

## JUNE PROGRAMS SCHEDULED

### Coronado "Ferry Fun Tour"

Bus trip and tour Thursday June 5  
See page 7 for details and reservation form.  
It should be a great day !

\*\*\*\*\* FOR MEMBERS ONLY \*\*\*\*\*

### "As it was in the beginning--"

Jack Fowler, Speaker

Jack worked for the Rossmoor Corporation as Resident Engineer with the firm of Lowry and Associates, laying out building locations and grading design for Leisure World at Seal Beach. When Ross Cortese acquired the Moulton Ranch property, he was hired as Vice-President with the supervision of engineering, planning and governmental agency relations with the County of Orange. Hear about some of the problems of creating our Leisure World from someone who was there!

THURSDAY, JUNE 26, HISTORICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE ROOM 1:30  
RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED AS SPACE IS LIMITED. CALL 206-0150.

UCI SCHOOL OF MEDICINE FACULTY LECTURES WILL RESUME IN OCTOBER.

**PRESIDENTIAL MUSINGS** John Fuller

As you can see when you read through this newsletter, we are involved in a number of projects. Preservation of our history through the WWII Veterans' registration and interviewing project; rescuing our landmark globe and refurbishing our porcelain globe, working with UCI on medical lectures. We do, however, have a major purpose, clearly stated in our Articles of Incorporation:

*To collect , preserve and own such records, books, manuscripts, charts, maps, photographs, films and other materials pertaining to the history of Leisure World and its surrounding environs in Orange County, California; to engage in research in connection herewith and to disseminate information to the public so as to foster knowledge and appreciation of the people and events that contributed to such history.*

This is the Archives part of our charter. For this purpose, we have a large climate controlled area with special lighting to assure preservation of our records. We have an excellent Archivist, Marge Williams, and a dedicated volunteer staff, who have classified, coded and filed all of the many documents continually being added to our records.

What are Archives? Marge has a good explanation of the difference between archives and a library that helps to understand these functions. A library's task is to get as many books into readers hands as possible. They need to be read. Archives, on the other hand, should basically remain on the shelves, to be used for reference in preparing historical treatises. Archives, Marge emphasizes, are not to be considered your family attic!

Our archival material is all catalogued and can be accessed by coming in to review the information or by filling out a request for the information you would like to have the archives staff research for you.

The definition of Archives is not easily understood. Some Leisure World clubs, for instance, store their records in our archives. Meeting minutes are valuable documents; old checkbook stubs are not!

The Society has two very interesting books on Leisure World History for sale, which will help both old and new residents to better understand some of our background. One is Fulfilling Retirement Dreams, by Dr. Tracy E. Strevey and Associates. It is the history of the first twenty five years of Leisure World. The second one, Leisure World History, is a bound volume of the first five issues of the Historical Society Journal, Spring of 1980 through Winter of 1982

In closing, I would like to remind you that volunteers operate your Society. We need help in our Archives. There are surely retirees with archive experience in Leisure World. We also need typists to help with data entry. We would welcome your help in this most worthwhile activity. Call our office, 206-0150, for an appointment to see how you can help!



## DIRECTORY - 2003

Your 2003 Directory is coming. It should reach you about the same time this newsletter arrives, give or take a day or two.

Do take a few minutes to review its contents. The **Affiliates**, listed first in the book, are the businesses and professional people who support our Society. Some of them have been contributing for more than a dozen years. Others are new this year. We urge you to consider using their services. And when you do, let them know that you saw their listing in the Historical Society Directory.

Look through the list of **Associates**, the clubs and organizations who support our programs in the community. If your club is not on the list, why not? If your records are not in our archives, why not? As with the Affiliates, some of the clubs are long time supporters, while others have joined for the first time.

The members are, we hope, listed correctly: all names without spelling errors, all street numbers and units in order, and telephones without switched numbers. But unfortunately, and despite the best efforts of Sherry Hamilton, our office manager, and the office volunteers, we know there will be some errors. Please call in the corrections when you find errors. And please, if you change your name, your address, and or your telephone number, let us know at once. Our newsletters are neither forwarded nor returned, so there is no way of knowing if you are not at the address we have in our records.

