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Preserving Today for Tomorrow



**ANNUAL MEETING
Dinner /Dance
Program**

**Clubhouse V Sunday February 9
Catered by Jolanda**

Reservation form will be in the January Newsletter.



**MEDICAL LECTURES
to Continue in 2003**

**Wednesday January 8
Wednesday February 5**

are definite dates, but the speakers have not yet been confirmed. Watch the Leisure World News and Channel 6 for further information. Lectures are in Clubhouse 3, DR 1.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

PRESIDENTIAL PONTIFICATION....

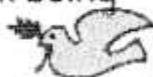
At least once a week, I have the distinct feeling that something is about to go wrong. This time, I feel the post office is going to mess up delivery on this Newsletter and not get it to you in November. Of course everyone knows how it is with post office, so do forgive them.

This is the season for mailings from multiple charities (multiple times). It is difficult, sometimes, to decide how to prorate funds, since all are very deserving. There are very worthy causes in Orange County. Consider some of them, such as: Senior Center, Leisure World Foundation, Saddleback Community Outreach, O.C. Rescue Mission. Even with low interest rates, and downgraded stocks, we in Leisure World are most blessed.

There are always problems with Newsletters. Material comes in at various times and is assigned space. Then things happen. For instance, when you read about the Globes, large and small, on page 5, you may be tempted to rush over to the Historical Society to see the Peace Globe. Don't!



That Peace Globe had its "doves restored." Then more doves were uncovered at the Regency and more doves got attached, which made it taller than the case, so that was redone. The finished product was carefully carried to the appraiser where another dove broke off. So it is back being restored.



In the meantime the pedestal is being hand crafted, but delayed because the exact weight of the globe and cover is not known, due to the fact that the globe is still elsewhere.

Master globe mover, Bob Miller, managed the big globe beautifully, so the little one was entrusted to his care. 11 tons moved without a hitch, but a few doves on porcelain is another story. But it, too, shall return. We promise!

Membership renewals are coming in, but there are some still out. There's a form on page 7, along with some gift suggestions. If you are among the unpaid, please do use this form. The membership

committee members are hoping it will not be necessary to do a major telephone follow-up. Don't miss the Directory deadline. If you aren't sure about your status, just call 206-0150, and we'll check your record.

All of which brings me back to the trip Bill and I took in early November. There are some places neither of us ever wanted to visit, and one was Branson, Missouri. So we did the Christmas tour of Branson--and had a most enjoyable time. So great, in fact, that we have already signed up for next year, which means that the November 2003 issue may also be a bit late. But since I have 12 months to figure how to get it out on time, I might just make it.

Our big annual dinner/dance program meeting is February 9. This meeting will officially close our 25th year. Start lining up YOUR table partners for a delightful evening.

With the wish that your holidays will be joyful and that 2003 will bring with it good health, good friends, and a good return on your capital...

Evelyn Abroff



WELCOME new Affiliates!

Wood Canyon Eye Care
Dr. Terra Barnes O.D.

7 Day Dental
Dr. Christine Chang

CARE
Clinic for Aging Research and
Education

Gabriella's Beauty Salon

Laguna Woods Properties

WELCOME new Associates!

Ball Room Dance Club

Pomegranate Club

Theater Guild

Shuffleboard Assoc.



Wise Sayings via email:

Once over the hill, you pick up speed.

I love cooking with wine. Sometimes, I even put it in the food.

Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just don't have any film.

If not for STRESS, I'd have no energy at all.

Whatever hits the fan will not be evenly divided.

I know God won't give me any more than I can handle.



NEW CLUB!

We have a brand new "club". It has a founder, a president, and a member--all the same person, Irma Franklin. She would welcome other members. Here's what she had in mind when the **BIRTHDAY CLUB** was created: Historically Advantaged people--or even a little younger--would become members simply by giving the Historical Society a birthday check each year, a dollar for each year. . . Irma started it off with a check for \$93 and a commitment to give a check each year to cover her age.

Assuming that most 90 year olds are not too interested in gifts just for the sake of gifts, perhaps children or grand children might like to enroll a Leisure World resident or friend. We'll acknowledge the gift and send an official **Birthday Club Card** to the enrollee. Like all other gifts to the Society, Birthday Club "enrollments" are tax deductible.

...IN MEMORIAM...

Judy Brandes

Helen Conser
Leisure Worlder of the Month
September 1989

Tom Gaylor
President 1997

Dorothy Hittl

Joanne Jones

John Kingston

Herbert Pollak

Jean Slack

WWII Veterans History Project

John Bradley, Project Representative

The Leisure World Historical Society has become a participating partner in the Veterans History Project as authorized by the United States Congress and implemented by the Library of Congress.

The initial participation of the Historical Society will be in conducting video taped interviews with Leisure World Veteran residents who have enrolled in the WWII Registry Program.

The interviews will adhere to the "Project Information Guidelines." The video tapes will be retained in the Historical Society Archives for reference by family members, and authorized organizations.

