

**LEISURE WORLD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
PRESENTS**

RICHARD MOOS

**LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH
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Richard Moos was born in Berlin, Germany. Both his parents were physicians, but his mother never practiced. Our honoree received his education basics in Berlin, but due to the advent of national instability and associated problems he was sent to London, England and concluded his secondary training at Buxton College. At age sixteen, and all alone, he went to work as an office boy to support himself. He also took courses in economics at the London School of Economics.

In 1938 Richard arrived in the U.S. and spent the next ten years working at various assignments in a chain of women's wear stores. He also enjoyed the artistic life of Greenwich Village. On a work assignment in 1949 Richard came to Los Angeles and never returned to the Big Apple. He switched his career into the manufacture and sales of furniture. This led to a 20 year employment as a manufacturer's representative for a bedroom furniture producer.

Richard married Ruth, and this union produced Adam and Devorah who in turn have provided grandchildren Mathew, Jacob, Gabriel and Emily to the extended Moos clan.

A career did not deter Richard from participating in community activities. He devoted fifteen years working with orphaned and problem children as a Big Brother for Vista del Mar and local law enforcement. He was also active in the affairs of his religious institution lending his economic talents and experience in dealing with children.

Retirement came in 1985 only after establishing and operating a furniture manufacturing facility in Carson, California. That same year Ruth and Richard visited Leisure World on a "trial basis", but very quickly became permanent resident owners in United Mutual. Richard was interested in governance and subsequently served on the United Board of Directors as Treasurer. A "follow-up" move into Third Mutual led, after a short interval, to election as Board Director and -- to election as Treasurer! Currently our honoree is a Director of GRF Board and has just been elected to serve as Treasurer. All of his Board of Director service has included participation in a variety of committees.

Richard has enjoyed his service to the community and considers that contribution as a satisfying achievement. In his own words: "I am honored to be picked by my peers and hope to have a few years left to serve and enjoy what I like doing best."