



Sunday February 8

Clubhouse 5

It's our big affair of the year!
Social Hour and dancing 5:30
Dinner by Yolanda 6:15
Annual meeting, Strevey Community Service Award
Recognition of Leisure Worlders of the Month 2003

Enjoy the music and the comedy of

Jon Westry

Jon Westry was a recording artist for Warner Brothers in Europe and RCA records in the U.S.A. For the last ten years, he has been performing in Southern California. He is also a songwriter and has had several songs recorded by other artists.

Black tie optional.

See page 7 for full details and reservation form.

PRESIDENTIAL MUSINGS JOHN FULLER

Board of Directors

John Fuller
President

It doesn't seem possible that I am completing my first year at the helm of the Historical Society, but the year has gone by and we have accomplished much.

Harry Schwartz
1st Vice Pres.

Now, I should summarize our accomplishments and thank the many people who have helped to make them possible. Without the support of our board, our volunteers and our Office Manager, there wouldn't be much to discuss. These are the people that make things happen and get things done. With their help, we have had a busy year.

Ward Payne
2nd Vice Pres.

Frank Prophet Jr
Secretary

Thanks to Bob Miller, we lit up the globe and put the letters Leisure World on the front side, and refurbished and encased the porcelain globe, a gift from the Renaissance at the Regency.

Mel Dollar
Treasurer

We are just finishing a great membership drive, increasing our membership under the guidance of Ward Payne and committee.

Syd Aronson
John Bradley
Martha Hellmann
Ira Joss

We have taped and interviewed over 150 WWII veterans, and sent their DVD's to the Library of Congress, thanks to Sheila Lichtenstein, her volunteers and the Video Club.

Charles McLaughlin
Robert Miller
Justine Ratner
Roslyn Rhodes
Evelyn Shopp

We have had several medical lectures, one just last month on Diabetes. These are arranged by Ira Joss and presented by UCI faculty. Ward Payne arranged two excellent bus tours.

Underwriting by the Renaissance at the Regency and the Wellington have made continued presentations of Leisure Worlorder of the Month possible. We have a new phone system, thanks to GRF and PCM. We have published six news letters, thanks to Evelyn Shopp.

Marjorie Williams
Archivist

New board member, Mel Dollar, has updated our computer financial program. The income tax was submitted. Docents, under the direction of Eleanor Cooper, have conducted three tours per month. Justine Ratner will be guiding outside tour groups for PCM, beginning this month.

Sherry Hamilton
Office Manager

I've missed one most important thing that has made all of this possible, and that is you, our members. Without your support this would not be possible, so thank you for supporting the Society with your memberships.

Now, what about the future? We expect to be continuing most of this year's activities as well as participating in the Leisure World 40th Anniversary activities. We also need to review our office operation and computer set-up. Hopefully we can take advantage of the upcoming Broadband Internet connection for e-mail and web operations.

Our annual meeting and dinner is coming up February 8 and we hope you will all come and help us celebrate. Charles and Jan McLaughlin have arranged another great event with dinner, dancing and entertainment. The Strevey Community Service Award will be presented, and board members will be elected.

See you there!!

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN**EARLY RESULTS SPECTACULAR**

In House Renewals Lagging

By Ward Payne, Membership Chair
Special to Society Newsletter

The 2004 membership campaign for the Historical Society is progressing on schedule with many new members, Associates and Affiliates coming into the fold. The established goal for the year is within striking distance.

Apparently, some of our good members circa 2003, have been traveling in Outer Mongolia or Pago-Pago and have missed sending in their memberships for 2004. Our energetic membership committee reminds you that time is short. Members for 2004 who want to be in the Directory must have their money in the mail no later than January 15. No exceptions. And we do want you in the book!

If you happen to be in the group not renewed, please don't delay any longer! If you have misplaced the original renewal form, worry not. There is a form on page 5 of the Newsletter.

Some of you may be concerned about tax deductions. The Historical Society is a tax exempt organization and anything you give is tax exempt. Start the new year with an exemption!

SURVEY

Ira Joss and Syd Aronson continue to work with the UCI team on the Survey document for this year. The document is almost finalized. New questions have been added to the survey, reflecting areas of interest expressed by the city, board members and others. Hopefully, the survey will go to 1000 randomly selected households in the first quarter of this year.

