

SOCIETY CELEBRATES

Celebration of our 25 years as the "keepers of Leisure World History" began with the Annual Meeting on February 11 and will last until the next annual meeting on February 9, 2003. 25 years is "young" by comparison with other Societies but our accomplishments are many and varied, and our programs reach into the very heart of the community. We hope all of you share our love of Leisure World and the life we have here.

THE GLOBE IS HOME!

It hasn't been easy, but the Globe is Home. Bob Miller has coordinated the program every step of the way, and deserves our heartfelt thanks. For more information see pages 6 and 7. Yes, we still need contributions. To date, contributions from individuals have ranged from \$2 to \$1000. We are indeed grateful for every gift received, and appreciative of the many notes enclosed.

WALK AROUND THE WORLD IN 30 DAYS

That is what City Hall has in mind for the month of April. Now that we have our "World" let's give them a boost with theirs. Read about it on page 4. Sign up on the enclosed application. This is a chance for all of us, regardless of age, to get involved in a fun project that can only be helpful to each participant. As an added incentive, the older you are, the more you are worth!!

300th LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH CEREMONY HELD

Started in January 1976 and held almost every month since that date (except for a 6 month "no money" break), March marked the 300th ceremony for Leisure Worlders of the Month. It was established to honor persons who had lead active, productive business or professional lives prior to becoming Leisure World residents, and who continued to give time and talent to the Leisure world community. Nominations are welcome.

PRESIDENTIAL PONTIFICATION

Last month, I said my "farewells" as President. This month, I say hello, once again President. Now I know the things I have heard about other clubs and organizations are true. There is a dearth of people willing to shoulder the responsibility of an office. We must start identifying persons who are interested, and get them involved! If you are willing to help, do let us know your interests. Program? Membership? Archives? Computer input? Research on specific topics? Reception desk? Labeling and stuffing envelopes? Transcribing oral interviews? "Proofing" materials? Filing?

This year, our 25th Anniversary year, promises to be a very exciting one. The first big activity was the annual meeting/dinner/dance/ program. Jan and Charles McLaughlin did a marvelous job coordinating the affair and are to be congratulated. What a challenge for next year!

The Globe will soon be properly "dedicated" after a 20 year exile. This makes us so aware of the need to preserve "the life and style" of the community for future residents.

The WWII Veteran Project is well under way. But we know there are veterans out there who have not registered as yet. Please tell your friends and neighbors to pick up a registration blank at the office. We hope to register every eligible veteran in Leisure World.

The 2002 Survey will be underway soon. Although this will be third year for the Survey, it is still an exciting project--one that gives us opportunity to work with UCI departments. And the Medical Lecture Series is outstanding.

Members 90 or more (or will be 90 in the next 12 months) and have not given us your *vital statistics*, please call the office (206-0150).

So, with all this positive stuff, what's your problem, Madam President?
Nothing that money, time, and willing hands (and heads) couldn't solve!

First: We still need money for the Globe relocation. Make out checks to the Historical Society Globe Fund.

Second: We need more volunteers. Do let us know how YOU can help. or call me at home (951-5290) and we'll talk about it.

Third: We need more participants in the "Deposit Incentive Donation Program." Read about it on page 4.

Fourth: We need to increase our Endowment Fund so that we will never be faced with "no money." Outright gifts, tax-deductible, are great. Bequests through wills or trusts, large or small, would be most welcome.

Fifth, and perhaps most important: We need **1000 people on the membership committee**. Think what it would mean if every member recruited a member! So maybe you could volunteer to be on the membership committee???

And now I'm all fired up and ready to "get going" on 2002. I just know it will be a wonderful year, with your help.

Erlynn Shopp

LEISURE WORLD NEWS

MARCH 1977

149 homes sold in LW last month

Sales of 149 residences in February as compared with 32 in the same month last year were reported by Rossmoor Leisure World, Laguna Hills.

Sales since the first of the year number 254, said Elm Weingarden, Senior Vice President/Corporate Marketing. A total of 11,687 residences have been sold since the inception of Leisure World in 1963, he said, and only 396 remain to be sold in presently planned areas.

An additional 200 to 400 may be built in an area where building permits cannot be obtained until the extension of Oso Parkway is determined.

