



"I want to supply the basic needs of life for people aged 52 and older, create a serene atmosphere of beauty and provide security, recreation and religious facilities -- and leave the living to the individual."

This was the "vision" of Ross Cortese, builder and developer of Leisure World.

Leisure World admitted the first residents September 10, 1964. This year, we celebrate our 40th anniversary. We appreciate the vision of the man who created our community, and the efforts of those who believe in that vision and keep it alive.

The Historical Society will have a display at the celebration, the first week end in September. We invite you to stop by and say "hello" and pick up some literature to share with your friends and neighbors. Celebrate our anniversary!

NEEDED ON-CALL VOLUNTEERS

There are many one time jobs to be done in the Society Office. These occur on an irregular basis, and usually involve two or three hours. Folding and labeling the Newsletter is one of these jobs. It can be done very quickly if 5 or 6 people "Assembly Line" the work. We need an on-call list of at least 20 persons.

If you are able to help, please call
206-0150.

**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**

PRESIDENTIAL MUSINGS JOHN FULLER

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During the years that I have been involved in Leisure World Boards and Clubs, I have accumulated a large amount of paper on any number of subjects. Going through some the other day, I came across an unnamed and unsigned typed compilation of Leisure World history. I've not been able to find the origin or author, but it is a very interesting narrative of Leisure World happenings from 1963 to about 1975, and yet is not like any of the published data for that period. The items are all of an Historical nature and not controversial. I believe their time frame is logical and I quote them as a matter of interest and without verification:

1964: Common to all Leisure Worlds built, was the 24 bell carillon which was installed in the tower on the roof of Clubhouse 1. It had been put in place in 1963 when the Clubhouse was nearing completion. It can be manually operated or will chime the hour and half hour. On the wall below the bells is the Crest of the Cortese family.

1965: March 17 was of special interest to the community as the first edition of the Leisure World News was delivered to each manor. A planned communication program, it would be delivered to each manor in accordance with established policy. It would be the only free publication allowed for doorstep delivery in the community.

Leisure World residents approved when Orange County purchased a Fire Station site on Valencia between El Toro Road and Carlotta.

A regulation not spelled out, but expected to be observed, is the understanding that a resident with two cars is expected to locate or rent another car port area. Parking in the street is not condoned, nor is parking in guest spaces except for short periods of time.

"The Club" was a happy circumstance which evolved, whereby every individual serving on a mutual board would have a life membership and thus the opportunity of participating and keeping interested in the development of the community.

1966: At Clubhouse 1, a group of swimmers have been practicing steadily. In July, they will present their first Water Ballet. It was so successful it will become a feature of every summer from now on.

1967: Feeling a definite need for accommodations for guests and relatives, a goodly number of Leisure World residents decided to finance the building of a motel facing on Valencia and El Toro.

How about that?

FUNDING CONTINUED

Pres. John Fuller recently announced that the funding arrangements for Leisure Worlder of the Month have been completed for the year July 2004 through June 2005.

Renaissance at The Regency funded the Leisure Worlder of the Month program for 2002-03. The next year, 2003-04, funding came from the Renaissance at The Regency and the Renaissance at the Wellington. The **Renaissance at Palm Terrace**, new member of the Renaissance group, will join the Regency in funding for this year. The addition of Palm Terrace gives "full service" capabilities to the Renaissance Group.

New Executive Director of the Regency, Michael Johnson, and two staff members, were introduced at the July ceremony.

The Historical Society welcomes business and professional supporters at all ceremonies and programs of the Society. If you "visit " any of them, do extend your appreciation for their support.

WALL OF HONOR

Recent additions to the Wall of Honor:

Ralph A. Reinhard

Mac Rosen

Earl Sylvia

A gift of \$100 or more puts your name, the name of a friend you wish to honor, or a loved one who has lived in Leisure World on the board. Plaques are ordered twice a year. The next order will go in December 1.

