

## Fall Programs

The Historical Society will inaugurate its series of fall programs on  
Tuesday, September 23, 10 am  
Clubhouse Three, Dining Room 1

**Speaker: James Relph**

**Topic: 48 Years with the U.S. Foreign Service**

A native Californian, Relph served 3 years in the U.S. Army during WWII, including front line combat with the 75 Infantry Division in Southern France and Germany. In the immediate post war period, he was stationed in Berlin, then divided into separate zones and governed by the major Allies: US, Soviet Union and Great Britain. Experiences in this assignment whetted his appetite for a Foreign Service Career.

After his return to the states, he attended Whittier College and Claremont Graduate School. This was followed by a variety of experiences in the State Department, including postings in England, Germany and a number of African assignments, including the nation of Chad. His duties included being a Special Assistant to two ambassadors, as well as selection for attendance at the National War College and Harvard University.

Please join us for a fascinating first-person insight into some of the momentous events of the twentieth century.

Refreshments will be served.

This meeting is scheduled for 10 am to accommodate our many members who do not drive at night.  
Let us know if this time change is helpful.

**PRESIDENTIAL MUSINGS**

John Fuller

A number of changes have occurred at our Historical Society facilities lately and we would like to tell you about them. First, we were informed by PCM that our quarters were due for repainting! Sure enough, in short order our interior was completely repainted. Starting on a Friday morning, they were finished on the following Monday and did an excellent job. We have a number of large letters above the Wall of Honor and they very carefully painted around them.

Next came the cleaning and stain removal of the carpet. Because of the type of carpet, special cleaning procedures are required. This was quickly accomplished. Another big improvement! While furniture was displaced for these events, we took the opportunity to have some furniture rearranging done.

Next, we found that PCM had determined that the electrical power and phone systems for the Library and Historical Society came from the old Administration building. Since this is now for sale, it was necessary to change the source for these utilities. The GRF Board authorized PCM to make these changes. They were able to find new sources near the back of the Historical Society building and have been able to relocate the electrical power source for the library.

In the process of moving the phone connections, they decided to connect both facilities to the new PCM phone system and installed new phones in both facilities. We now have two phone lines. Our original line stays the same, 206-0150. We have a new digital line connected to the PCM system with a 267-2325 number. This will allow each phone to now have a mail box for incoming calls and numerous other improvements. These new phones come with a 53 page instruction book

for all of the features, so we ask your forbearance while our many volunteers learn how to use them. The original 206-0150 number will get the same response that it always has. The second line will reach the Archives and the President's office. Calls can be easily(?) transferred between the two numbers.

We are most appreciative of all these improvements, and suggest that when you are at the library or Clubhouse 1, you stop by and see our enhanced facilities!

**.....SURVEY.....**

Sid Aronson and Ira Joss have been meeting with a recently designated and very enthusiastic scientific team from the Brain Institute at the University of California, Irvine, under the direction of Dr. Claudia Kawas. This highly respected Institute will once again be our partners in a third Demographic Survey of Laguna Woods, scheduled for late fall.

With input from several Mutual Board members as well as the City of Laguna Woods, the Historical Society Committee is currently revising the previous questionnaires to reflect the current needs for specific data. As in the past, the University will prepare the questionnaire and summarize the accumulated results. The Survey will once again be conducted by mail and will be completely anonymous.

The monument of a great man is not of granite or marble or bronze. It consists of his goodness, his deeds, his love, and his compassion.

*Alfred A. Montapert*

**Membership Committee**

Ward Payne, Chair

The allegedly "lazy days" of summer continue to rush by with unseemly haste. However, your membership committee is well organized and prepared for the fall season just ahead which will herald the beginning of the 2004 membership drive. The committee has met and set goals for the general membership (1004 in 2004), and Associates and Affiliates categories.

