

IRVING GOLDBERG

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The Leisure World Historical Society is pleased to announce the selection of Irving Goldberg, Leisure Wordler of the Month for January, 1994. The event is sponsored by the Leisure World Historical Society, supported by the Ross Cortese Commemorative Fund.

Irv Goldberg was born on the historic Lower East Side of New York City (circa 1914), the youngest of five sisters and five brothers. In high school, he was business manager of both the weekly newspaper and the annual literary magazine, wrote a weekly sports column and played varsity basketball. He was student treasurer of the General Organization and was

listed in the Seniors' year-book as "most likely to succeed."

He attended the City College of New York where, in his Jr. year, he received a grant to train as a student intern at the Mt. Sinai Hospital Children's Clinic. This led ultimately to an appointment to teach classes for the mentally retarded in the New York City School System. He had achieved tenure as a special education teacher; he had an ancillary position lecturing in Adult Education and Counseling; he was in a doctoral program at New York University preparing for a supervisory position in special education; he was exploring business opportunities in sum-

mer camp enterprises; and he was flaunting the latest in automobile sophistication—an Oldsmobile with fully automatic transmission.

Pearl Harbor changed all of that. Unable to secure a naval commission because of poor eyesight, he wound up as a draftee at Camp Barkeley, Texas. After basic training, Irv went to the University of Mississippi for a program in Advanced Army Administration. Posted to Algiers, he was placed on special assignment to investigate a serious problem at a General Hospital caused by an inordinate number of psychiatric casualties. He developed a comprehensive rehabilitation program for



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processing, treating and reassigning these cases. Cited by the Surgeon General for this work, he received a direct field mission as a Clinical Psychologist in the Adjutant General's Department.

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Shortly after his return from the Army, Irv met Ruth (his wife to be) who, too, was back from two years service in the WAC's, where she had served with the Air Force at Kearney, Nebraska Airfield.

Through the 50's, 60's and 70's, Irv forged a career in government, education and social agency

rehabilitation Section/Special Education Department of Teachers College, Columbia University; (5) Associate Project Director of the Institute for Training Teachers of Special Education at Teachers College; and (6) Member of the Comprehensive Health Planning committee, H.E.W.

By 1980, Irv had devel-

After three years of snow-birding between Florida and here, Ruth found the unit she wanted right on Aliso Creek. Once settled, in characteristic fashion, the Goldbergs sought ways to serve. Through the Saddle Club, Irv became involved at the Stables. He worked the appointment desk—set up coffee for the morning's rid-

dinator of the program here in Leisure World, where twice weekly during the tax season, and on call at other times, his dedicated group of experienced counselors help residents prepare their income tax returns at no charge of the service. As an expression of his interest in community affairs he has become an advisor to the Community Activi-