

NEW EXPERIENCES FOR THE SOCIETY!

The June 26 lecture by Jack Fowler, scheduled for the Society Conference Room, was so "over-subscribed" that it was moved to the Board Room of the City of Laguna Woods, which proved to be a very acceptable meeting place. The lecture, incidental, was historically interesting, even to those of us who have been around for a long time.

An emergency move for the Leisure Worlder of the Month ceremony for July 2 from the usual CH6 to CH5 was caused by a power outage at 6. It isn't easy to notify expected guests and residents on short notice, but the very full house indicated that the job was well-done. In fact, had the same number arrived at CH6, there would have been standing room only -- all the way to the street.

Our building is under siege!! For the last week, we've had people on the roof, with all the expected noises, working on power lines, phone lines, or some other kind of lines. Somehow, we were not prepared for that on a new building.

Your board, not wanting to miss any new experience, accepted the invitation of Hometown Buffet to use their space for our JUNE board meeting, and to partake of their Continental breakfast. Now it is back to our own conference room and our own coffee, with no rolls unless some member feels generous and provides them. Not likely.

PRESIDENTIAL MUSINGS JOHN FULLER

We get many drop-in visitors and numerous phone calls from our members and residents during the course of our 9 AM to 4 PM Monday through Friday open hours. Our volunteer receptionist staff provides assistance and a variety of information, with the assistance, as needed, of our Office Manager, Sherry Hamilton. Request forms for Archival information are submitted to the Archive volunteers for research.

Most of our volunteers have been volunteering for a long time and are well-versed in our varied activities. Three words describe them: polite, helpful and enthusiastic! We are always looking for additional volunteers, so if this kind of activity appeals to you, come in and see us.

All of our Board members are also volunteers and we depend on them to keep the Historical Society operating. There are many people in Leisure World with backgrounds that would be helpful. We are particularly looking right now for a volunteer Treasurer with Quicken experience, preferably on the MAC computer, to keep our books. We also need someone with "membership keeping" background to assist in our upcoming membership renewal. With approximately 1000 members, the renewal process takes much help. If you can help, call the office at 206--0150, or drop in and leave your name. We'll set up an interview with you.

Our Newsletter tells you of all of our activities, so I'll just wish you a relaxing summer to do whatever it was that we were going to retire to do!



Welcome New Members

Lou Casabianca
Gene Cech
Suzanne Cech
Donna Donelson
Beverly Feinstein
Jack Fowler
Patricia Gahan
Gene Griffes
Bonnie Griffes
Sydelle Lepoff
Patrick Shelley

Recent Gifts

in honor of
Eliot Brody

in honor of
Margo & Bob Bouer

in memory of
Joan Africa

Heads are wisest when they are cool
and hearts are strongest
when they beat in response to noble ideals.

RALPH J. BUNCHE

The Board of Directors
is pleased to announce that funding for
"Leisure World of the Month"
July 2003 through June 2004
will be shared by the
Renaissance at the Regency
and the
Renaissance at the Wellington .

The Renaissance at the Regency funded the program for the last twelve months, and had a representative present at each program, as well as an informative display. If you know someone who is contemplating a move, do suggest a visit to one of these facilities.

Fremont Investment and Loan's Deposit Incentive Donation Plan for 2002 included 38 accounts credited to the Society. Our earnings from this program netted the Society \$852.19, with no cost to either the donor or the recipient. If you plan to open a new account or have one that is "rolling over" do ask that the account be accredited to the Historical Society. If you have not been in their offices, go by and try their coffee, and talk of one of the very helpful, friendly employees. Even low interest earns for us!

Dr. Benjamin Bendat is our newest Honorary Life Member. Dr. Bendat was a member of our Building Committee and an active fund raiser. He and his late wife, Bessie, are listed on our Wall of Honor. Dr. Bendat, now a Villa Valencia resident, will be 100 this month.

