

LEISURE WORLD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Presents

LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH

For **JULY 2000**

HENRY EILBIRT

The Leisure World Historical Society is pleased to present **HENRY EILBIRT** as Leisure Worlder of the Month for July 2000.

Henry was born in Paris, France and arrived in the U.S.A. at eight months of age with his parents. The family settled in New York City and it was there that Henry received his basic education, graduating from Clinton High School. He continued his education at CCNY, receiving BS in Social Science and an MS –Science. He earned his Ph.D. from New York University.

Academia was Henry's career. His various assignments included Professor of Business Administration CUNY, Dean of School of Business (1972-1976) CUNY; Professor at UC Long Beach and member of faculty at UC Irvine (1976-1979). He retired in 1979.

Community and civic activities attracted Henry's interest. He was active in matters pertaining to public education in New Rochelle and New York City and also functioned as a Pre-Retirement Counselor and Lecturer for AARP during the 1980's.

The Eilbirts, Henry and Jeannette (married 1938) produced two sons, John and Richard. The current extended family includes grandchildren Michael, Stacy and Natasha and respective daughters-in law.

Many awards came Henry's way. He was the recipient of Phi Beta Kappa and the Danforth and Ford Foundation Fellowships. His name is also listed in Men of Science (Behavioral)

Despite career and community/civic obligations, the Eilbirts traveled extensively in Europe, Asia, North and South America and gathered a large group of collectibles from their journeys.

Humor and its manifestations have been an avocation for Henry. He has lectured on the subject and has published a book on Jewish humor. He also functions as Director of the Yiddish Culture Club of Orange County.

Leisure World became a repository for our honoree's wit and wisdom when he and Jeannette moved into the community. Henry has been involved with the Community Association as member, President and advisor to the Board. He is active in the Computer Club and functions as an Associate Supervisor of the Computer Workshop. He is also an Earthquake Captain, member and program participant of the Society of Humanistic Judaism, a reading performer for the Theater Guild, a participant in the Great Books discussions, a prize winner for submissions to the Writers' Club and he has functioned as Scribe (secretary) for the Internal Governance Committee of Project 21.

Henry's feelings of satisfaction, are reflected in his own words: "I have worked with and influenced young people for 40 years... has been a source of great satisfaction in his accomplishments...my interest in community matters is well known".