**Historically Advantaged** members not yet on our list are urged to let the office know. If you are 90, or will be ninety this year, you are eligible for this listing. We presently have over 50 enrolled.

According to a recent news release from the Univ. of Nebraska, **Claire Still** established an endowed fellowship at the Univ. of Nebr. Foundation in memory of her brothers, Joseph and Richard Still, both graduates of the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Medicine. The first fellowship has just been awarded. Claire was our first Archivist and was president 1987-91.

## NEW MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

The Board of Directors has established a new and very exclusive membership category - Honorary Life Member. The only people who can qualify for this level are members who are "Historically Advantaged", have been members for a minimum of three years, or have been Leisure Worlder of the Month, or because of special activities within Leisure World are so voted by the Board. But there is one absolute rule: Honorary Life Members **must** be 100, or will be 100 within 10 months.

We now have five Honorary Life Members:

**David Ast DDS**

**Eugene Conser**

**Jerome Lederer**

**James Pursell**

**Milo Tedstrom MD**

And ladies, despite all the statistics about the ratio of men to women in Leisure World, and the tables which tell us that women live, on the average, about 7 or 8 years longer than men -- can you believe five men?

### With Apologies

Last month, your editor mistakenly reported that **Circle of Friends** (who disbanded and gave their remaining funds to the Society) was not a social club. Not true, says their last President. They really were a social club! Apologies, to a "social club" with a "worthy purpose!"

### Address changes

Mabel Southworth  
Villa Valencia A-355  
24552 Paseo De Valencia  
Laguna Hills, Ca 92653

Kathryne Pennington  
Freedom Village A 215  
23442 El Toro Rd.  
Lake Forest, CA 92653

Pauline Garton  
%Ray Renkin  
20947 Deloraine Dr.  
Walnut, CA 91789

## WWII VETERANS REGISTRY

Veteran registration forms are still coming in, with about 700 registered to date. When the committee first started working on this project, they estimated that 3000 veterans lived in Leisure World. If you are one of the 2300 not yet registered, please pick up a form at our office or in the library! We believe we have the largest concentration of WWII veterans in the country. Compiling information on a sizable portion of our population is a very legitimate project for the Historical Society.

The Veterans History Project, discussed in the next column, is related to but separate from the registry. Information in the Registry is "Confidential" and is entered in a dedicated computer. Selected veterans are asked to participate in the History Project, which is affiliated with the Library of Congress project.

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Tired of those aggravating calls with no one on the line? Apparently this is a telemarketing gimmick for determining if people are home before a real live person calls. Thwart the caller by hitting the # key 6 or 7 times before hanging up. Supposedly, this messes up the line and discourages the follow-up. Worth a try.

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### Things you never really wanted to Know:

There are 293 ways to make change for a \$.

There are more chickens than people in the world.

Los Angeles' full name is "El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reina de Los Angeles de Porciuncula."

It is impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.

The average person falls asleep in 7 minutes.

### Thought for the Day

When NASA first started sending up astronauts, they quickly discovered that ball point pens would not work in 0 gravity. To combat this problem, NASA scientists spent a decade and \$12 billion developing a pen that would write in space. Russia used a pencil.

## VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT

Sheila Lichtenstein, Coordinator

Information regarding a World War II battle, such as date, time, place, winner or loser, can be found in a history book, or on the internet. However, if one wants the visceral, 'straight from the gut' reactions about the actuality of living in the midst of that battle, our Video Tapes will tell that story.

Funny incidents in the midst of tragedy. Small personal experiences that time will never erase. Being in the wrong place by sheer accident, or being in the right place for no special reason. Each tape carries personal histories which will never reach history books.

Shortly, we will have completed our fiftieth oral history tape. It has been a labor of love for the wonderful team of volunteers: Marv Green and his devoted team of video buffs (Carley Leutzow, Mike Evans, Mike Ayotte, Bob Jenks, Dick Tyhurst, Bev Glass); Tobey Greenspan and Caroline Epstein who schedule veterans/interviewers/video teams; a long list of interviewers who show up at the taping sessions with the right questions and patiently listen to the Veteran tell his or her story.