Cynthia Chyba, 2nd Vice-Pres. and program chair has resigned for health reasons. **Milton Ray**, Treasurer, is moving out of Leisure World. Both have been long time active supporters and it will be difficult to replace them.

It takes some time to get acquainted with all the activities of the Society. However, if you are interested -- and are not opposed to "crash learning"-- get in touch with President John Fuller. Or perhaps you know someone who needs a challenge!!

....in memoriam....

Joan Africa

H.S. Office Manager
Volunteer

Eleanor DeWitt

Gerald Johnson

Benjamin Mandelstam MD

former H.S. Board Member
Leisure Worder of the Month Jan. 1991

Mable Southworth

Life Member

Wallace Wates

Rebecca Wyman

Our Talented Members

We all know that Leisure World is full of talented people, and a lot of them are Historical Society members. You can help with this column! Just send a note to the editor with the "facts" and we'll call you back for further details. Let's recognize **our** talent.

According to Clubhouse V Supervisor Pam, the "Three Kings," a piece designed and made by our member, **lone Peikert**, has been getting rave reviews since November 1999 when it was first installed in the glass display case in the office lounge area.

lone has asked each January if she should pick up her exhibit, and has been assured each time that it is still being enjoyed. Stop by and "enjoy" the next time you are at CH V.

New Docents on the Job!

Eleanor Cooper, Coordinator

Prospective buyers and new residents get an overview of Leisure World on docent led tours which are conducted on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Thursdays of each month. Tours always visit the Historical Soceity building and use the Dairoma for orientation to the area.

Barbara Gilden, a New Yorker who taught emotionally and physically impaired high school students, has been a permanent Leisure World resident for 8 years. She came here because her children are in the area she did not want to be an "absentee" grandmother. She takes full advantage of the CH4 facilities, and is into ceramics and glass. Belongs to a number of clubs including NJ and NY club, and the new CUNY group.

Patrick Shelley, born in Tipperary County, Ireland, has been a citizen for more than 50 years. He came directly to Los Angeles, but an Air Force and Veterans Administration career gave him the opportunity for extended travel, here and abroad. A Leisure World resident for 3 years, he goes to the gym 6 days a week, gardens, and enjoys activities as diverse as Ballroom Dancing 3 nights a week, cooking on the patio, Opera 100, and Comedy Club.

Barbara Benum, a resident since March, worked for a CPA in Santa Ana for 28 years but decided she wasn't into "computer stuff" and retired. All of her family are still back in Missouri, but her children are in this area, and she is eagerly awaiting the arrival of her first great grandchild. She loves travel and has visited Russia, Peru, China, Brazil and Ireland, and all intermediate stops. She is a volunteer for Hospice and for the Performing Arts center, uses the gym on a regular basis, and dotes on her Sharpie/Shepard.

Eleanor is always interested in talking with members about the Docent Program. If you think you might be interested, give her a call at 859-8086.

JUST FOR THE LADIES!

(Swiped from a forgotten source and copied with good intentions but without permission.)

Bring In the Real Pros

So the war in Iraq (remember that?) went well, which means quickly. But now, weeks after victory, neither plodding United Nations arms inspectors nor eager American weapons hunters can seem to find Saddam Hussein's suspected hidden caches of weapons of mass destruction. The reason is clear as day: You've got *men* looking for these things.

Recall those prewar videos of U.N. inspectors poking through unused Iraqi factories as cluttered with meaningless litter and refuse as any teenager's room? They were all men. Did you see any of those men stopping to ask for directions? Of course not! Real men don't ask for directions. Fact is, most men are terrible at finding things, even in their own closets. They stand there helplessly waiting for someone to offer help in spotting a favorite blue tie, which is hanging right in front, and hand it to them. "Oh, *there* it is," they say with engaging obliviousness.

And men are even worse in front of the refrigerator. Have you noticed? Again, they stand there with the door open, chilling the entire kitchen, looking and looking with those blank faces and silent mouths, apparently unable physically to move even the tiniest jar in their not-so-diligent search. When help arrives, again, the sought-after item is typically right in front.