Currently, we are in the early stages of organizing video interview sessions with assistance from the Leisure World Video Club and a representative from the Library of Congress assigned to our project. We are very fortunate to have Sheila Lichtenstein as volunteer Archivist coordinating this activity.

WWII veterans not yet enrolled in our Registry may obtain the enrollment form at our office or at the library. If you know of anyone not yet enrolled, please urge him/her to pick up a form--or pick up one and deliver!

More Great Things about Getting Older

.....People no longer ask you to carry refrigerators and mattresses.

.....People get out of your way when you drive down the street.

.....You can devote your full attention to complaining.

Docent Tours

Justine Ratner, Tour Coordinator

After a four and a half month hiatus, due to the unavailability of a Leisure World bus for our use, the Historical Society tours were resumed on September 19th. The Golden Rain Foundation chartered a bus for us to use on these tours, which take place on the first three Thursdays of each month.

On October 24th, the Docent Tour Committee had their semi-annual meeting, at which time they took tour assignments for the period December 2002 through May 2003. Our newest Docent, Rich Holland, was introduced to the group. The tour now starts at the Community Center Building and is being revised to include visits to the third floor activities: Fitness Center, Table Tennis, and both Computer Workshops.

Eleanor Cooper led a special tour on October 28. A Japanese group of 15 people from Kanagawa Province, plus their interpreter, were shown a video of Leisure World and toured the Community Center Building. Eleanor told them about our community and answered questions.





The 11 ton, 32 foot diameter globe which was moved "home" on March 5th from its Laguna Hills site on De La Carlotta will be even more visible within a short time. The Gate 12 electrical engineer designed a 4 flood light plan which has been approved by the City. The Maintenance Division will install the lights. An appropriate sign will go on the Mouton Parkway side of the globe. After that, Bob Miller, who has shepherded this project from day one, will no longer have the weight of the "world" on his shoulders!

The Peace Globe, presented to the Historical Society by the *Renaissance at the Regency*, has been "out" for extensive refurbishing but will soon be on display at the Historical Society. This Boehm Globe is a replicate of one President Reagan presented to Russian Premier Gorbachev, and was presented to Ross Cortese. For years, it was displayed at the Rossmoor Regency, but fell into disrepair, with both cracked and missing doves. When the Regency changed owners and was no longer a Rossmoor Regency, they felt it only appropriate that the globe should also come "home!" It won't be as visible as our old globe, but it is a beautiful piece. Stop by and see it.



Peace On Earth

Membership Committee Charles Hellmann, Chairman

ROLL OUT THE BARREL

(Swiped from some unknown source.)

Before we start complaining about how much the price of gas is, lets take a look at what the "other stuff" cost by the barrel.

CRUDE OIL	\$14.68
Coca Cola	\$78.13
Milk	\$126.00
Evian Water	\$189.90
Orange Juice	\$251.16
Snapple	\$267.12
Perrier Water	\$328.67
Lemon Oil	\$390.88
Crisco Oil	\$435.12
Scope Mouthwash	\$826.65
Olive Oil	\$1324.38
Real Maple Syrup	\$1789.52
Jack Daniel 's Bourbon	\$4133.26
Visine Eye Drops	\$32,202.24
Nasal Spray	\$238,133.21

As we approach this special time of the year, we are reminded of the many great accomplishments of the Leisure World Historical Society and the various ways it serves our community. Projects, such as returning the Globe to Leisure World, registry of WWII veterans, UCI surveys, Leisure Worlder of the Month celebrations, and Docent Tours have each made a very important contribution to the life of the community. We are making history!

Please be certain to have your name included in the 2003 Directory. If you've misplaced the form recently mailed, there is another on page 7. Drop it -- and your check -- off at the office or mail to the Society. The address is PO Box 2220, Laguna Woods, 92654.

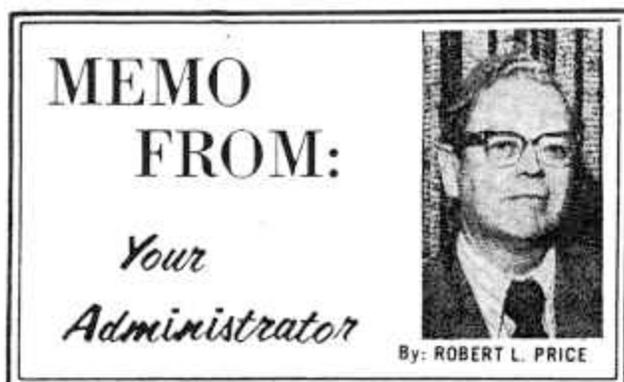
Veteran Interviewers Trained

Sheila Lichtenstein

Thirteen conscientious volunteers met on November 12 to learn the art of interviewing for the Veterans History Project. The trainer, Dr. Kim Miller, doctorate of Folklore and Anthropology at Cal State University, Northridge, was sent to Leisure World by the Library of Congress to train our volunteers. Not only did we learn the intricacies of "interviewing", but we actually role played as interviewers and interviewees. It was a great learning experience as we honed our interviewing skills.