Cataloging and archiving memorabilia as well as all the tapes and biographies received to date is underway. Eleanor Whitesel has been our standby as she patiently helps go through this collection.

If you are interested in participating in this project, call the Historical Society office, 206-0150, and leave you name and phone number. We're often in need of more clerical, archival, schedule and interview volunteers.

(The Veterans History Project is separate from the Veteran Registration project. Some of the veterans who register are asked to volunteer for taping. This is strictly at the option of the veteran.)



### YOU CAN BURN CALORIES DOING YOUR EVERY DAY ACTIVITIES

Calories can be burned by the hundreds by engaging in strenuous activities that do not require physical exercise. Listed below are the exercises and the calories they burn per hour:



..Climbing the walls.....	75
..Swallowing your pride.....	50
..Pushing your luck.....	250
..Hitting the nail on the head.....	50
..Bending over backwards . . . . .	75
.. Jumping on the bandwagon.....	200
.. Balancing the books.....	25
.. Eating crow.....	225
..Putting your foot in your mouth	300
..Adding fuel to the fire.....	160



#### EDITOR reminiscing.....Evelyn Shopp

When Cynthia Chyba, program chair, asked why we joined the Historical Society, I had an immediate picture of my old friend, Marian Fox, who before Leisure World, had been on the staff of the American Hospital Association, based in Chicago. Because I had known her in that role, it was easy to renew our acquaintance when we moved to Leisure World.

Marian was into genealogy, and historical stuff, so Historical Society was her thing. She asked me, almost immediately, to join the Historical Society, and followed that with a suggestion that I become a life member. So I joined, because **she asked me to join!** I don't know how many others joined because of her not too subtle suggestions, but at least one

of her recruits, me, became truly interested in the Society and its mission.

Marian was one of the first people to "save" for the Archives, which at that time, was a rather nebulous "hope". I'm sorry she did not live to see our building and enjoy the marvelous Archives we now have. I think she would be pleased to know that the money she left the Society in her will was eventually a part of the building fund.

The point of this story is, I hope, obvious. She asked me, and I joined. Think what we could do if 300 of our members felt the same kind of commitment, and recruited a friend.

Leisure World Historical Society

CORONADO ISLAND "FERRY FUN TOUR"

Bus Trip and Tour Thursday, June 5, 2003

Leave Gate 3 Bus Area at 9 am. Return at 6 pm.

- \* Scenic drive down the coast with crashing surf on one side and hillsides covered with wild flowers on the other.
- \* At the San Diego waterfront, board the ferry for a short ride to Coronado Island.
- \* Spectacular luncheon served at Peohe's amidst cascading waterfalls, sculptured ponds, and lush tropical foliage.
- \* At ferry landing after lunch, discover and browse through a charming collection of shops, art galleries and restaurants surrounded by tree lined walkways, swaying palms and sparkling ponds.
- \* Later, we cross the bay again, this time by motor coach over the Coronado Bay Bridge. We travel along San Diego's bustling waterfront as we make our way to Seaport Village. This landmark for shopping and dining offers a unique collection of one-of-a-kind shops and restaurants in a waterfront setting. Accentuated by lush landscaping fountains, a bay front boardwalk, live entertainment and an 1890s carousel, Seaport Village is the perfect place to spend an enjoyable afternoon.

Luncheon choices: 1) Sweet and Spicy Mango Chicken 2) Angel Hair Pasta  
2) Roast Turkey Breast Sandwich

MEMBERS \$53 NON-MEMBERS \$55  
Clip and return with check by May 30 to

Leisure World Historical Society  
PO Box 2220  
Laguna Woods, CA 92654

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Check # \_\_\_\_\_ for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.

NO REFUNDS AFTER MAY 20.

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**Reservations are needed for both the  
Coronado Tour  
and the  
Jack Fowler presentation**



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