So it's no wonder that Hussein's weapons of mass destruction, or WMDs, have gone undetected by men. The weapons are probably parked just behind U.N. headquarters.

Right now, this week, before schools get out, call in the world's top finder of hidden things: Mom. All the president has to do is slap together a team of highly trained, eagle-eyed American moms. They have long experience in the rugged combat zones of upstairs closets, in the drawers of vacant teens and blind husbands and under the bed where no sentient life lives but many things end up. And they have invaluable experience stepping in where lost men already stand.

It really is uncanny. Somehow moms just seem to know where things are, even things that aren't theirs. Many a mom has been on a business trip when the cell phone rings and it's some male from back home wondering where his black T-shirt is. The amazing thing is, most moms will know exactly where it is, even from 800 miles away.

What we could do is ship over to Iraq a battalion of Recon Moms. Call them WMDs (Women Mobilized to Detect stuff). Tell them a son has hidden a huge stash of Playboy magazines somewhere in Iraq, probably under a bunch of dangerous weapons. Chances are you'll find every last one of those weapons before dinner. *And* the Playboys.

The Rules of Chocolate

■ If you have melted chocolate all over your hands, you're eating it too slowly.

■ Chocolate covered raisins, cherries, orange slices & strawberries all count as fruit, so eat as many as you want.

■ The problem: How to get 2 pounds of chocolate home from the store in a hot car.

The solution: Eat it in the parking lot.

■ Diet tip: Eat a chocolate bar before each meal. It will take the edge off your appetite and you will eat less.

■ If you can't eat all your chocolate, it will keep in the freezer. But if you can't eat all your chocolate, what's wrong with you?

■ If calories are an issue, store your chocolate on top of the fridge. Calories are afraid of heights, and they will jump out of the chocolate to protect themselves.

■ If I eat equal amounts of dark chocolate and white chocolate, is that a balanced diet? Don't they actually counteract each other?

■ Money talks. Chocolate sings.

■ Chocolate has many preservatives. Preservatives make you look younger.

■ Q. Why is there no such organization as Chocoholics Anonymous?

A. Because no one wants to quit.

■ If not for chocolate, there would be no need for control top pantyhose. An entire garment industry would be devastated.

■ Put "eat chocolate" at the top of your list of things to do today. That way, at least you'll get one thing done.

Volunteer Profiles

Assembled by Mattie Ellis

Bobbie Bateman, a second generation Leisure Worlder, has lived here 10 years. Born in Raleigh, N.C., she received her BS from William and Mary College. Bobbie lived in Honolulu for 15 years, and experienced the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Bobbie enjoys sewing, music, and is a member of the Bell Choir at Geneva Presbyterian Church. She belongs to the Computer Club, and is active in the Cat Club.

Rose Woods, born and raised in Auburn, Ca., is a second generation Japanese. When she was 13, the family was "whisked into the internment camps for the duration of WW11." Rose worked for the L.A. Unified School District for 20 years and has lived in Leisure World for seven. She enjoys some sewing, gardening, and day travel. She takes exercise and health classes; member of Ballroom Dance Club, MUG computer Club and the Cat Club.

Alberta Montvydas, the volunteer with the most years of service, methodically prepares news articles for the computer. Born in Pennsylvania, she has lived in Leisure World for 10 years. She enjoys her new computer, reading and the theater. She belongs to Ebell, Keyboard Club, Computer Club, Cat Club, and Scandinavian Club. She is a cat lover!



Helen Hanson, born in Iowa, spent her working years as a Nursing Educator. She moved to Leisure World 14 years ago. A Leisure Worlder of the Month, she presently belongs to College Club, Womens Classified Service Club, is active in her church; She is enrolled in classes in Lip Reading and Music Appreciation. She enjoys reading, quilting, cross stitch, needle point, travel and bridge.