New residents may not be aware of this project, now in its third year. The survey forms are returned directly to the University and only composite data is ever released.

MEDICAL LECTURES

The first two lectures of the 2003-2004 series were presented in October and November. They were well attended and received. The series will resume in mid-February. Watch the Newsletter, clubhouse flyers, Leisure World News and TV-6 for dates and subjects.

HISTORICALLY ADVANTAGED

Our list of members who have reached 90 or will do so within the next 12 months keeps growing. If you are in this group and not yet on the list, call the office, 206-0150, and we'll enroll you in this very select group.

HISTORICAL EVENT

Leisure World celebrates a special birthday this year-

we will be 40!

EMAIL SCAMS

The F.B.I.'s internet Fraud Complaint Center reports a steady increase in complaints from individuals who have received unsolicited emails. These emails appear to be from businesses the potential victims deal with—for example, their internet service provider, on line payment service, or bank.

The false email requests that the customer help verify their account information and password. A link in the email takes the unsuspecting client to a log-in page that looks just exactly like the legitimate business, so the unsuspecting client enters the account number and the pass-word, and the thief captures the information.

BEWARE!

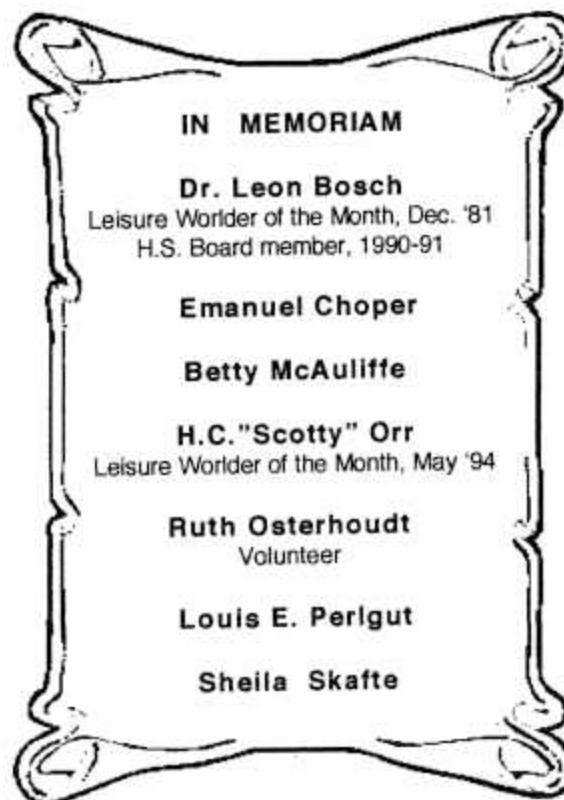
Scams are everywhere!

VIP GROUP TOURS OF LEISURE WORLD

At the request of PCM.. the Historical Society has agreed to take over the VIP Group Tours of Leisure World. Throughout the year, groups contact Leisure World Community Relations, requesting a special tour of Leisure World. These come from various entities, such as Tourist Commissions, foreign visitors, planned community representatives, and social services and health related related student tours.

These requests are increasing in number. Because of the size of the groups and the fact that they are frequently non-English speaking, it is not possible to include them in our regularly scheduled tours. These groups arrange for their own vehicle, at their own expense, and provide a translator if necessary.

There will be a fee for the tours which will be given as a donation to the Historical Society. The tours will be offered on a Tuesday or Wednesday morning, and will be geared to the special interests of the group. Justine Ratner will be the Tour Coordinator for these groups, assisted by Eleanor Cooper, Tour Coordinator for the regularly scheduled groups.



Ruth Osterhoudt became an Archives volunteer in 1999. She was a dedicated worker, and thoroughly dependable. When illness forced her to "retire" in late summer, she had given over 900 hours of service.

Third Generation Leisure Worlders!

Several years ago, the Historical Society started collecting information on residents who were second generation owners.. It has been an interesting experience -- mostly because we found a surprisingly large number of people who seemed to be genuinely happy that they had made the decision to move where their parents had lived. They knew the advantages of Leisure World living! We also found that many of them had other relatives living here- aunts, uncles, siblings, in-laws- as well as friends of many years..