We are planning one more session of role playing in early December, after which the actual interviews will begin. We are in the process of notifying Leisure World WWII veterans whom we have chosen to be interviewed. These are veterans who are registered with us.

If you have an historically interesting WWII story to tell, please feel free to contact the Society and leave your name and telephone number.



June 10, 1976....All surveys and questionnaires regarding Laguna Hills identify that the community's security program is "number one." This program has been in existence since first families moved in on Sept. 10, 1964. On that date we had only Gate 1 manned, one patrol car and the Chief Security Officer was Mac Barber who had previously headed the security force at Leisure World, Seal Beach. Mac retired in 1967.

As the community grew there were more gates and more patrol cars but also there evolved a pattern of services which is virtually unmatched any where else, as best we know. And growing with the community was the security wall, each segment built with each peripheral mutual and ultimately surrounding each segment of the community such as Phase 1, south of El Toro Road and east of Moulton Parkway which encompasses 5,550 manors.

Also in this phase, Gates 2 and 3 were built along with the housing and manned for the hours needed. Gate 4, being an exit, stood open during the days' unmanned for some time until it was found that people wandered or came in unobserved, which had to be stopped by placing an officer there and installing a small gatehouse.

Another facet of the security program was its radio communications, installed shortly after first move-ins. Now the whole fleet is radio controlled plus hot line communications with the county sheriff and fire departments. It is the sheriff who provides police protection in the legal and literal sense of the word. Our security force provides valuable surveillance and much persuasion. The command officers, who are not residents, are

police experienced and thus able to do police type work when called upon in an emergency.

Phase II, north of El Toro Road brought in Gates 5 and 6 and also a serious discussion on a possible gate at Clubhouse 4 (which was found to be not possible at this time). This phase also surrounded the golf course which in itself provides a deterrent buffer zone and Clubhouse 2 with our only unnumbered gate.

Gates 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 followed as Phase II opened up. Gate 12 is an emergency gate off of Santa Vittorio Drive. Also with the growth of the community came growth surrounding us and the need for a total security wall, where heretofore there had always been the "construction front," unwallled but patrolled by Rossmoor's forces. But the sensitivity of having a security construction front has grown to the point that Rossmoor is going to install a temporary chain link fence from Gate 9 to the wall in the immediate future. When completed it will be the first time that the entire occupied community is totally surrounded.

It is the nature of security that surveillance be included 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Hence a sizeable crew of men are either at the gates, patrolling or responding as needed and they answer wherever help is needed in the community. If security cannot provide the service, they know where to turn for help. One of our police experienced officers heads the force at all times and the residents who man the gates and help in the patrols carry with them a sense of responsibility and responsiveness which has no bounds.

Among the many miscellaneous services provided by security are: foot and vehicle patrols, manning the gates, new move-ins, monitoring street and walk lights, maintaining master file on residents/manors; emergency information; issuance of guest passes; traffic control, advise and assist residents, golf cart licensing, liaison with police and fire, etc., etc.

This is made possible by the willingness of all members to include in their monthly charges a nominal payment for this service which in 1976 is \$5.71. Everyone pays and everyone has the benefit of the Security Program.

A not-to-be overlooked factor is the participation of residents themselves in alerting security regarding any unusual incidents. Everyone cooperates and seems to appreciate the service even when a gate officer may appear to be strict and abrupt.

A "wee" gift....

At this time of the year, most of us are once more seeking gifts for "people who have everything".....and what a job that can be! Or we need to say "thank you" to someone who has been helpful ...watered the plants, picked up the newspaper, walked the dog, provided transportation. Or we would like to acknowledge a neighbor "just because."

We have just the gift for you--at almost any price you wish to pay!

Give a membership to the Society. It is tax deductible for you -- and we will send a card acknowledging the gift. The price: a minimum of \$10 and a maximum of \$300!!

If not a membership, how about a gift? We have a special card for such gifts. We'll send it directly or give to you to send. Here's the wording:

Happy Holidays

to _____

from _____

A gift to the Leisure World Historical Society has been made in your name.

Anniversaries, birthdays, occasions.....
In honor of, in memory of, with sympathy...
We will acknowledge all such gifts and send an appropriate card to the designee.

If you are among the 2002 members not yet paid for 2003 ... please use the membership renewal form below..... Your prompt return will be greatly appreciated.

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Yes, I/We want to support the Historical Society.

Name _____

(All memberships are for one person.)

- ___ \$10 Regular
- ___ \$25 Contributor
- ___ \$50 Sustainer
- ___ \$100 Sponsor
- ___ \$300 Patron

Address _____ Phone _____

I/we moved to Leisure World in _____, Check # _____ Amount \$ _____

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