



**“HISTORIC” DAY EXCURSION
La Brea Tar Pits and Museum
Wednesday, December 3, 2003**

Over 500,000 fossils of plants and animals have been found in the sticky asphalt beds of the La Brea Tar Pits, located in Hancock Park on Wilshire Blvd. in Los Angeles. For full details and registration form, see page 7.

**UCI MEDICAL LECTURE
Tuesday, November 18, 7:30 pm, CH3, DR2
Speaker: Dr. Ping Wang, Professor of Medicine**

“How to Manage Diabetes Comfortably”

Today, Diabetes is America's epidemic. Dr. Wang will explain why diabetes has become so prevalent in our country, and how to prevent it.

Lectures by University of California at Irvine Medical School Faculty members are scheduled for February 17 and March 16. More information will be in the January Newsletter as well as in the Leisure World News and on Channel 6.



PRESIDENTIAL MUSINGS JOHN FULLER

It doesn't seem possible that it is time for another Newsletter! But then time goes fast when you are busy, and this has been a busy two months for your Society. I'll mention briefly some of our activities and most of them will be mentioned in more detail elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Our main project has been the annual membership drive, so ably handled by Ward Payne and his committee. I hope you have renewed your membership. It takes considerable time to update current members and add new ones. Your early renewal will help, and will make it possible to get the Directory to press in a timely fashion.

The WWII project is continuing, and interviews with veterans will continue to the end of the year. Beginning in January, registration of veterans will be extended to veterans of all wars. This includes Korea, Vietnam, and the Gulf conflict. Sheila Lichtenstein and her volunteers, and the Video Club, have done an outstanding job with this program.

Applications for our annual "Strevey Community Service Awards" are now being accepted. A committee will be reviewing them for recommendations to the board. These are presented at the annual meeting. Nominations may be made by members only. Individuals or organizations may be nominated. Service to the community or to the Historical Society is the basis for the award. Forms are available in the office.

These activities are in addition to the routine activities of running the office from 9 to 4 five days a week. Sherry Hamilton and a dedicated group of volunteers capably handle this. We always need more volunteers and would welcome your involvement.

This will be our last newsletter for the year, so I would like to thank you for being members, and wish you a Happy Thanksgiving . . . a wonderful holiday season, and a great New Year.



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
Ward Payne, Committee Chair

Your Society's membership drive for 2004 is off to a good start with a fine response to our October mailing. This has been particularly evident in the receipt of dues from first time members. This is a good indication of the growing awareness in Leisure World of the vital role your Society plays in the life of our Leisure World community in "preserving today for tomorrow."

Our many and varied activities, such as our "saving" the Globe; our medical lecture series provided by medical school faculty from the University of California at Irvine; continued sponsorship of the Leisure Worlder of the Month program; trips to fascinating and historic locales; docent tours-- all have contributed to this favorable development.



However, early returns indicate there are a substantial number of renewals outstanding. We believe this is because some of our good members have "stashed away" the renewal application for later action while others may have (horrors!) misplaced it. If the latter is the case, NOT TO WORRY. Another application is attached! Your early renewal will be most appreciated and will help us to get the annual directory, with your name(s) included, out on time.

