

ANNUAL MEETING
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SUNDAY FEBRUARY 13 CLUBHOUSE 5

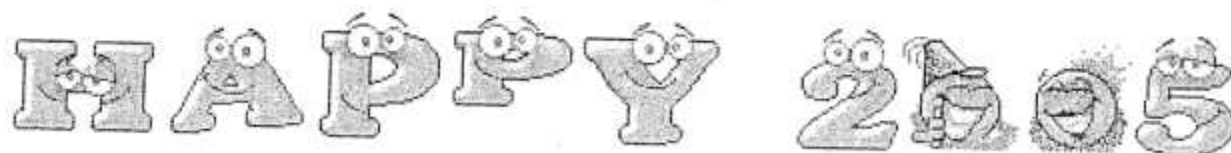
This is our "big affair" of the year. Catered by Jolanda.

Music for dancing. Entertainment.

See page 7 for more details and for a reservation slip.

SEE YOU!

The Historical Society trip to the USS Midway on January 20 has a waiting list. Sorry, not much chance of adding more people.





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PRESIDENTIAL MUSINGS

JOHN FULLER

Another year has passed at the very active Leisure World Historical Society since last years' annual meeting. We do a lot more than "collect today's information for tomorrow", our major goal. I'd like to review for you some of this years accomplishments, but first I would like to thank the many people who have made this happen. Without our Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, Office Manager, Archivist and all of our dedicated volunteers, we could not accomplish our many goals. But it takes even more than that to make all of this happen and that is your support. Your memberships give us the where-with-all to make it possible and we thank you.

We continued the Veterans' registration program, opening it to veterans of all conflicts. Also, with the continued support of the Video Club, we resumed the Veterans interview program. This entire program is carried out with the support of the Library of Congress in Washington D.C.

We have continued our Medical Lectures, arranged by Ira Joss and conducted by UCI faculty. Also in conjunction with UCI, we have conducted another survey of Leisure World with additional subjects submitted by the City of Laguna Woods and Leisure World Governing Bodies. This has has been supported by our directors, Ira Joss and Syd Aronson, and will be published shortly.

We have had two bus tours arranged by Ward Payne, our program chairman. One, conducted by an Irvine Historical Society guide, toured the Irvine Ranch and vicinity, including a stop at their Club House. The second, scheduled for January 20, will go to San Diego and tour the newly renovated USS Midway.

The Docents are still conducting Leisure World tours three times a month for the Golden Rain Foundation. These were conducted on hired buses for much of the year. In October, Leisure World buses became available and with activation of their

self-contained sound system have worked out well, are much less expensive to operate and will be used from now on. Several VIP tours were also conducted for GRF under Justine Ratner's chairmanship.

The Renaissance at the Regency and at Palm Terrace have again funded our Leisure Worker of the Month program and eleven new members were inducted. Their qualifications and pictures were published in the Leisure World News.

The Historical Society participated in the 40th Anniversary Celebration for Leisure World. We prepared two large displays of our Community's History that were displayed at the CH5 exhibition. One of the displays showed the location of the Leisure World Globe during the 40 years. Speaking of the Globe, you may remember that it was rescued from being scrapped by the Historical Society and Chairman Bob Miller. There is now a finish, we expect, to the "traveling" Globe. In December it was offered to the Golden Rain Foundation as a gift and a resolution was passed accepting it. GRF will now take over maintenance.

Now what about the future? With the volunteer direction of John Toellner, whose career was in the fields of volunteer organizations, business organizations and computer programming, we are reviewing our systems. We plan to upgrade much of our operation and have started with a new PC Computer program, written by John, to improve our membership recording system and allow us to more easily track our over 1200 members. We will be reviewing our computer needs, filing systems and volunteers activities. We hope these reviews will help us to do our routine daily operations more efficiently.

Our annual meeting / dinner dance is coming up on Sunday, February 13 and we hope to see you there!

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ALL OF US!

POST-- HOLIDAY DIET?

Holidays are hard on diets -- no doubt about it! For those of you who watch what you eat, here is the final word on nutrition and health. It's a relief to know the truth after all those conflicting medical studies.

1. The Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.
2. The Mexicans eat a lot of fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than the Americans.
3. The Chinese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.
4. The Italians drink excessive amounts of red wine and have fewer heart attacks than Americans.
5. The Germans drink a lot of beer and eat lots of sausages and fats and suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.

Conclusion: Eat and drink what you like. Speaking English is apparently what kills you.

Historically Advantaged

Members who are going to be ninety within the next twelve months, or who are already ninety are eligible for our "Historically Advantaged" designation. If you are in this group and not yet on the list, do call the office and we will send you a form to complete. Volunteer Joan Long, a Friday morning volunteer, is in charge of this program..

PROJECTS UPDATED

Ira Joss, Chairman, **Medical Lecture Series**, plans to resume the popular program this spring. but there are problems, as outlined in his report

With the many and varied programs and events available in Leisure World, it is difficult to find an evening when there are no major conflicts of activities. Once a time is selected, we have to make sure a meeting room is available and this is increasingly difficult as competition for space has grown.

The final or really first step is to coordinate with the speaker's busy schedule and in this we have had wonderful cooperation from the UCI College of Medicine, and especially from Anita Ziebe, special assistant to the Dean. Incidentally, one of our past speakers, Dr. Laura Mosqueda, was featured in a full page article in the L.A. Times Calendar Section, Dec. 27.