Jean Mahlberg rode a camel across the desert in Israel- five days camping out with sleeping bag! And this from a Northern Minnesota native. Other interests include: DAR chaplain, AAUW, book reviews, church groups etc. Hobbies include knitting, quilting, travel. Jean has a BS from the Univ. of Minn. and a Masters from Univ. of Ca. at Fullerton. She has five daughters, described as "gorgeous." She has been in LW 11 years.

Sheila Lichenstein is responsible for the WW11 project which requires computer know-how and archive experience. She hails from New York, came to California in 1946 and has been in LW 2 years. She enjoys reading, drawing and music; belongs to Brandeis Univ. group.

Louise Hoft, a Brooklyn native, enjoys bowling and crafts. She is president of her church womens group, with a year to go! Louise worked as a LPN, spending 4 years in Oahu, Hawaii, a most enjoyable experience. She has lived in Leisure World for almost 5 years.

Joan Long, originally from Akron, Ohio, is often asked if she belongs to the Long's Store Empire, and the answer is "No." She attended University of Akron and left with an MRS degree and husband Bill. She enjoys travel, crossword puzzles, reading. The Longs have lived in LW for 14 years.

(More volunteer profiles next issue.)

As the President stated in his message, we always need volunteers -- as receptionists, as assistants in the Archives, and for special projects, such folding and labeling newsletters, stuffing envelopes for special mailings. We could also use a couple of standby typists for occasional papers. If you can give some time, do contact Sherry Hamilton, Office Manager, at 206-0150.

WORLD WAR II

Veterans History Project Report

Sheila Lichtenstein, Project Coordinator

Our project now contains over 85 video tapes of Leisure World War II Veterans. Most tapes are little jewels of stories and experiences of our veterans. They run the gamut from funny to very sad. Some are stories never told before and some are stories that have gained lots of publicity. But each story is individual and very special.

Our interviewers have been very special and sensitive to the telling of each experience. They are very reliable about the dates and times of each taping. Our two very special schedulers, Tobey Greenspan and Caroline Epstein, do a yeoman's job of setting up each taping with Veteran, Interviewer and Video Club.

Here's a list of our Interviewers:

Raye Abraham	Mara Hodgkins
Jeanette Barrett	Bernice Kutchins
Edyth Bassett	Greg O'Bierne
Sheila Bialka	Charlotte Paskil
Dick Blatman	Inge Popich
Bob Christians	Justine Ratner
Sylvia Clark	Fritzie Schwartz
Ruth Cutler	Myron Singer
B J Dennis	Warren Thurm
Caroline Epstein	Ed Wanner
Ellie Glomb	Shirley Weinberg
Tobey Greenspan	

In spite of this long list, we are always looking for more interviewers. We will be doing a training session shortly and if you are interested, call the Historical Society, 206-0150, and leave your name and phone number.

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING..

Editor, publisher, columnist... Evelyn Shopp

This space would be blank without my input, and that should not happen in a newsletter billed as "8 pages." However, since this is summer and all good board members are enjoying vacation time (as are all of you readers) I thought I would just tell you what we do not have in this issue. It is probably my fault, as I did not nag this month.

There is no report on the 2003 survey which the committee has been considering. Last month, they requested your input. Hope you all responded!

There is no program committee report. No one wants to go anywhere or hear anything in August! But just wait, Ward Payne will come through by September.

July is not the time to start agitating for new members, or renewal of old ones, so that is presently back-burnered. But a new chairman will undoubtedly be into planning before the next issue.

Bob Miller did tell me that the contract for adding "Leisure World" to the Moulton side of the Globe has been finalized, but he had no delivery date. Will no doubt be news for next issue.

Two things need to be mentioned but are not really the business of the editor. So I'll remind you anyway. The Society needs nominees for Leisure Worlder of the Month and for the Strevey Community Service Award. Only members may submit nominees for the Strevey Award. Forms are available in the office for both of these.

Hope you are enjoying your summer and happy not to be in Ohio, New Jersey, Florida, Kansas or wherever you lived pre California!

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