



## THE YEAR IN REVIEW

The year began with a challenge never before experienced by the Leisure World Historical Society. The challenge began in 1976 when the Society was created -- it was in the guise of a dream for a home it could call its own.

On November 20, 1996 ground was broken by Huell Howser, a Los Angeles television celebrity. Construction got underway in June of 1997, and the building was completed in late November. Furniture and equipment was ordered, and is now in place. Organizational training is now the order of the day.

The premises will be opened to residents of Leisure World the latter part of this month.

It is worthy to note that when the construction contract was signed funds were not available in their entirety to finance the project.

This provides an appropriate opportunity to mention a person, a long time member of the Society, a former president, whose initiative, inexhaustible effort, along with her

group and an abundance of creativity, sparked the effective Building Fund Raising activity.

The Society's financial position is excellent, with no debt!

Evelyn Shopp will be long remembered in the Society.

In addition her Membership drive met her goals which numbers more than 500, the largest ever.

The Docent Group is a superb credit to the organization.

Clubs and Organizations in the community are beginning to request speakers for their meetings to give an account of what the Society is doing, and its future plans.

The Archives, with a Climate Controlled environment, is unprecedented, well organized and ready for more materials "almost" for permanent preservation.

The Society's Trips to places of interest are ongoing.

It is well known that the Society's plans for a three dimension Diorama, or Scale Model, of Leisure

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World would be placed in the reception area of its new building. It would be remiss not to give Gene Conser recognition for putting the idea on table many moons ago.

The Diorama, a three dimension configuration, including the topographical features, of the community, are shown.

All of Leisure World is awaiting the Diorama with considerable anticipation. Gene is also responsible for obtaining a gift to defray the cost of the project.

The year's accomplishments in the aspects touched upon has been memorable and a tremendous success for the Leisure World Historical Society.

### **DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

The following Officers and Directors have been elected to serve this year:

Tom Gaylor	President
Milton Ray	1st Vice President
Evelyn Shopp	2nd Vice President
Helen Hanson	Secretary
Burton Taubman	Treasurer
Sydney Aronson	Jacqueline Carey
Jean Downs	Jim Fox
Robert Miller	Robert Morton
Shirley O'Connor	Justine Ratner
Harry Schwartz	Doyle Selden

Robert Dozier	Emeritus
Dr. Tracy E. Strevey	Emeritus
Marjorie L. Williams	Archivist
Joan Africa	Office Manager

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

This year's Annual Meeting was attended by the largest group ever, just under 200.

Members and guests had been given their choice of Lamb or Salmon Wellington, each served in adequate portions. Jolanda, the caterer, was at her usual best.

The feature of the evening was a performance by the DISCOVERY THEATER under the direction of Carley Luetzow.

The Master of Ceremonies was the incomparable Michael Taylor.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

When the Historical Society is fully operational its hours will be from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. To keep that schedule there are part time positions that require filling by volunteers.

Examples:

General Office that involves taking telephone calls and giving out information. These generally will be 4 hour shifts, mornings and afternoons. They will be under the direction and Supervision of Joan Africa.

Archives require the same shift times handling materials, filing, indexing and a general knowledge of determining the events that occur that will be of value in future. Marjorie Williams, an experienced Archivist, is responsible for this operation.

Those with Macintosh computer experience are needed. Documents are scanned into the computer at the Data Input station, while the second is Data Retrieval.

Members who have the time and willingness to share their talents, now is the time to let your identity be known. Call 206-0150.

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## SOCIETY SPONSORED TRIPS

Jean Downs, the Society's Master Trip Planner, has another great one for members and residents of Leisure World!

On April 20 - 23, 4 days and 3 nights, she will be taking her Modernized Air Conditioned bus load of people on a guided tour 282 feet below sea level, to the high "roller" city known so well to Leisure Worlders and places in between!

You won't need your Scuba Diving Gear when you are in **Death Valley**, nor will you need a lot of money when you are in **Las Vegas**. "Oh", Jean says, "if any body wants to take some nickels and dimes there will

be time to win big money in Las Vegas".

**One of the stops is Hendersonville, Nevada. You will see a former Air Force Base converted to a residential area with some odds and end businesses.**

Jean is a premier Tour Guide hostess, so don't miss this trip. **Call her at home, 837-1135, and MAKE YOUR RESERVATION.**

She might even tell you about other trips she has on her schedule such as the one to the Getty Museum on May 20. Jean is prepared to take your reservation now!

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## DOCENTS

The first and third Thursdays each month Society Docents conduct tours of Leisure World. They are for resident, prospective residents and visitors. They go for 2 hours, stopping at Club Houses 1,,4, and 5. A Docent gives a running commentary as the tour progresses.

Docents are volunteers and members of the Historical Society.

The purpose of the tours is to show Leisure World with an explanation of the advantages of living in the community.

While real estate personnel are not included as a part of the tours, persons interested in looking at manors are given a list of Realtors.

## ***HISTORICAL SOCIETY***

### ***SPEAKER SERVICE***

Residents of the community are mystified about the Historical Society, now that it has a new, attractive building.

**What does the Society do for Leisure World?**

Speakers are ready to present the details. If your club or organization would be interested in having a speaker for one of your meetings, call 206 - 0150.

Harry Schwartz or one of his associates will be on hand to unfold the secrets of Leisure World's Historical Society.

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