**TAX
EXEMPT
INCOME**

Interest exempt
from Federal & State
Income Taxes

7½%
TAX FREE

MEMBERSHIP

Ward Payne, Chair

With a stirring finish reminiscent of the New England Patriots victory in this year's Super Bowl game (won the last play as time expired) the Membership Committee achieved its cherished goal of **1002 in 2002**. An undisputed new record total!

In addition to writing member solicitation letters, the seven member committee made innumerable "follow up" calls to members for renewals. Their task was made much easier because of the splendid publicity generated by the varied activities of the Society such as WWII registry; "Bring the Globe Home" project; the lecture series presented by UCI Medical School faculty; the popular Docent tours of Leisure World; the prestigious Leisure Worlder of the Month ceremonies; the Demographic Survey; and a variety of other programs all contributed to greater awareness of the vitality of the organization. Publicity Chair Ira Joss made certain these projects were given wide dissemination through the cooperation of the Leisure World News and Channel 6.

The outstanding Annual Meeting dinner dance co-chaired by Charles & Jan McLaughlin provided further incentive for residents not yet members to "sign up."

I assumed the mantle of Membership Chairman in 1999 as part of my role as 2nd vice-pres. Then, the Society membership was in the mid 600's. We made steady progress, but this is the first

time we have crossed the magic threshold of **1000!**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank committee members Harry Greenspan, Charles Hellmann, Janet Lee, Frances Lindberg, Joan Long & Helen Lyon for their splendid assistance and counsel. We also received much appreciated and valued assistance from President Evelyn Shopp and Office Manager Sherry Hamilton.

Charles Hellmann, incoming second vice president, will chair the membership committee for 2002. He has some excellent and innovative ideas which should result in even greater growth and progress for our Society. How about a nice easy goal of **1103 in 2003??** A mere 10 % increase!!

NEW MEMBERS

(Too late for the directory but just in time to be counted by Ward's committee!)

GIMOVSKY, Anne 458-1695
116 Via Estrada, Unit H

GUDENBERG, Kate 458-1505
664 Via Los Altos, Unit N

HOOPER, Mary R. 583-1929
932 Avenida Majorca, Unit D

JORDE, Tom 837-9375
178 Avenida Majorca, Unit B

MORGAN, Charles 855-8323
5265 Avenida Del Sol

SAND, Valerie 586-8744
932 Avenida Majorca, Unit A

WHISTLER, Jane 586-7154
3038 Via Vista, Unit B

**“WALK AROUND THE WORLD
IN THIRTY DAYS”**

Brenda Ross, Laguna Woods Council Member

The city of Laguna Woods issued an **exercise challenge** to all residents, workers, and Saddleback students within the City to join together to **“Walk around the world in thirty days”** during the month of April.

April is Public Health Month and the City wants to celebrate this by urging everyone to spend at least 15 minutes a day in some sort of exercise -- swimming, walking, running, bicycling, stair climbing, exercising. Whatever is comfortable for you.

Participants will report the number of minutes (in 15 min. units of time) and this will be converted into miles according to age. If you are under 50, 15 min. is only worth a half mile-- but if you are 90 or older, the same 15 min. is worth a mile and a half. All reported exercise will be added.

We hope everyone will join in the challenge. At the end of thirty days, you'll feel better and perhaps will make a commitment to continue exercise on a regular basis.

SURVEY 2002

During March, Syd Aronson and Ira Joss, Co-chairs of the Society Survey committee will be meeting with UCI personnel to plan the 2002 Survey Program. The data gathered in the 2000 and 2001 surveys has been very useful to planning groups, and every year's survey results will add to the value of this program. The written report on the 90+ Survey will be released by mid-March.

**from PERSONS WHO LOVE
OUR “WORLD”**

....Enclosed is a check for \$100. I would like it to be used to move “the World” back to Leisure World where it belongs!

....Enclosed is a small amount in helping to bring the Globe to its new home.

....The Globe is the essence of Leisure World and should be treasured. We applaud you for undertaking this important task.

....Since the Leisure Wheelers is one of the older clubs in Leisure World, our membership is glad to see the Globe preserved.

....I do agree. The Globe is very important to Leisure World. Please accept my small contribution to your efforts.

....This donation is given in memory of my parents and aunt who moved to Leisure World in 1969. I remember when the World rotated and was lighted.