Committee members are John Bradley, Jean Carson, Martha Hellman, Fran Lindberg, Joan Long, Helen Lyon, Charles McLaughlin, Virginia Templeton and myself. While this is a dedicated and highly efficient group, we would welcome 2 or 3 more members. It would be great to have some of our newer members as part of this motivated, illustrious team. If you are interested, give me a call at home, 837-7198, or leave your name at the Society office, 206-0150.

Also, please keep in mind, dear member, that you are our best recruiter. Tell your friends and neighbors about the Society. Bring them by the building for a "visit." Invite them to the program meetings. Or give the names to any member of the committee. We will send a complimentary newsletter, a brochure, and a "we'd like to have you join us" letter.

If you haven't checked the list of Affiliates lately, please do! And when you visit them, let them know you appreciate their support. And if your favorite business or professional isn't an Affiliate--let us know!

And check the list of clubs. If the ones you belong to are not Associates, why not?? Sometimes it only takes one person making a suggestion. Why not you?



It is reported, by a most reliable source, that the letters on the Mouton side of the **Globe** will be in place before this Newsletter goes to press. We shall see!

**Welcome,  
new members !**

Jeanette Barrett  
Harold Fatt  
Marvin Green  
Agatha Jackson  
Shirley Mitchell  
Carol Reese  
Ralph Reese  
Mac Rosen  
Jim Schaefer

**New on the  
Wall of Honor**

Joyce A. Will

remembering  
Donald F. Will, E.E.

**.....In Memoriam.....**

Donald Licking



**Holidays Ahead!  
Diet?**

### Medical Lecture Series

Ira Joss, Series Coordinator

The Medical College at the University of California, Irvine, has once again enthusiastically agreed to continue their participation in the Medical Lecture Series. 4 or 5 lectures are being planned and are tentatively scheduled for October, November, January, February and March. Dates, speakers, subject matter, and location will be announced shortly. Watch Ch 6 and Leisure World News.

### "Historically Advantaged"

Members who are 90 or older, or who will be 90 within the next 12 months, are cordially invited to become affiliated--at no cost!--with this very prestigious group. If you are not yet "registered" call the office, 206-0150, and Joan Long, Coordinator for the project, will send you a form.

### Early Residents

Residents who moved to Leisure World before 1970 are considered "early" residents. A number have been interviewed but some were missed. If you are in this group or know someone who is, please notify the office, 206-0150. We hope to resume the interviews very shortly.

### "Second Generation" Residents

If your parent(s) are living in Leisure World or lived here at some time in the past, we would like to have information for our second generation file. Call 206-0150 and ask for a form, or stop by the office for one.

### "Birthday Club"

Our newest club is very unique. The brain-child of Irma Franklin, she became the first member and therefore the President. The second member, Mattie Ellis, automatically became secretary. So far the total membership is 2.

The conditions of membership are simple. When you have a birthday, give a dollar for each year to the Historical Society. You may designate it for a special fund or project if you wish. The members would like to double their membership by the end of the year. Your editor will join in September so one more and their goal is met!!

Incidentally, President Irma just brought in her check for her September birthday. Way to go!!



### World War II History Project

Sheila Lichtenstein

On July 28th, we interviewed and video taped our 100th Leisure World veteran, Paul Kutchins. Paul told of his experiences living with the partisans in Italy after bailing out of his plane. It was a moving and interesting story, as were many of the others that we now proudly store for the Library of Congress and future historians.

If you are a WWII veteran and have not yet completed a registry form, we urge you to do so. Forms are available in our office and in the library.

### Volunteer Profiles

**Fran Lindberg**, a New Yorker from Queens, had a career in publishing. She has lived in Leisure World for nine years and has been an Archives volunteer almost that long. Her interests include walking, bowling, reading and music. She is a member of TOPS, Opera 100, Bowling Club, Computer Club, and Film Club.

**Gloria Levine**, a 10 year resident of Leisure World, came to the United States after graduating from a Teachers College in Venice, Italy. While a student at the University of Chicago, she met and married graduate student, Marvon Levine. She worked as a translator for the Am. Med. Assoc., and the Chicago courts. In California, she was first a translator for UCLA and then a French and Spanish teacher at Fullerton Union H.S. She is active in several clubs and attends Emeritus classes.

