

**LEISURE WORLD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
PRESENTS**

LEONARD MEINWALD

LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH

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Leonard Meinwald was born, raised and received his elementary and secondary education in Brooklyn, New York. After graduation from Stuyvesant High he matriculated at Brooklyn College and completed his pre-dental BA in 1942. He then attended Temple University and was awarded the dental DDS in 1945. During his university years, Leonard belonged to Sigma Epsilon Delta fraternity. After receipt of his DDS he served three years in the United States Army Medical Corps as a dentist.

In 1948 Leonard and Claire were married and set up housekeeping in Levittown, New York. Our honoree worked in his community as a self employed dentist for forty years before retiring in 1989.

During his career Leonard gave of his talents and services to the Levittown Kiwanis (served two years as Treasurer), was a member of the American Dental Association and wrote and performed in musical shows for the local chapter of the Jewish War Veterans during a ten year tenure.

The nuclear Meinwald family included sons Harlan and Javan and daughter Marcy. The current extended family includes grandchildren Daniel, Matthew, Ross and Jennifer plus the requisite in-laws.

Europe, Asia and South America were recipients of Meinwald clan footprints when they left home base.

Leonard and Claire arrived in Leisure World in May, 1989. Activities beckoned and Leonard expended his efforts in a number of areas. He has been involved with the Audubon Society for about ten years and has been a participant in the Society's Tree Labeling Program. He makes music with the Saturday Morning String Chamber Orchestra (ten years now) and has worked with stained glass to produce items like jewelry boxes, a music rack and a lamp shade. In addition to the foregoing he's a Fitness Center devotee and plays in a "fun group", (his words) string quartet where he makes music with a recorder or a Mandolin. The Discovery Theater Group has also been a recipient of our honoree's musical experience and talent. Leonard has also been a Volunteer at Saddleback Hospital for about six years as part of his bag of Leisure World activities.

Two basic words reflect Leonard's satisfaction in his accomplishments - "Family and Music." When queried about the motivating source for the Leisure Worlder of the Month award, he responded with "I can't imagine!"