Leisure World Historical Society P.O. Box 2220 Laguna Woods, CA 92654

YES, I/We Want to be members in 2004

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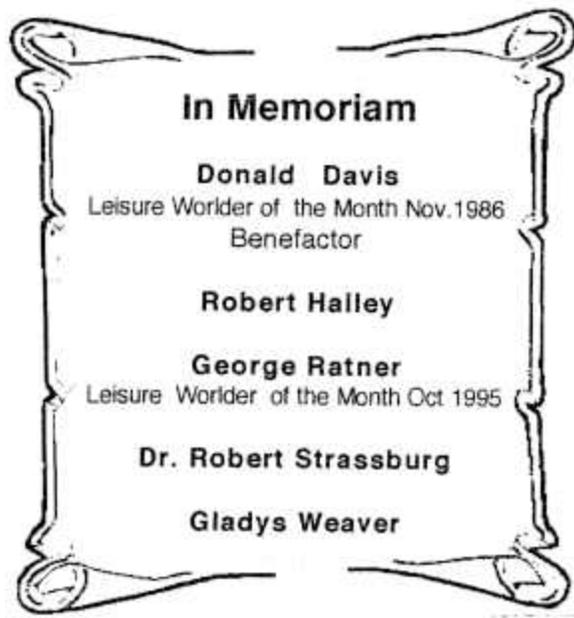
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On November 20, 1997, exactly one year after the ground breaking ceremony, our Historical Society building was "dedicated." Donald and Florence Davis were special guests. Their very generous gift made our building a reality, not just a dream. They wanted no recognition prior to that day, and only three people knew the size of their gift. Don was especially interested in the Diorama -- They were the "anonymous" donors. In appreciation, the Society named them Life Members. Florence died several years ago, and Don passed away October 21. But our building lives on, a memorial to them and to the many others who contributed.

Happiness is a dividend
on a well-invested life.

DUNCAN STUART



Survey

Why a "survey" of Leisure World residents? Easy question. Surveys in the last two years have provided valuable information about the changes in community demographics, the changes in facilities use, and in what residents deem to be important "quality of life" issues. It provides facts, not guesses.

This year, the Historical Society Survey Committee solicited pertinent questions from the Mutual Boards, the City of Laguna Woods, and from individuals. The UCI staff people have submitted the first draft of the document for Committee review and the Committee is in the process of reducing the important questions to a practical limit. Hopefully, the Survey documents will be mailed to a randomly selected sample of manors later this year. The response to the last two surveys has been exceptionally high and hopefully, this year will be even better.

Community organizations have recognized the value and validity of this project. The Historical Society Committee appreciates their support.

Second Generation Residents

If you are a second generation resident, and have not filled in one of our short information sheets, please do so. We are interested in finding out not only how many are here, but why. So far, the reason most commonly given is something to the effect that it is "a great place." Caring for parents already here runs a close second. You can pick up a form at the office, or call 206-0150 and we will mail one.



A citizen is a man who demands
better roads, bigger schools, a new
post-office and lower taxes.

-Lumberman, Nashville.

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Yes, we have no treasurer, as Milton Ray has moved from the community and the position has not been filled. We are looking for some one with lots of time, a knowledge of Mac equipment, and an interest in simplifying the system. If you are interested, contact President John Fuller.



Birthday Club

In September 2002, Irma Franklin suggested that "Historically Advantaged" members might be interested in joining a proposed "Birthday Club." No dues, no meetings, no responsibilities,, except to give the Historical Society a birthday gift equal to age each birthday. It was launched--with Irma as founder, president, and only member! Other members thought this was a great idea for members of any age.

Newest member is **Emma F. Henning** who was 95 on November 6. Club membership is now at four, and any interested member is invited to join. President Irma will be delighted!!

"Historically Advantaged"

Members who are 90 or will be 90 within the next 12 months are invited to register as "Historically Advantaged." Call 206-0150 to request a registration form. Coordinator Joan Long will get one in the mail to you. If you have a form and haven't returned it, please do. We'd like to have a complete record of our "eligible" members by the end of the year.

Early Residents

If you moved into Leisure World in the sixties, and have not been interviewed, please give the office a call, 206-0150. Leave your name and the date you moved in and someone will be in touch with you.

Holiday Hours

The Historical Society will close at 12 noon on Wednesday, November 26, and remain closed through the weekend. It will be closed December 22 through January 2.

WW II VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT Sheila Lichtenstein, Coordinator

Open a door to a curious person in need of a challenge, and the results are usually positive. 3 years ago, Evelyn Shopp, then president of the Society, opened the door. I was the curious person. "It's yours," she said, "Go for it!" And I found a new program just approved by the Board of Directors, a strange computer and a new data base. That's how I became involved in the Veterans History Project.