**Deposit Incentive Donation
Program
Fremont Investment and Loan**

Our donation from this Incentive program came to \$774.36 for 2001. Only 16 of our members named the Society as a beneficiary, down from the previous year. Since our enrollment in this program in 1998, we have earned a total of \$3374.36. This is a tremendous boost each year. If you have money at Fremont or plan to open accounts there, please keep the Society in mind. Just ask them to designate the Society on your account. No cost to you, no cost to the Society----but a painless way to add to the Society funds.

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DOCENT TOURS

Justine Ratner, Coordinator

The Historical Society Tours of Leisure World continue to be very popular. There is always a waiting list for reservations. Presently, we have 15 Tour Docents and 1 trainee. The regular tours are given on the first three Thursdays of the month. These two hour tours travel 15 miles throughout Leisure World and visit three clubhouses and the library. Reservations are required and can be made by calling Community Services at 597-4360.

On February 28, Dr. Roger Hsiao, a resident and a member of the Society, hosted a group of prominent business men and government officials from China. Docents Syd Aronson and John Bradley, both board members, greeted them, showed the video of Leisure World and answered questions. Both John and Syd were in China during World War II, and this was of great interest to the group.

We are always pleased to welcome foreign visitors and to share our enthusiasm for the Leisure World way of life.

MEDICAL LECTURE SERIES

More than 160 people attended the very excellent February Lecture. Dr. Laura Mosqueda spoke on the "Diagnosis and Management of Dementia."

The March lecture, scheduled for Wednesday, March 13 (Ch 3, DR 2) by Dr. Andrew Reikes, Assistant Clinical Professor of Endocrinology, UCI School of Medicine, will be on the "Treatment of Adult Diabetes."

This very successful current series will conclude with the April lecture. The time and subject will be announced. Watch for the announcement in the Leisure World News and on Channel 6.

In Memoriam

Thomas Blaylock
* November 1996

Ann Howell

George McGinnis
* September 2000

Louisa McNabb

Helen Mencher
* July 1996

Foster Sampson
* February 1990

Earl Wells

Miriam Zahler
* Leisure Worlder
of the Month

New Board Members!

After 25 years as Human Resources Manager for Agfa-Gevaert, Inc., **Cynthia F. Chyba** left her native Brooklyn, and has been a Leisure World resident since 1987. She's acted on stage at Ch 3 with the Theatre Guild, sang with the Harmonaires, and folk danced. She served 7 1/2 years on the United Board and is in her fifth year on GRF. She says, "I am a jack-of-all trades, always interested in something new."

Cynthia, Leisure Worlder of the Month in September 1994, has a son and a daughter. She is already recruiting members, and has spent time "proofing" the directory.



Our second new member, **Roslyn Rhodes**, is also a native of Brooklyn, but has lived in Orange County with husband, Martin, for 46 years. The Rhodes have been in Leisure World for 3 1/2 years. With three children, she stayed involved in school activities: President of PTA, Band booster, as well as being active in the Womens Civic Club. She worked as a temp for several years, then in the family business.

Here, she has a busy schedule. Volunteers at the City of Laguna Woods one day a week. Is active in the Reformed Temple. Belongs to 6 clubs, attends classes.

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We are thankful for...

*Living in a country where respect for other's beliefs is a fundamental part of Society.

*Working in a country where reward comes from hard work and ingenuity, not class status, party membership.

*Raising our families in a country where educational opportunities are limited only by our children's willingness to profit from them.

*Realizing once more that we are a nation that comes together when we are attacked and that we are willing to do whatever it takes to maintain the country we enjoy for ourselves and generations to come.



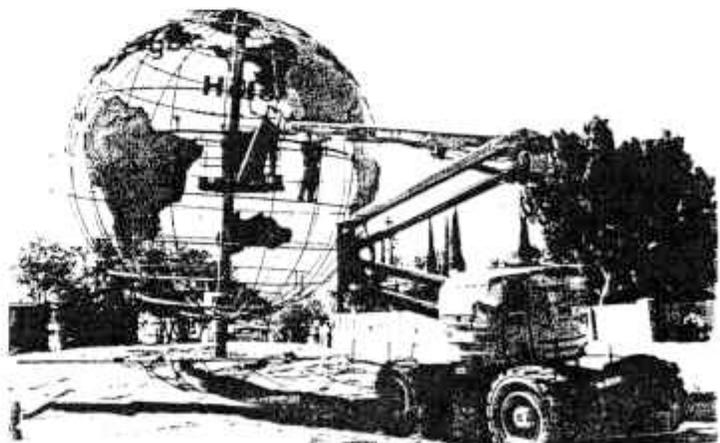
Neglected and unwanted, the "World", near St. George 's Episcopal Church on Avenida Carlotta, as it looked on February 1.

