

LEISURE WORLD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Presents
ELEANOR COOPER
LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH
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The Leisure World Historical Society is pleased to present **ELEANOR COOPER** as the LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH for August 2001.

Eleanor was born in Troy, New York – a short distance from Albany, the Empire State’s capitol. She received her grammar and high school education in her home city, graduating from Troy High School. She matriculated at Russell Sage College and earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree. Subsequently she majored in library science and obtained an MLS (Masters in Library Science) Degree from Rutgers University.

Our honoree utilized her educational background during her 20-year working career as a Children’s Librarian at the Metuchen, New Jersey Public Library, and as Media Supervisor at Piscataway High School in the Garden State. She retired from the latter position in 1977.

Between working and rearing a family, Eleanor created time to functions as a Brownie Leader and PTA officer in her community. She was a member of many civic and social organizations and active in her religious institution.

The Cooper ménage consists of husband, Mervyn, and offspring, James, Lynn and Dale. The current extended family includes six grandchildren – three boys and a like number of girls.

Eleanor and Mervyn have traveled extensively around our globe and left impressions in the countries of Europe, the Middle East, China, Africa, Japan and all 50 states of the U.S.A. When queried about the importance of other pre-Leisure World activity, Eleanor’s response was “Everything I did was important to me!”

The Cooper duo arrived in Leisure World in 1989 and Eleanor plunged into community activities. She gave of her time and talent to the following groups: Tennis Club (president 1988 and 1999), Golf, Leisure World Historical Society (long term tour Docent) Leisure World Foundation Board (3 years), Membership Chair (3 years) for the Community Concert Association, swimming and also served as Peer Counselor for St. Joseph’s Hospital. Eleanor also participated as an advisor on the Aquatic Advisory Committee and was member of Third Mutual’s Landscape Committee. Her local “civic” contributions were tendered to the Pro-City Project, the Anti-Airport committee and she was also instrumental in acquiring new catering groups for the community. She is noted for the contents of her information Rolodex!

Her most satisfying and important accomplishments are reflected in the statement the “My greatest accomplishment was raising three wonderful children who have given Merv and me great joy.”