

**LEISURE WORLD HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
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**BERT HACK**

**LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH  
JUNE, 2002**

The Leisure World Historical Society is pleased to present BERT HACK as the Leisure Worlder of the Month for June 2002.

Bert was born in New York City and received his basic and secondary education in the "Big Apple". Subsequently he matriculated at Ohio University and was awarded a B.S. in History, Political Science and Sociology (1951). He took additional graduate courses in his majors at Columbia University, University of Michigan, Ohio State and Western Reserve. His Juris Doctorate was awarded by Cleveland State University (1967).

Our Honoree and wife Barbara were married in 1956. Their nuclear family includes four children, Valerie, Brad, Debra and Phil. The extended family includes two grandsons and five granddaughters plus related in-laws.

Bert began his working career as a teacher of political science, history and sociology from 1954 through 1966. He started to practice law in 1967 for the Veterans' Administration. He served as Public Prosecutor for Springfield, Clark County, Ohio from 1970-1973. Later that year he opened his own practice specializing in criminal and civil litigation. He also worked in the fields of Labor Law and Contract Negotiations with unions and governmental agencies and represented the State of Ohio in tax litigation.

When Bert and Barbara retired in 1987 they moved aboard their vessel, The "Sea Hack" and spent the next 5 and one-half years cruising the East Coast from Canada to the Florida keys. The Hacks moved into Leisure World on June 1, 1992. They spent part of their first two years traveling across the United States in their motor home visiting 46 states and most of the national parks.

After settling in from his travels and "getting involved" in Leisure World, Bert served as First Vice President of United Laguna Hills Mutual and later as First Vice President of the Golden Rain Foundation (GRF). He was chair of the GRF Government & Public Relations Committee and served on the GRF and United Finance Committees. He also served on the GRF Land Use and Planning Committee. He, and then GRF President Walter Penn, negotiated to limit the commercial development of the open space below Gate 14. He later negotiated with Rossmoor Partners to obtain title to Parcel 4 which is next to the Leisure World stables. He participated in the renegotiation of the Star Cable TV Contract.

Bert began his opposition to the airport at El Toro by becoming one of six members of a Steering Committee which opposed the passage of Orange County Measure A. He was a co-founder of Taxpayers for Responsible Planning (TRP), the grassroots organization that led the original fight in this County. He helped develop Measure S and F in his role as co-chair of TRP. He lobbied against the airport in Washington D.C. and Sacramento was one of the primary spokespersons for the airport opponents,

Active in the founding of the City of Laguna Woods, Bert was elected to the first City Council. The Council elected him as Mayor Pro-Tem and then as Mayor. He represents the City on the El Toro Reuse and Planning Authority, Transit Corridor Authority and also sits on the City's Utility Committee.

The most important and personally satisfying achievement for Bert was "leading the fight against a commercial cargo airport at El Toro" . . . and his "accomplishments as the community's spokesperson and leader of the anti-airport movement as well as his service on the Laguna Woods City Council and the Leisure World Boards."