

**HELEN C. HANSON**  
**LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH**  
**MAY 2001**

The Leisure World Historical Society is pleased to present **HELEN C. HANSON** as the Leisure Worlder of the Month for May 2001.

Helen was born in Eagle Grove, Iowa, and attended elementary and secondary school in Eagle Grove. She received her BS from the University of Minnesota and her MA from Teachers College, Columbia University. She began her professional career as a Public Health nurse in Rochester, Minnesota but soon moved to her chosen field, education. After serving as an instructor at the University of Minnesota School of Nursing, she became an associate professor, department of Nursing, St. Olaf College. She retired as Professor Emeritus in 1974.

Helen was an active member of local nursing associations; served as a Red Cross volunteer, and as a member of the Minneapolis disaster Nursing Committee. She was a Director of the American Nurses Association, and vice-president of the American Journal of nursing Company, and served as a consultant in Nursing Studies at the VA Hospital in Minneapolis.

In 1974, she moved to a new retirement community near El Paso, Texas. There, she participated in many local groups, including "Discover El Paso" which arranged many short trips in the area.

Helen "retired" again in 1989 when she moved to Leisure World--and began a very active volunteer life. She has just completed six years as Secretary for the Historical Society; works as a receptionist in the office, and coordinates the refreshments for Leisure Worlder of the Month programs. She is currently Roster Editor for the Women's Classified Service Club, and belongs to Travel Club, Film Club, and Keyboard Concert Club.

Helen's travels have included several trips to Norway, where she has cousins from both sides of the family, as well as trips to the Europe and two educational trips to China, 1980 and 1983. She has been on a couple of recent cruises, and has more planned for the immediate future.

Church activities have been an important part of Helen's life, and she participates actively in programs at Lutheran Church of the Cross. Always the optimist, she likes being busy, enjoys working, and is a willing and conscientious volunteer.