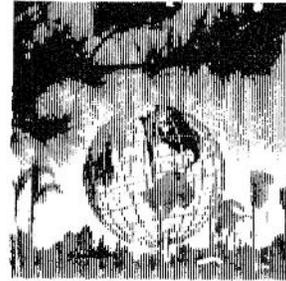


**Leisure World Historical Society of  
Laguna Hills, California Inc.**



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**NEWSLETTER**

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Friday, October 28, 7 pm

We don't have all the details as yet—but we promise

Refreshments

Musical program by Don Salkowitz  
author of "The Ballad of Leisure World"

A speaker from USC

Watch the Leisure World News and  
Channel VI for further details

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Annual meeting, and by popular request, a dinner dance??  
March 30, 1995

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

We are proceeding with our building plans, as outlined elsewhere in an article by Gene Conser. We've had the opportunity to appear on Channel VI three times, and we are most appreciative of Rob Merritt's support.

Donations continue to come in for the Ross Cortese Commemorative Fund. The supply of Leisure World dishes is almost exhausted and we will soon be unable to give dishes to those who donate. But the need for funds will continue, as that fund supports the Leisure Worlder of the Month ceremonies.

Membership renewal letters will go out at the end of October, and cut off date for inclusion in the roster will be December 31. Membership is our number one priority. We need your help in recruiting new members. If you aren't comfortable asking, give us the name and we will ask! The flyer included in your membership letter will detail the programs of the Society.

To date, we have turned in \$535 for the Bell Tower. Thanks again to all of you who contributed. Your Society will be listed as an ANGEL.

In answer to several questions, United California Bank will continue its community service awards, even though it is now a part of CenFed. Our award for this year came to \$194.

Helen Clark can use more help in the Archives, and Foster Sampson needs some knowledgeable computer volunteers. If you can volunteer, leave a message on the office answering machine, 951-2330.

Mark October 28 on your calendar!

*Evelyn Shopp*

## **BUILDING FUND PRESSING FORWARD**

The fund to construct the Society's headquarters building adjoining the library has been officially opened, thanks to some grants. Members of the Board of Directors are now meeting with "financially independent" residents to gain additional support before the end of the current tax year, according to Eugene Conser, Director of Development Planning.

"The fact that the Society is a tax-exempt charitable organization, qualified as such under both federal and state law since 1977, comes as a surprise to many people," Conser says. He further points out that a grant before the end of the year could substantially reduce taxes.

Cash gifts, gifts of appreciated securities, real estate, and other types of property which can be readily sold, such as a car or a golf cart are acceptable. Interested members who would like to discuss in confidence the possibility of a grant to the building fund should contact Conser at 830-9944.

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The first major grant to the Society Building Fund came from Minna Liebman. A heartfelt THANKS to our #1 Lady!

## **ROSTER**

Our 1995 roster will include business and professional Affiliates, Leisure World Clubs listed as Associates, and of course, our individual members. Hopefully, the number in each category will double this year! Our Affiliates and Associates are very important to our Society, and we expect our services to them to be more valuable each year, as our ability to store and retrieve records improves, thanks to our computer.

## **WE'VE BEEN PARTICIPATING**

### **FESTIVAL**

The Historical Society had a booth at the Festival on September 3-4. Program Chairman, Harry Schwartz, set up the displays, and arranged the staffing. Orders were taken for FULLFILLING RETIREMENT DREAMS and for the video tape HEAVEN ON HOLD. Our new flyer made its debut, and a large number were distributed. The video tape is no longer available in the office, but the producer, Shirley Levy, has a supply at her home. Call her at 770-8876.

### **30th ANNIVERSARY DINNER**

The Society provided a photo display, along with a few other articles, at the dinner on Sept. 10. Your president had the privilege of dining with five of the early residents: Margaret Archer, Laura Austin, Lucille Beller, Marjorie Cooper and Hazel Painter. Hearing about their early experiences in the community was very enlightening. It was different in the "good old days."