Recently, Al Garner, a resident since March, called the office asking if we had information on where his grandmother, Helen R. Miller, had lived. She was, he said, the first person moving here in 1965. Our very resourceful Fran Lindberg "toured" the phone books, and found her at 2A Via Castilla. Mrs. Miller, a widow, moved here to be with more active people! When Al said his mother had also lived here, Fran's antennae went into high gear. A third generation resident?? Yes!

In 1968, Mrs. Miller's daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Gordan Richmond moved to 408 B via Castilla. Mrs. Miller died in 1979 at age 89. In 1980, a second daughter, Marion Garner, purchased a unit at 631 Avenida Sevilla. That is the only record we have of a mother and two daughters living here, and not together. Ruth died in January 1999 and Marion in January 2003.

Ann Richmond, Mrs. Garner's niece, purchased her aunt's home and moved here in July 2001. At that time, cousin Al was not interested in living in Leisure World. But his neighborhood was changing. That, and a house fire, convinced him that he really was ready for peace, quiet, security, plus the active life style of Leisure World. He bought a house in the gate 11 section, described as a "fixer-upper" and is involved in doing just that. Al's background is Social Work, but he is very interested in history, and is a new member of the Society.

Now-- are there more third generation residents here? If you are one, or know one, please notify the office , 206-0150, and we'll send you a short form to complete. We are really interested in information on any third generation residents,. If you are a second generation one, and not on our list, we still want you!

DEADLINE FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2004 DIRECTORY – JANUARY 30



.....CLIP MAIL WITH YOUR CHECK.... OR BRING TO THE OFFICE

Leisure World Historical Society P O Box 2220 Laguna Woods, CA 92654
Yes, I/we want to be member(s) in 2004.

Name _____

per person

Name _____
(all memberships are for one person.)

- \$10.00 Regular
- \$25.00 Contributor
- \$50.00 Sustainer
- \$100.00 Sponsor
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THE TRUE STORIES OF LEISURE WORLD VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II

(Their memories of life before, during and after being in the Big War.)

Production Company: Leisure World Historical Society and Library of Congress

President: John Fuller

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Video : Video Club of Leisure World

Marvin Green, President Film Reproduction, Final Film Creator, Editor

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Greg O'Bierne

Inge Patch

Charlotte Paskil

Justine Ratner

Fritzie Schwartz

Myron Singer

Warren Thurn

Shirley Weinberg

Ed Wanner

Record Keeping Assistant: Helen Hanson

(Disclaimer: Please excuse any names omitted or misspelled.)

The is no way to truly thank this wonderful crew of volunteers. They always turned up as scheduled, and it was always a labor of love.

The one important group we cannot list due to space constraint is the group of veterans who gladly volunteered, freely told their stories (over one hundred fifty men and women). Some laughed, some cried, and some with relief said "this is the first time I've ever talked about this. Thank you for letting me tell this story."

We now have in our Archives a treasure trove for future historians to hear the PERSONAL side of World War II.

Printed as submitted by Sheila Lichtenstein, Coordinator. She gave hundreds of hours to this project, and the Society will be forever indebted to her for her efforts.

LEISURE WORLD
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Annual Meeting Awards Recognition

A DINNER DANCE



Sunday, February 8
Clubhouse 5
Social hour and dancing at 5:30
Dinner at 6:15
Catered by Jolanda
Black Tie Optional
\$22 per person
Cut off date for reservations: Feb. 4
No refunds after that date
Tables of 10 may be reserved
Wine included

Entertainment & Music for Dancing by the renowned
★ JON ★ DESTRY ★

-----CLIP AND MAIL (OR BRING TO OFFICE)-----

PLEASE PRINT NAMES AND SHOW CHOICE OF ENTRÉE.
(T) TOP SIRLOIN STEAK (S) SALMON. INCLUDE \$22 PER PERSON

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CHECK(S) FOR \$ _____ ENCLOSED
(DO NOT SEND CASH.)

IF YOU ARE RESERVING AN ENTIRE
TABLE, LIST ALL PERSONS ON THIS
SHEET AND INCLUDE ALL CHECKS.

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