Just as it was getting started, we heard about the Library of Congress Folklore Department looking for "partners" to participate in their Veterans History Project. Another opened door!

The Leisure World Historical Society as a Partner with the Library of Congress, just completed a very successful year. We have over 750 veteran biographies on file. 265 veterans have been contacted and 135 have been interviewed and video taped. I had the privilege of going to Washington D.C. and personally delivering 125 of these biographies to the Library of Congress. I also brought several DVDs (taped interviews) and pictures of the interviewer and veteran which are snapped before each taping.

The staff of the Library gathered and couldn't praise our "show and tell" enough. We are one of their prized "partners!" They kept the DVDs and the photos. Their project is fairly new and poorly funded. Each piece of history we send them is logged in their data bank and greatly cherished.

As I retire as coordinator of this project, I must convey to ALL with whom I have worked--you have made this one of the most successful Veterans History Projects in the country. I thank all of you for your devotion and your hours and hours of volunteering where and when needed. Due to limited space, I dare not list any "special" volunteers for fear of a gross injustice to all. I hope I will be able to do that in a future issue of the Newsletter.

In all wars, we know the winners and the losers, but the real history has always come from the letters and stories of the men and women who wore the uniforms and served their country. Our project is "real history."

Medical Lecture Series

Dr. John Longhurst, Professor of Medicine and Cardiologist, was the first speaker in the fall Medical Series Lectures. Dr. Longhurst currently oversees the Susan Samuel Center for Complimentary and Alternative Medicine. In his October 21st lecture, he examined and explained the role of Acupuncture (and other Alternatives) in Clinical Medicine today.

Ira Joss, Chairman for the Series, arranges for these talks by UCI Medical School faculty. Our space and their available time must mesh, and sometimes this is not easy! Ira is to be commended for a job well done.

Speaker's Bureau

The Speaker's Bureau, under the direction of Roslyn Rhodes, can provide a speaker for Leisure World Clubs and organizations, on a wide range of subjects. Want to know about Leisure World History, or something much more focused, such as the history of religious groups in Leisure World? The World War II veterans project? Early Orange County history?

Whatever you need, Roslyn will try to find a speaker. If you want a special speaker, ask. She'll do her best. Call the office, 206-0150, and leave a message or call her at home.



**LA BREA TAR PITS AND MUSEUM
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3**

The Society has scheduled what promises to be an "historic" day trip excursion into the prehistoric era when it visits the world famous La Brea Tar Pits and Museum on December 3. The "Pit" is a natural accumulation of tar that formed over the site of an ancient oil seep. Petroleum from rock strata deep beneath the ground oozed upward to form pools on the surface. As the oil lost its volatile elements a thick deposit of asphalt was formed. Animals coming to the seeps for water or attempting to cross the tarry surface became mired in the death trap. This all happened about 2.5 million years ago!

The trip bus will leave Gate 3 at 9 a.m. and will arrive at the "Grove", a component of the recently renovated Farmer's Market at approximately 10 a.m. Lunch, featuring a combination plate of barbecued chicken, skillet baked beans, cole slaw, dessert with soft drink will be served at the Wood Ranch Restaurant, on the premises.

Then it's off by trolley to the nearby museum, to view the legendary dinosaurs who existed on all the continents, as well as the huge Brontosaurus of North America, during the Jurassic period, and other long ago inhabitants.

The bus is scheduled to return to Leisure World between 4:30 and 5 pm.

Wheel chairs are available for museum viewing. They must be reserved in advance. If one is needed, indicate on the reservation.

Cost per person, including lunch and all tips, is \$45. To be part of this memorable adventure, make reservations as indicated below, by November 20.

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Name _____ phone _____

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Check # _____ for \$ _____ enclosed

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