### **LAGUNA HILLS MALL**

On September 24-25, Historical Society members staffed an impressive Leisure World exhibit at the Laguna Hills Mall. Promotional tapes ran throughout the 6 hour days, and various pieces of literature on Leisure World were available. People who expressed an interest in the community will receive individual packets, tailored to their specific needs from the Community Relations Department. In addition to board members, individuals assisting during the 2 days included Betty and Wally Bjornson, Helen Conser, Allen Hurwitz, Shirley Levy, Ed Narboe, Roberta Puhlmann, Bill Shopp, Isabel Tashman and Jerry Werner. John Bradley helped with set-ups both days and Bob Ring closed shop on Sunday.

### Leisure Worlders of the Month 1994

June	•	•	•	•	Douglas P. Wood
July	•	•	•	•	Helen Lyon
August	•	•	•	•	Wes Westre
September	•	•	•	•	Cynthia Chyba
October	•	•	•	•	James F. Fox

Send your nominations, marked "Confidential," to the President.  
All names are forwarded to the Selection Committee.  
Candidates must be 5 year residents of Leisure World .

### In Memorium 1993 - 1994

Shirley Chambers  
Mina Cunliff  
Aaron Datz  
Margaret Fernald  
Dr. Norman Freestone  
Ferdinand Hall

Albert Hally  
Carl Holmberg  
Olive Leonard  
Edwin LeRoy  
Vernon McGuire  
Dr. Mildred S. Miller  
Carl L. Moser  
Albert Potter

**Contributors to the Ross Cortese  
Commemorative Fund  
Since June 1, 1994**

Jane Boyd	Helen Lyon
Cynthia Chyba	Roy Miller
Mary K. Davis	Mrs. Harry patterson
Jean Downs	Mr. and Mrs. Ward Payne
Betty Fleming	Jewel Pitts
Mary and John Garcia	Milton Ray
Gloria and Sam Kirbens	Evelyn Shopp
	Edward P. Watson

**NEWS FROM THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES**

The archives has recently received two treasures from Leisure World's early days. One is the gift of two large colored photos of our globe as it was being constructed in what is obviously a large studio. PCM received it from Matt Magidson who received it from a neighbor and friend of his, Betty Field. Betty told us that her daughter had sent it to her. She is a sculptress who works in the Palla Studio in Pietra Sana, Italy. It is the place that sculptors from Michaelangelo to Henry Moore have worked, close to the marble mines. By chance Betty's daughter came upon these photos in their files, told the owner that her mother lived near the globe, and he gave them to her. At her mother's urging, the daughter tried to get more information about its construction but the father under whose direction it was built had died, and the son, who was a young boy at the time, remembered only that it was for someone in America. Pietra Sana is about a half hour N.W. of Pisa. We are grateful for this information but yearn for more.

The other treasure was one that Evelyn happened onto at the recent anniversary dinner. Laura Austin told her about the stationery given new residents back in 1964. When Evelyn expressed surprise at this move-in gift, she sent her a half-used box of the stationery she had saved all these years. How many other "finds" are fading away in the corner of someone's closet?

Members of the Preservation Committee are Helen Clark, Chairman;  
Helen Hanson, Secretary; Lois Eckhardt and Cushman Clark.

## THANKS!

Very late, but very heartfelt **“thank you, John Dudley”**— John provided cheese and crackers for our Annual dinner, added bibs to the wine glasses, and supplied bags for the surplus!

**Thank you, Judy Zoerhof**, for the photograph of the GOLDEN RAIN TREE, which inspired developer Ross Cortese to name the Leisure World Foundation **“GOLDEN RAIN.”** There are only 3 of these trees in the community. The picture is on the wall in the Society office.

### ROSTER ADDENDUM

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Peggy Kermer      830-1231  
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<b>Treasurer</b>	— Milton Ray
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**Jean Downs  
Bob Miller  
Foster Sampson**

**Alec Gunster  
Shirley O'Connor  
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