

LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH

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CYNTHIA F. CHYBA

The Leisure World Historical Society is pleased to announce the selection of Cynthia F. Chyba as Leisure Worlder of the Month for September 1994. This event is sponsored by the Society and supported by the Ross Cortese Commemorative Fund.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, Cynthia graduated from James Madison High School in 1944. She attended Brooklyn and Queens Colleges and the Eastman School of International Business. She was also certified as a Compensation Specialist by the American Compensation Association.

Cynthia worked for Agfa-Gevaert, Inc., a photographic products manufacturer, for 25 years. The first ten years were at the Flushing, NY plant. She then transferred to the New Jersey headquarters in Marketing as product coordinator of color print paper. She served on the president's staff for two years, was Employment Manager for headquarters and all twelve branch offices, and when she took early retirement in 1987, she was Corporate Manager of Compensation and Human Resources.

Cynthia and her second husband, Oldrich, moved to Leisure World in 1987, where her aunt Bea Gometz had lived for 13 years. Her husband, Czechoslovakia's chief design engineer of chemical processing for the country's pharmaceutical industry, who left just ahead of the Russian tanks, died 8 months after they moved into Leisure World.

Cynthia wasted no time in getting involved with the community. The Harmonaires, Theatre Guild, ORT, City of Hope, Nature Conservancy, American Italia Club, Foreign Film Club, International Folk Dance Club and she still has time for the Saturday night dance. She is on the Theatre Guild's Board of Directors and has had prominent roles in five of their productions.

Elected to the Mutual Board in 1990, she is serving her second term in office and her third year as secretary. She served as Chairman of the Community Relations Committee, is now Chairman of the Landscape Committee, and is on the Capital Improvements Committee. She has served on a number of GRF committees: Community Relations, Community Activities, Government & Public Relations, Maintenance and Construction, and is now on Grounds and Water.

Cynthia has two children: Valerie Sand and William Sand. She maintains contact with her late husband's two children and four grandchildren, who live in The Czech Republic.

The Leisure World Historical Society is proud to honor a lady who spent many of her working years helping people with personal and career problems, and who helps the residents of our community whenever she can. She works hard as a Mutual Board Member, attempting to be constructive and to promote harmonious relationships. She wants Leisure World to remain the wonderful community it is!