

# LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH

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## MILDRED N. LANDECKER

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The Leisure World Historical Society is pleased to announce the selection of Mildred N. Landecker as Leisure Worlder of the Month for February 1995. This event is sponsored by the Society and supported by the Ross Cortese Commemorative Fund.

Born in Providence, Rhode Island, Mrs. Landecker attended Newtown High School in New York City, and the Julliard School of Music. At age 19, she had both a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Arts degree from New York University. While still in school, she gave concerts in Alaska, Philadelphia and New York.

For nearly thirty years, she taught music at High School of Music and Art in New York City. This included conducting, theory and harmony, voice, accompanying, orchestration, choral ensemble and music history. She served on the Admissions Board for the High School, and on the Curriculum Revision Committees for voice and theory and harmony. During this time, she also had a private studio in Carnegie Hall, giving voice and piano lessons.

In 1939, Mildred married Louis Landecker, Ph.D.. He was an administrator in a large high school science department. The Landeckers took early retirement in 1973. They explored several retirement communities before moving to Leisure World in September of that year.

After a year of leisure--and much dancing, ceramics and table tennis --Mildred started teaching classes through Saddleback Unified School district. Since 1976, she has been an Associate Professor of Music at Saddleback college, teaching Music History in the Emeritus program at Leisure World. Here, she teaches about 110 students a semester, and is widely acclaimed as an inspiring teacher. She was honored for outstanding teaching contributions at Saddleback College in 1983, and written up in the Orange County Register in 1990. She is an Academician, and before her husband's death in 1986, very active in numerous dance clubs,swimming and tennis. Mildred is the author of three books, two on harmony and one on the theory of music. She still teaches privately.

Mildred's one son, Dr. Peter Bruce Landecker, an Astrophysicist, lives in Manhattan Beach.

The Leisure World Historical salutes a lady who has influenced hundreds of students, young and old. Her goal is to transfer her love of music to all who will listen, and the many accolades given her testify to her success.