archivist **Claire Still** is studying systems used by other Societies.

This promises to be an exciting year as we move into a more active role in Leisure World. We welcome your comments, your suggestions, your help.

*Evelyn Shopp*

\*\*\*\*\* NEW BOARD MEMBERS \*\*\*\*

**Margaret Brady** and her husband moved to Leisure World in 1974. She has been very active in the Leisure World Community. She served as President and Treasurer of the U. of Michigan Club, President of the Saddle Club, and in various capacities with the Saddleback Medical Center Thrift Shop, where she volunteers every Wednesday morning.

**Alex Gunster**, Reg. Prof. Engineer, worked for 30 years in facilities and industrial engineering. This included Standard Oil of Ca., North American Aviation and Rockwell. He and his wife Marjorie moved to Leisure World 9 years ago. He served as Treasurer and President of United Mutual; First V.P. and President of GRF. He was involved in many major projects, including the management study.

**Shirley O'Connor** moved to Leisure World in 1980 after a distinguished career in Public Relations. As President of Carroll Agency, she worked with many Broadway shows and local productions. She served on the United Board and just completed a term on the GRF board, where she was secretary. She is active in many Leisure World Clubs and community organizations.

**Ward Payne** and his wife Ruth have lived in Leisure World since 1980. They lived in N. J. 26 years where Ward was Eastern Regional Mgr., Hall-Mack Division, Textron, Inc. Elected to the United Mutual Board in 1986, he served as Pres. in 1988. Elected to GRF Board, he served his last year as 2nd V.P. Member and Past Pres. of Tennis and Washington Clubs; currently V.P. of Saddleback Kiwanis Club.

**Milton Ray** ---lawyer, CPA, Executive, Corporation Director; emeritus professor of Law, University of Oregon--- Milton and his wife Arly moved to Leisure World six years ago. He is active in the Academians and in the Macintosh [computer] Club.

**WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!**

Dr. David B. Ast	Columba Kaufman
Isabel H. Ast	Hazel LaBelle
Archie J. Bakay	Harry Lindsay
Doris Bauler	Helen Lindsay
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Herbert Heyes	LeRoy A. Wolever, M.D.
Jeanette Higgins	
Joseph Higgins	
Evelyn Hintze	
Barbara B. Howard	

**NEW ASSOCIATES**

Masonic Aux. of L.W.  
Yiddish Club of L.W.

The **Ross Cortese Commemorative Fund**, established to insure that the Leisure Worlder program can be continued, grows slowly, but surely! Your tax free donations to this fund are needed, and we will make you a gift of a Franscisian ware plate, complete with Leisure World logo, for a \$10 donation. For \$50, you may have 6 salad plates. [This is a limited offer, but will be good for the first 15 persons responding.] For more information, call the President at 951-5290.

**The Annual Meeting** held March 31 at Clubhouse 6. This was selected as more "sociable" than Ch 5 for a group of our size. Although the notice of the meeting was very specific, we still had six reservations that came in late.

Thanks to Theresa Zuffante, we had an excellent speaker, Angel Thompson (daughter of Theresa). Her talk, "An Astrological Glimpse into the Future," which was based on her reading of the stars as they were in the heavens on the date of the creation of our Society, hit several events that have already occurred in Leisure World. The meal, prepared by Lombardi, was selected by Theresa and Marian Olson. Program chairman, Ben Mandelstam, has not yet made plans for next year. He welcomes your suggestions and your comments on the use of CH 6.

**Office volunteers** are needed! We would like to have the office open every afternoon, 2-4 pm. Several new member volunteers have been oriented to the office and to the Archives. Right now, we need help preparing materials for computer input; updating office files; providing service in the Archives. If you are interested in helping, call 951-2330, or visit the office Friday afternoon, 2-4 pm.

We need your nominations for **Leisure Worlder of the Month**. Candidates should be active in the community, preferably in more than one organization, and should have a history of career and community involvement before coming to Leisure World. All names submitted are reviewed by a Special Committee. Honorees are selected, based on the information submitted and on the review done by the committee. A resume is very helpful, and should be as detailed as possible. Send information to the President, marked CONFIDENTIAL.

Our Club Liaison person, **Jean Downs**, reports that 11 Clubs have sent in updated reports since the last newsletter. They are Kappa Alpha Theta; Melody Men; Nat'l Council of Jewish Women; O.R.T.; Potters and Sculptors Club; R.V. Leisure Wheelers; Washington State Club of L.W.; L.H. Chapter of Heritage Point; Society of Humanistic Judaism; New York Club and the Tuesday Pinochle Club.

**Harry Grossman**, board member, resigned for health reasons. Harry helped us start thinking "computers." Miss you, Harry.

Clubs and individuals bring items to the Historical Society for inclusion in the **Archives**. Acquisitions during the first five months of this year, according to **Helen Clark**, include: Scrapbooks from Opera 100, New Jersey Club, Eastern States Club, Laguna Hills Kiwanis Club, Shuffleboard Club, and Braille Transcribers; Photos and papers from the Moulton Kiwanis Club, newspaper clippings, a 1977-78 magazine, early photo of Laguna Beach, a N.E. Document Cons. Center manual. Also, the first Leisure World bus driver's cap; a lucite award to L.W. from the Orange Co. Chamber of Commerce; a copy of Academians, a Chronology. We are interested in anything that has significance for the community, but reserve the right to reject materials not meeting our criteria.

Archivist **Claire Still** and the **Clarks**, Cushman and Helen, are in the Society Office every Friday afternoon from 2-4. If you are interested in seeing our very crowded Archives, do come by and take a tour. Perhaps you will have an idea about space!

#### **PAST PRESIDENTS, Historical Society**

Dr. Tracy E. Strevey	1977-78
Marjorie F. Jones	1979
Mervin H. Waterman	1980-83
Isabella Leland	1984
Robert L. Price	1985
S. Cushman Clark	1986
Claire Still	1987-91
Irving Goldberg	1992

## SOCIETY TO EMBARK ON NEW MAJOR UNDERTAKING

### **Foster Sampson**

Chairman, Computer Committee

After an extensive analysis of ways to catalog the several Society "Collections," the Board agreed to a computerized format which will allow volunteers to take an active part in the process. It will be an interesting project and the initial phases will not require typing or computer skills. Any member wishing to participate in this groundbreaking project should contact the office, 951-2330, or call me directly, 830-6092.

In order to complete the framework, we are searching for a donor, or a group, to make a donation that would allow us to purchase a new Macintosh computer system that would meet all our present needs. Prices are now at their lowest point in terms of computer capability, and we find that \$2000.00 would buy a very adequate computer and printer. As a second choice, we would appreciate a donation of a reasonably recent Macintosh from an owner no longer using the equipment. In either case, because we are a non-profit organization, gifts may be used as tax deductions. If you wish to help -- cash or computer -- please call me at 830-6092, or call the president at 951-5290.

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suggestions, nominations, information

time, money, space

archival materials

more members

**HELP!**

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