

# Outspoken and proud of it



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Adrienne Werner, Leisure Worlorder of the month for March, recently found a new hobby - playing the piano. Although her mother was a concert pianist, Werner says she never learned to play.

## Honoree says she found crusader spirit on committees

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**A**lthough a successful entrepreneur, real estate salesperson and member of various charitable and social organizations before coming to Leisure World, Adrienne Werner credits participation in community governance with revealing a facet of her personality she never knew she had: outspoken crusader.

The Historical Society's March Leisure Worlorder of the Month says her early life was "over-protected" but widowhood and work on a community relations committee brought her out of her shell.

Today, Werner's community credits include service on the Third board, various mutual

and Golden Rain standing committees and special study groups and membership in more than a dozen clubs and organizations.

The time and commitment she's lavished on these efforts have won results and the esteem of her co-workers, residents and Leisure World leaders.

"She's sincere, thoughtful and willing to speak up for what she believes is right," says former Third President and brother-in-law Jerry Werner.

"Adrienne Werner is never reticent to express her judgments; ... (she's) gained the respect and support of those who have served with her," adds Eugene Conser, former Golden Rain board member.

"All will agree this is an honor well-deserved."

Werner says when Society President Evelyn Shopp told her she was selected she asked "Why me?"

Shopp replied, "You deserve it." But Werner doesn't feel what she's done is extraordinary, just what is necessary to bring issues into the open for the right action.

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### CEREMONY NOTES

**Who:** Adrienne Werner  
**What:** Leisure Worlorder for March  
**Where:** Clubhouse 6  
**When:** Wednesday, March 2, 10 a.m.  
**Sponsor:** Leisure World Historical Society

## HONOREE

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"I don't know what gives me the guts - but when I feel it has to be said, I say it.

"I have the courage of my convictions and I'm not afraid to say so, I just make up my mind to do a job as well as I can."

Werner says she enjoys working with people and helping them solve their problems, "It's a tremendous challenge, but it's fun."

Chicago-born, she moved to California when she was 10 years old and has called the Golden State home ever since, receiving her bachelor's degree in home economics and secondary teaching credential from UCLA.

After marrying Spencer Werner she owned and operated her own business, Adrienne Werner Lamp Shade Co., in Los Angeles and got her real estate broker's license, the latter enterprise she continues to this day.

Now widowed, Werner, a resident of Leisure World for 22 years, enjoys swimming, table tennis, dancing, bridge, Tai Chi, belly dancing, piano and the companionship of her special friend Lou Perlgut, a relationship sparked by a visit to her building's dumpster little more than two years ago.

Werner offered to answer any questions new resident Perlgut had about the community and he hasn't run out of questions yet.

Werner says currently she's enjoying a rare hiatus between governance appointments because it allows her to spend more time with Perlgut but admits that if the right issue came along she wouldn't hesitate to get in the fray.

"I'm a perfectionist and both my parents were perfectionists," admits Werner. "My father always used to say if you're going to do something, do it right or don't do it at all . . . and no one in my family were ever quitters."