

**LEISURE WORLD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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RUTH ALLEN

LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH

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Ruth Allen was born and raised in Brooklyn, N.Y. She received her primary and secondary education in her home city before entering Cadet Nurse Corps training (1944-47) and acquiring R.N. status. Her following studies at Adelphi University gained her a B.S. in Nursing and a subsequent M.A. She was a Delta Kappa Gamma member in her later years. All her education/training qualified her for SNT – School Nurse Teacher.

Ruth's career began in 1947 as a New York Public Health Nurse. Her future assignments included Camp Nurse (1953-59) for the Jewish Federation, School Nurse Teacher (1962-70) and Art Teacher (1971-82). All her positions involved working with parents and children. She "officially" retired in 1982.

Work did not deter Ruth from community participation. She was active in the League of Women Voters, a Library Board Member, Art Gallery worker, Nursing Home Director of Activities and Community Service with the National Council of Jewish Women. She earned many commendations for her community service and volunteerism besides receiving many "winning ribbons" for her art works and exhibits. She was an active member of NOW, voter registration actions and an effective craft shows arranger.

Fifty-eight years ago Ruth married Jack Allen and the resulting union produced sons Richard and David. The current extended family includes four grandsons and related in-laws.

The Allens left footprints worldwide during their travels to Great Britain, Portugal, France, Italy, China, Japan, Panama, Romania, Hawaii, Alaska and the "lower forty eight."

Leisure World welcomed Ruth and Jack in 1989. She became "immersed" as a member, officer or director in many diverse groups: NCJW, (National Council of Jewish Women), Computer Club, Earthquake Task Force, Arts and Crafts, Volunteers, Saddleback Hospital Rehab Center, PNHP, Audubon Society, Concerned Citizens, Yoga, Hikers and instructor for a class in Collage Art. She also contributed her talents to the local Human Options and Share Ourselves (Costa Mesa).

Ruth's accomplishments in dealing with people are most important and self-satisfying to her so it is no surprise to submit her summary quotation: "When you do for others you benefit in it by knowing you are some value to mankind to create a more loving world."