Justine Ratner, Coordinator for the **Veterans' History Project**, reports that since the project was resumed in September, 43 video interviews have been completed and 10 more are scheduled. 13 are on the list to be scheduled. Unless more registrations come in, the program will probably wind down in February or March.

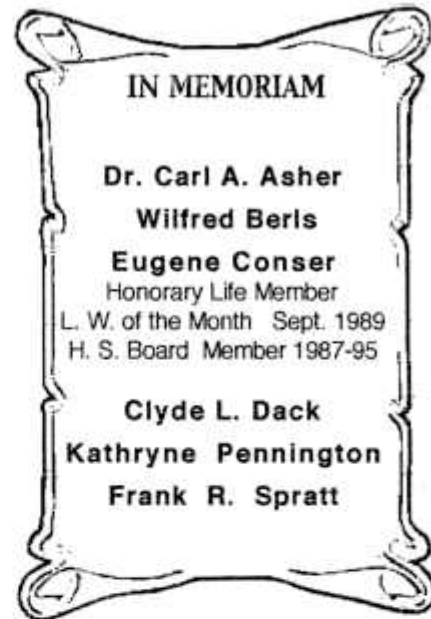
If you are a Veteran not yet registered and are interested in being in the registry or in being interviewed, pick up a form in the Society Office or in the Library. Call the office for information -- 206-0150.

OUR CREED

When the Leisure World Historical Society was begun, the group adopted a "creed". Although seldom seen, it has content which many of us still believe. See if you agree

We Believe

1. That Leisure World is a wonderful place in which to live.
2. It should be permanently documented and recorded as a first of its kind to offer retirees a safe and happy place in which to live.
3. That the residents are the inspiration and builders of the Spirit of Leisure World and that they will want to enjoy participating in and reliving the history of the community.
4. That time is running out for the gathering and recording of historical materials to be put in published form and we must not delay.
5. That the materials we collect will be the basis for a permanent repository of Leisure World's memorabilia for all to see and use.
6. That residents and organizations will want to cooperate and help in this worthwhile and urgent project.
7. That it is important to leave something of a permanent record for others and as a small segment of the history of our nation.



Remembering Gene Conser

As a Board member, his quiet influence inspired us to set larger goals, push for a greater role in the community, and use the Society's influence when appropriate.

Gene was tenacious when required, but always a gentleman. His persistence made our first directory a reality. As Director of Development for the Society, he laid the groundwork for our building.

The Diorama was his dream. He saw it as a way to make the new Society building an important stop for every visitor, and an orientation point for every resident. He sold that dream to his friends, Don and Florence Davis, and their contribution to the building stipulated that the diorama would be included.

SURVEY

Syd Aronson and Ira Joss have been largely responsible for the four demographic surveys that have been done in Leisure World. UCI has compiled the data for the 2004 survey and the work on a comprehensive summary is underway. The surveys are different in some respects., as each attempted to highlight data of most current interest while indicating the many other areas of composite data available from the survey. The summary should be available early this year.

SPEAKERS AVAILABLE

Need a speaker for a club meeting? Your Society has a number of people who are prepared to speak on topics related to Leisure World and or South Orange County. There is no charge--this is a service we are happy to provide. Roslyn Rhodes, Speakers Bureau Chair, will find a speaker who is knowledgeable about the subject you want discussed. Leave a message in the office, 206-0150, or call her at home, 829-1714.

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Certificates of deposit at *Fremont Investment and Loan* may provide money for the Historical Society at no cost to the depositor.. Just tell them to credit your C.D. to the Society. A certain percentage is paid on accounts on deposit at the end of the year. The money comes to the Society in January. and has been a big "budget " boost!

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are the "life blood" of most organizations, contributing time and talent to keep the work moving smoothly. Historical Society volunteers do a wide variety of tasks, but they also have the opportunity to interact with the public in a special way. If you want to know about the Society volunteer opportunities, come by and talk with our Archivist and our office manager. We may have a volunteer activity you can't resist!

SECOND GENERATION

If you are a second (or third) generation resident of Leisure World and have not registered with us, please do. stop by the office for a form to complete, or if you can't come in, we'll mail you one.

PROGRAMS

Ward Payne, Program Chairman, welcomes suggestions on programs and trips. Leave him a message at the office, or give him a call at home. His number is 837-7198..

DUES ARE DUE!

Your editor regrets to inform you that members not paid will not receive the March newsletter. And if the circulation falls, the editor and the rest of the volunteer staff will not get paid..

(Ha! Ha!)

WITH APOLOGIES..

This newsletter has not been "proofed" and the editor. accepts responsibility!

LEISURE WORLD
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Annual Meeting Awards Recognition

DINNER DANCE



Sunday, February 13, 2005
Clubhouse 5
Social hour and dancing at 5:30
Dinner at 6:15
Catered by Jolanda
Black Tie Optional
\$23 per person
Cut off date for reservations: Feb. 7
No refunds after that date
Tables of 10 may be reserved
Wine included

★ Entertainment by "JUST A TASTE" ★
(a quintet from the renowned South Coast Singers)
Also, music for dining and dancing will be provided.

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

PLEASE PRINT NAMES AND SHOW CHOICE OF ENTRÉE
(B) BEEF BRISKET (C) SWISS CHICKEN (S) SALMON. INCLUDE \$23 PER PERSON

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(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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We are here for you!



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