

PRESIDENTIAL PONTIFICATION

All things, good or bad or indifferent, do come to an end. And so it is, without the least pang or regret, that I slave over this last "Presidential Pontification." The next prez will probably even change the name of this column, maybe something more stately.

As the Senior in years of board service (other ways also!) I tend to say "we tried that in 1989 and it didn't work." Or even worse, "Gee, that's a great idea. It worked when we used it in 1993." It seems a shame to waste all this accumulated knowledge, so I am considering a new project, just for me. It involves going through society history records of the 15 years since we last had a history written and bringing us up to date. Of course, I haven't the faintest idea about the interest of other members--

This is the 21st issue of the newsletter that I have edited and published. Persons more literate than I have kept me informed of my mistakes, and persons with kind hearts have been generous with their praise. I appreciate both, and you can guess which is most appreciated! Unless the board fires me, or even worse, reduces my salary, I hope to continue as editor. And if I do, I am going to come up some more inventive errors.

Last month's blooper was more than a little embarrassing. TOWN CENTRE TRAVEL, the first business to move into the Town Centre Complex, was ignominiously returned to its old name and old location, Moulton Plaza Travel in Moulton Plaza. And it really is much easier to find in its new location!

There were a couple of things not mentioned in a timely fashion, such as the incentive program at FREMONT INVESTMENT AND LOAN. That's where your money can earn money for us at no cost to you--or us. If you have accounts there or open new ones, be sure to ask them to code your account with the Society number. In 2000, thirty eight accounts "earned" over \$900 for the Society. The 2001 check should be out in early February, but we expect lower interest rates to affect the total.

"Volunteers", Jan and Charles McLaughlin,

are chairing our annual meeting, dinner/dance program on February 10. Early reservations will be very helpful. Details are on page 7. We hope many of our new members will join us for our silver anniversary celebration!

Since I don't do well acknowledging people at the annual meeting, I'd like to do that ahead of time. This year, perhaps even more than in past years, we have had board members who are dedicated, far sighted and involved. Because of that, we have grown in our role as THE Society, and have received recognition for our involvement in the larger community. Thank you to the 3 women and 11 men who are the best board ever!

We are most fortunate in having a cadre of faithful volunteers who carry out office functions and who assist in the archives. (But we can always use more!)

BRING THE GLOBE HOME is a major project for 2002. Years ago, before the globe was moved to Laguna Hills property, we were given the opportunity of being responsible for it. But the Society had no money, and all efforts were then geared toward a building. Now, we have a wonderful building--and it is time to bring the symbol of Leisure World home to the Leisure World community. More about that on page 3.

A Summary of our Activities for 2001 is on pages 4, 5 and 6. This is in lieu of a "Presidential" address at the annual meeting. I know you will be sorry to miss this weighty dissertation on the "State of the Society" but our program is going to be a great one, and the McLaughlins insisted that business should not interfere. So be it!

Lucy Shopp



Medical Lectures

The Medical Lectures, originally scheduled to resume in January, will start Wednesday, Feb. 6. The second lecture will be on March 13. Mark these dates on your calendar and watch TV-6 and the Leisure World News for details on these lectures.



IMPORTANT DATE

Don't miss the cut-off date for our Annual Gala.

Help celebrate the Silver Anniversary of the Society.

For details, see page 7.

★ IN MEMORIAM

Myrtle Dermody
Leisure Worlder of the Month June 2000

Irving Helfert MD

Jane Robichaud

Ivan Wolfson
Leisure Worlder of the Month Nov 1993



MEMORIAL GIFT

in memory of Margaret Strevey

Leon & Virginia Bosch

BRING THE GLOBE HOME IN 2002!

It seems appropriate that the year 2002, the 25th anniversary of the Society, is also the time when the World Globe will be moved and reinstalled in Leisure World. It will be in a prominent location opposite Gate 12 on Moulton Parkway.