The longer I live
the more beautiful life becomes.
The earth's beauty grows on men.
If you foolishly ignore beauty,
you'll soon find yourself without it.
Your life will be impoverished.
But if you wisely invest in beauty,
it will remain with you all the days of your life.

Frank Lloyd Wright

DIRECTORY ADDENDUM

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IGLAI, Steven	
969 Calle Aragon Unit 3F	
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MARKS, Libby	770-8376
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Mc AVOY, Sylvia	768-1956
3123 Via Serena N Unit D	
Mc GOVERN, Daniel	588-9392
Mc GOVERN, Timothy	
5307 Cantante	
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801 Ronda Mendoza Unit N	
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SHELLY, Patrick	586-3436
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THOMPSON, Barbara	609-0705
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47 Calle Aragon Unit A	
WEIL, Helen	588-0615
5472 Paseo del Lago E Unit N	
WEISGERBER, Bill	597-0501
2140 Ronda Granada Unit B	
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Second Generation

Two second generation board members, Ward Payne and Bob Miller, started us on our quest for second and third generation residents of Leisure World. In the last five years, we have accumulated a sizable number of names for our files, but so far, only two from a third generation family. Some of our "enrollees" have moved away. Others are deceased. Present records show 123 and we are looking for more! Volunteer Svea Larson is compiling the records for this group. Some of the statistics follow.

There are 85 second generation daughters and 28 second generation sons. 57 came to be closer to or to care for a parent. 44 inherited manors, but most do not live in the inherited property.

There were many interesting comments about reasons for moving here, in addition to caring for a parent. 76 indicated that they learned of the advantages of living here from frequent visits, and were convinced this was an appropriate place for their retirement. Climate, type of housing, and variety of activities available were most frequently mentioned. 22 indicated security was a primary reason.

One couple had both sets of parents living in Leisure World. 41 said relatives other than parents (aunts, uncles, cousins and siblings) were living here, or had been residents.

(If you belong to the "second generation" (or the third) or know someone who does, please let us know. You will receive a short information sheet to fill out and will officially join this distinguished group! Call 206-0150.)

Veterans Registration Project

has been expanded to include Veterans of all wars. Originally, only WWII veterans were being registered.

Registration forms are available in the Historical Society office and in the Leisure World library. The originals of all forms are maintained in the Archives.

This project is done in conjunction with the Library of Congress' Veteran's History Project. Video interviews, temporarily suspended, will be resumed in September. The Video Club has cooperated with us in preparing the taped interviews. Due to a recent grant to the Video Club, they have generously offered to provide the next 100 DVDs to the Society at no charge. These will be stored in our Archives. Copies will be made available for veterans personal use by the Video Club at a nominal charge.

If you are a veteran and have not yet registered, please pick up a form at the Society office or the Library. And tell your Leisure World veteran friends about the project!

Copied from Peter's Quotations

Many people's tombstones should read;
Died at 30. Buried at 60.

A tourist is a fellow who drives thousands of miles so he can be photographed in front of his car.

Anyone can win, unless there happens to be a second entry.

The first half of our lives is ruined by our parents; the second half by our children.

LEISURE WORLDERS OF THE MONTH

"Leisure Worlders of the Month" are nominated by individuals in the Leisure World community because of their service to the community. They are people who give of their time, their energy, their creativity to make Leisure World a better place for all of us.

Nominations go to the president, who then presents them to the Select Committee for evaluation and for a final decision on acceptance. Some of the reasons for failure to be accepted are:

- 1) In L W for less than 5 years
- 2) Limited involvement in life of the community i.e. active in only one club.
- 3) Involvement primarily political in nature.
- 4) Involved only in governance.
- 5) Perceived as negative and or highly controversial.

Occasionally, a nominee selected by the committee refuses the honor.

When nominating an individual, it is important to give as much information as possible. Information about life before LW is important, but the activity **in** Leisure World carries more weight. Do not expect the committee to do all the preliminary work!