**Fritzie Schwartz** and husband Harry have lived in Leisure World 19 years. Born in Chicago and a WWII R.N., Fritzie's long history of volunteerism includes Channel 6 as well as varied duties with the Historical Society. Her hobbies include reading, walking, books on tape, and "rejuvenating plants on the balcony."

**Ruth Osterhoudt**, who has a clerical background, left New Jersey for "sunny" California. A Leisure World resident since 1988, she volunteered for ten years in the

library before coming to the Society. Ruth works on special projects in the Archives. Her major pastime is reading.

**Mary Williamson**, a native Californian born in San Francisco, has lived in Leisure World 4 years. She enjoys gardening, riding, reading, exercises, and using her computer. Mary says she is not a "joiner" and is active in only the Mac Club. Mary is involved in scanning materials into the computer.

**Dorothy Bernoff**, Leisure Worlder of the Month for September 1997, is past president of the Writers Club and past editor of their Newsletter. Born in Poland, she and her husband, actor Louis Bernoff, have lived in Leisure World since 1992. Dorothy enjoys pool exercises, reading, book discussion groups, a Current Event group, as well as participation in several clubs.

**Tobey Greenspan**, a 5 year resident of Leisure World, is a Chicago transplant--and husband Harry is not related to Economist Alan Greenspan!! Tobey enjoys classical music, theater, reading and hiking. She belongs the Nat'l. Council of Jewish Women and the Brandeis Univ. group. Tobey wears several hats: proofreader, receptionist, and scheduler for the WWII project.

**Mattie Ellis**, "Profiles" assembler, reluctantly contributed her own profile--  
"She was born with a paintbrush in her hand--not the artistic kind, but the household variety. The brush never leaves her hand as something always gets in the way: old houses, new houses, antiques, garage floors, the face. A Norwegian from San Pedro, wealth includes 3 great sons, 3 adorable daughters (by marriage) 9 grand children, and 4 great-grands. She has traveled to 27 countries."

We can create what we want. And the very act of envisioning it may make things that were unthinkable yesterday thinkable today.

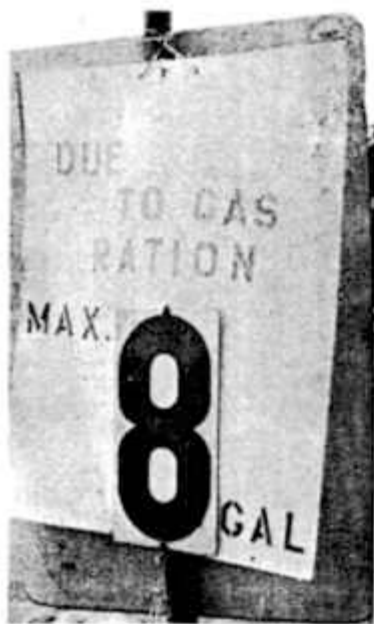
*James Gregory Lord*

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By Mary Weldy

With a gas station on every major street corner and at most freeway interchanges, just try to find one open after 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday or at any time Sunday.

If the gas tank is near empty during those times, drivers



**GAS RATION**— Limit stretches hours so the San Juan Capistrano station can stay open from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m.

had better know which station is open because the gauge may reach empty while going from place to place.

At the same time, pray that that one open station doesn't run out of gas before you get there.

Since May, station managers have been dealing with the gasoline shortage on a month to month, day to day and hour to hour basis. They are playing it by ear as to how much gas to sell each customer and how many hours to stay open for business.

With the shortage continuing, stations from the city of Irvine down the Santa Ana and San Diego Freeways to San Clemente are staying open as long as the gasoline lasts.

Leisure World Union, 24082 El Toro Road, Laguna Hills, is operating five days from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and half a day Saturday because the manager does not want to be open to the freeway business.