Although the Society has committed for the cost of the move and installation of the globe, several organizations have approached us with offers to contribute to this project, for which we are most grateful. Tax deductible contributions may be made by sending checks to the Historical Globe fund, PO Box 2220, Laguna Hills, CA 92654. Watch the newsletter for information about the homecoming ceremonies.

Surveys

Very shortly, the Historical Society Survey Committee and UCI will initiate the planning stages for their next effort. The 2001 report (as well as the 2000 report) generated much interest and positive input from various Leisure World organizations and individuals. New areas of inquiry in which residents have expressed interest are under consideration for inclusion in future surveys.

Dr Claudia Kawas of the UCI Brain Institute addressed the Society Board of Directors at their December meeting and shared the preliminary dated from the 90+ Survey. A report on these findings is being prepared and will be issued early this year.

The Society and their partners at UCI are very pleased to participate in and sponsor these most valuable and significant community projects.

2001 in Review

This report will review the activities of the Society during 2001 and briefly relate problem areas which still exist.

ARCHIVES

Archivist **Marge Williams** has been plagued with ill health and unable to spend as much time as we would like at the Archives. However, we benefit from her advise and counsel, and volunteers have been able to follow up on requests.

EQUIPMENT

Shelves were purchased and installed in the Archives. The shelving is now complete. However, some space adjustments will need to be made in the future.

An iMac computer with Epson printer was installed and is primarily for the use of the office manager in keeping membership rolls and in label preparation.

A desk was purchased to be used as a work center for the WW II project. The MUG Club made a computer available to us, to be used solely for the project. **Sheila Lichtenstein** will be in charge of this project.

WORLD WAR II REGISTRY

A committee of WWII veterans was appointed, representing various LW organizations, to examine the possibility of creating a registry of WWII veterans. With their able assistance, a plan for registering WWII vets was developed, and with their help, the forms widely distributed throughout the community. The database has not yet been entered into the computer.

but that should be accomplished in January. We believe there are still many vets in LW not yet registered. Several people have indicated an interest in inputting data. **John Bradley** chairs this committee.

SURVEYS

The Survey Committee, chaired by **Ira Joss** and **Syd Aronson**, worked with the University of California at Irvine (UCI) Institute for Brain Aging to produce the second demographic survey of Leisure World. Once again, the returns were phenomenal.

Report distributed to all the governing board members, to the city council and to the Historical Society board drew many favorable comments as did the 2000 study. Copies are available at the Society office.

A second survey instrument was produced for the 90+ population. Inaccuracies in the mailing list created some problems, with people notifying us that there was no one at their residence 90 or older. The results were still very useful, and further studies may be done in the future.

UCI provided the expertise for these studies; the Society paid for the printing and the mailing. We need a source of funding for this project.

NEWSLETTER

The newsletter was published in January, March, May, July, September and November. It goes to all members, to Associates at least every other issue, and to Affiliates periodically. It is also available to visitors to the society, and complementary copies are sent

out on occasion. "As Needed" volunteers fold, label, sort and count each issue. More input is needed from members: What do you want in a newsletter? Hopefully, we will someday have a regular publication with well researched articles on LW and its environs.

DOCENTS

Due to popular demand, the Society had to increase the number of tours in Leisure World. Tours are now given on the first three Thursdays of each month, and there is a waiting list. Although planned for prospective residents, new residents are welcome. Reservations are made through the Community Services Office.

During the first 11 months of 2001, 30 tours were conducted. 15 volunteer Docents lead the two hour tours, which are by foot and bus. 427 people went on tour. 176 were residents. A revised tour schedule, starting with December, includes renovated CH3.

The new promotional video, shown at the start of each tour, is available for \$5 at the Administration building information desk.

Justine Ratner coordinates the Docent program.

VOLUNTEERS

26 volunteers worked a total of 2406 hours in 2001. Six of them were new this year. Their services are essential to the operation of the Archives and the reception desk, and are greatly appreciated. They are "good will ambassadors" for the Society and have recruited several new members.