Forms are available in the Society office. Multiple submissions for the same person do not enhance their chances of selection. Membership in the Historical Society is not required--but is highly desirable!! If couples are nominated, both must meet the criteria. **Don't hesitate--** your candidate could be a winner!

RECENT HONOREES

Four people, totally different in their interests and accomplishments, but involved in the life of the community--all **Leisure Worlders of the Month!**



Born: Oakland, CA.
Forensic Scientist
Aerospace Club President
United Mutual Board
To Leisure World in 1994
Ed Miller



Born: New York City
Construction; Bldg Inspector
Camera Club; Meals on Wheels
Third Mutual, GRF
To Leisure World in 1989
Joseph H. Heller



Born: Texas; educ. Arkansas
Executive Secretary
Kiwanis; World on Film, Ebell
California Club
To Leisure World in 1990
Mary Arine-Ber



Born: Chicago
Physician
Founder PNHP
LW Symphony Orchestra
To Leisure World in 1989
Dr. William Schwied



Society Board Members are all actively involved in the work of the Society. It changes from time to time, but their major involvement, except for that of the President and Secretary, is listed.

Ward Payne plans all programs and arranges trips. He welcomes suggestions.

Charles McLaughlin is in charge of all Membership activities, including Affiliates and Associates. **Martha Hellmann** is assisting him. They are interested in ideas and welcome member input.

Mel Dollar is developing a more up-to-date system for handling funds and is helping volunteers learn more about computers.

Syd Aronson and **Ira Joss** are responsible for the Survey. **Ira** also handles all publicity, creates flyers, handles the monthly Ch 6 program, and arranges the UCI Medical lectures.

Justine Ratner has responsibility for the VIP tours. She is Board Liaison for the Veterans Project and is assisted by **John Bradley**, who also handles the post office delivery of large mailings.

Eleanor Cooper coordinates the Docent Tours. **Bob Miller** is the "Globe" man! **Roslyn Rhodes** schedules speakers for clubs.

Harry Schwartz MC's the monthly Leisure Worlder of the Month program. He is arranging our participation in the 40th Anniversary program. **Marge Williams** is assisting him.

Evelyn Shopp produces the newsletter, creates cards and forms and is a Thursday volunteer.

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The Editor apologizes for all errors in this Newsletter. A number of time consuming activities, including dog sitting, made it impossible to get this issue properly proofed. Please be assured that the proof reader has not erred!!

Common Sense "Quotes"

The hardest thing to learn in life is
Which bridge to cross
and which to burn.

David Russell

The smallest good deed
is better than the
grandest good intention.

Duguet

ARCHIVAL "RETRIEVALS"

Marjorie Williams, Archivist

Every year, around the 4th of July, this piece "appears" in some newspaper. No one seems to know its origin, but it is indeed worth considering and we are pleased to share it with you.

A Little History Lesson for the Fourth



Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence?

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons who served in the Revolutionary Army. Another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War.

What kind of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants. Nine were farmers and plantation owners. All were men of means and well-educated, but they signed the Declaration of Independence, knowing that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British navy. He sold his home and

properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

Thomas McKean was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family constantly. He served in Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of Ellery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnet, Heyward, Rutledge and Middleton.

At the Battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson Jr. noted that the British Gen. Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. He quietly urged Gen. Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

The home of Francis Lewis was destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

John Hart was driven from the bedside of his dying wife. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year, he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children gone. He died shortly thereafter, heartbroken. Morris and Livingston suffered similar fates.

Such were the stories and sacri-

fices of the American Revolution. These were not wild-eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians. They were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more. Standing tall, straight and unwavering, they pledged "for the support of this Declaration, with a firm Reliance on the Protection of the divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

They gave us a free and independent America. The history books never tell us much of what happened in the Revolutionary War. We were British subjects at that time, and we fought against our own government. Too often, we now take these liberties for granted.

So, while you are enjoying the festivities of the July 4 holiday, take a few minutes and silently thank these patriots for their heroic contributions. It is not too much to ask for the price they paid. Freedom is never free.



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