Most of the Laguna Hills stations also are giving full tanks.

A few in other areas continue to ration 10, 8 or 5 gallons to a customer, saying they would rather spread out their supply to more people on an equal basis.

Jim Trosper, one of the managers at University Park Standard in Irvine, says emergency vehicles get all they want, but the general public will just have to understand that the 10-gallon ration is fair. He also stated that the station will have more gasoline in July.

The supply to each station varies, but most managers say they are receiving the same amount of gasoline for the volume sold during the corresponding month last year.

But the 24-hour Dave Young Shell, 23842 El Toro Road, El Toro, is pumping the same amount of gas this year in only nine hours and is closed at night as a result.



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## Directors OK Putting Green Expenditure

The Golden Rain Foundation of Laguna Hills board of directors Monday approved the expenditure of \$13,950 for an additional putting green at Clubhouse 2.

The new site will be located immediately inside the entrance to Clubhouse 2, to the right of the lawn area which presently serves as a three-hole pitch and putt course.

Work on construction of the facility will be performed by the Professional Community Management, Inc., Landscape, Maintenance and public works crew, it was learned.

## GRF to Buy, Not Lease Golf Carts

Board members of the Golden Rain Foundation of Laguna Hills (GRF) voted Monday to purchase — rather than lease — golf carts for use at its Leisure World course.

Following receipt of a golf cart lease versus purchase analysis from Professional Community Management, GRF board members authorized an amount not to exceed \$29,100 in addition to sums previously authorized in the 1973 capital budget for purchase of 25 golf carts.

According to the analysis, the GRF is expected to recuperate the investment in ten years, based on an annual savings of \$2,900 for the 25 carts, as compared with leasing.

## The Archives - - - Preserving Today for Tomorrow

Marjorie Williams, Archivist

When you come into the Historical Society building, walk past the Diorama, the Peace Globe and the tree. Enter the workroom of the Archives where there is always work to do.

The first table and desk are usually piled high with papers and books, relating to the Veterans Registry and the WWII History project. The computer is "dedicated" to this activity, and Sheila Lichtenstein not only inputs material into the computer but directs the activities of a number of volunteers working on parts of the project.

Behind the half wall, papers, books and boxes compete with work space. Alberta Montvydas works here, preparing pages from the Leisure World News for scanning. Gloria Levine also works in this area on her "Special Project" of the moment. At present, this is categorizing the papers of the Community Civic Association so that they can go to the cataloger for numbering.

Fran Lindberg corrects all of the gift and loan agreements, decides where in the vault the material will be placed; gives it an ID number; records where the ID # can be found. The record then goes to the person at the second computer, either Leonard Meinwald or myself. Fran also does most of the searching for materials requested, as she is the most knowledgeable!

The second computer, located at the corner desk, is used for entering all of the information just described. It is entered and placed in the "To be Filed" folder. The papers are filed in the "finished" folder. At the end of the year, there will be a chronological file of that years additions.

Inside the vault, Ruth Osterhautd works to keep everything in order. She takes over many smaller projects so that everything is filed and organized. She catches any mistakes that may have been made to this point.

Mary Williamson works at the last computer. She enters all of the material that is prepared by Alberta, scanning in the newspaper story first, and then cataloging the location where it may be found.

Although each person has specific assignments, all assist with miscellaneous jobs that need to be done. It is a happy group that works well together. It is a group that would welcome volunteers, and willingly share knowledge.

If you are interested, come in and let us tell you more about the work in the Archives. Take a look at the shelves of club scrapbooks, the boxes of newspapers, the photographs and tapes. If you have some special interest, we probably have just the job for you.

A native Texan with three degrees from the University of Texas, Marge lived there 50 years before moving to California. Her interests are varied. She has been active in the Community Civic Association, DAR, UDC, and WCSC. Marge is the "Captain" of the Archives crew, and willingly shares her expertise. She and Fran keep a list of things that need doing so that when an individual finishes a task, she is able to choose an assignment from the list and GO!

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