SPEAKERS' BUREAU

Members of the Speakers' Bureau participated in presentations covering a wide range of topics to a diverse group of Leisure World organizations. Topics covered included the histories of Leisure World, the Historical Society, Orange County, the local Methodist Church and the governance structure of Leisure World.

Organizations requesting a speaker represented a cross section of Leisure World groups, and included Nostalgia Guild of Ebell, Women's Classified Service Club, Society of Humanistic Judaism, College Club, Saddleback Hi 12 Club, a Methodist church group, Lions Club. Although there is no charge for a speaker, several donations were made to the Society.

Harry Schwartz, Chair, can be contacted for a speaker. His number is 586-6255. Requests can also be made through the office.

SECOND GENERATION residents are still identifying themselves. If your parents lived in Leisure World, please let us know, 206-0150.

"HISTORICALLY ADVANTAGED" Society members are persons who are ninety or more, or will be 90 within the year. If you are in that group, or know a member who is, do let us know..

EARLY RESIDENTS who moved to Leisure World before the end of 1970 and have not yet been interviewed should contact the office again. We think some of the names were lost, and we do want to finish this study as soon as possible. Leave your name and date of move-in at 206-0150.

PROGRAMS

Program Chair, **John Bradley**, has provided a variety of programs in 2001. These included a day trip on "Route 66, America's Original Main Street" and one to the Kellogg Home and Arabian Horse Ranch. Four trips to Orange Co. Register were planned. Myra Neben and Rob Merritt did a presentation on Leisure World Media. 2 Bowers Museum docent programs were scheduled.

In addition, Medical lectures were arranged by **Ira Joss**. They were very well received by capacity audiences, and will be resumed this February.

MEMBERSHIP

Ward Payne, membership Chair, brought in many new members as a result of a mailing to all L.W. residents. This is the first time such a mailing has been carried out. Hopefully, "1002 in 2002" will be a reality by February 1.

We regretfully note the loss of 15 members by death in 2001. This follows a loss of 24 in 2000.

The best way to get members is by personal contact. Try the people on your floor or in your building. Spread the word!

COMMUNITY SERVICE Awards were presented to the Leisure World News and Channel 6 at the Annual Meeting. This annual award was approved by the Board in 2000. Criteria for the award and a nomination form were developed. The award may be given to an individual, a club or a business. No more than two awards will be given in any one year. Nominations may be made at any time of the year.

GIFTS

The Society received gifts from the estates of Bob Dozier and Margaret Strevey, as well as a \$2000 gift from an anonymous donor. Small gifts were also made to the Memorial Fund, and the Endowment Fund. Some gifts were for the WW II Project. We are now receiving checks for the Globe project.

FINANCES

The money to carry out all the projects of the Society comes from 3 sources: dues, interest, and gifts. Three funds, the Endowment Fund, the Memorial Fund and the Globe Fund are restricted. A tentative year end statement indicates that we are still not invading principal for day to day expenses.

The annual report of the treasurer will be available after the Audit is complete. This should be accomplished within 30 days after the end of the fiscal year.

THE FUTURE

The Society is fortunate to have monies set aside in the Building Fund which can be used for the general building and equipment upkeep and replacement. But it will not last forever. We need to consider ways to insure that we always have money to use for worthwhile projects, such as the demographic surveys and the WW II registry. Small bequests such as those mentioned above may be the answer. And it is easy to name the Society in your will or trust....

**Today's events are truly
tomorrow's history.**

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.....CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF SERVICE.....

ANNUAL DINNER/DANCE, AND PROGRAM SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2002 CLUBHOUSE 5 BLACK TIE OPTIONAL

Music for dancing by the Fabulous Footnotes at 5:30
No host bar Dinner by Jolanda at 6:30..WINE INCLUDED

Professional entertainers, David Grant and Lisa Gary

Music for dancing until 9:30

Cut off date for reservations....February 4.....Dinner \$22.00

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(If you are reserving an entire table, list all persons on 1 sheet and include all checks.) Indicate choice of entree for each person. Tri-tip (1) Salmon (2)

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