Channel VI

8:30 - 9:00 am

Fourth Wednesday of the Month

That's our air time! Tune in and find out what is going on in the Historical Society. Ira Joss, Publicity Chair, talks with Rob Merritt about programs and projects, and is often joined by other guests who are involved in a specific activity.



Our "World" as it looked on February 26 when the process of returning the Globe became reality.

(This is our first attempt at adding pictures to the Newsletter. We should do better next time!)

The Globe Moves Home!

Bob Miller, Chair "Bring the Globe Home"

(This article was written 'before the fact' due to Newsletter deadlines, so the timing may be a bit off, but the process is correct!)

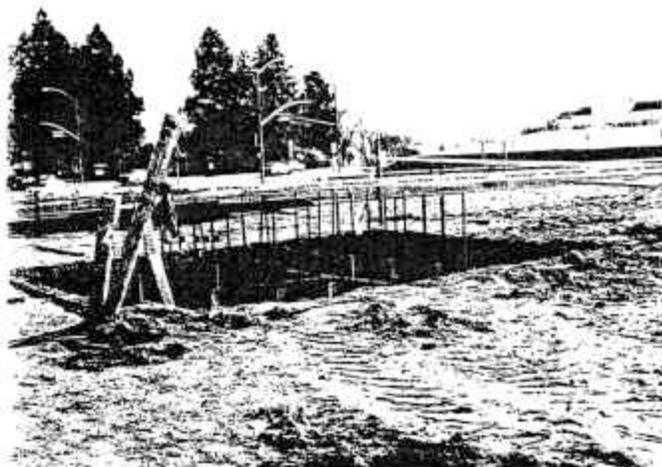
The Historical Society began the final stages of its mission to save the Globe with a "ground breaking" ceremony on Friday, February 12 at Gate 12 West, near the site where the Globe is to be relocated. Construction of the Globe's new foundation began the following Monday, and was completed on Friday, February 15th.

The process of getting Golden Rain's acceptance, the preparation of drawings and specifications, receiving permits from Laguna Hills and Laguna Woods, soliciting bids for the work and the like, has taken nearly a year. The process moved at a snail's pace.

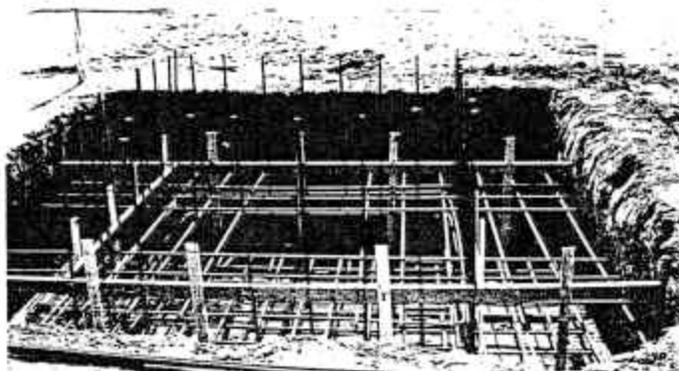
On Tuesday, February 26, the actual relocation process began and it moved rapidly along. The dismantling work, at the site near St. George's Episcopal Church on Avenida de Carlotta, took three plus days. The actual move, by trucking the Globe in two pieces, was done between midnight and 4 am. It took just over a week to move and erect the Globe at its new site.

A few items need to be worked on to complete the relocation. They include the installation of a fence and landscaping around the Globe, patching of the fiber-glass continents, removal of "Laguna Hills" and a new coat of paint. This will be completed within the next few weeks.

(The Society is planning a ceremony to dedicate the Globe in early April. The date will be announced within a few days.)



The "World's Foundation" in progress.



CLUBS MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS

The Society is indeed grateful to all who have contributed to the Globe Fund. Gifts ranging from \$25 to \$250 have been received from the following clubs:

- American Italia Club
- Aquadettes
- Camera Club
- Garden Club
- Guys and Dolls
- Kiwanis Foundation
- Leisure Wheelers
- Natl. Council of Jewish Women
- New Jersey Club
- Sewing Supers
- Women's Golf
- Swingin Singles

