

IVAN L. WOLFSON LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH

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The Leisure World Historical Society is pleased to announce the selection of Ivan L. Wolfson as Leisure Worlder of the Month for October, 1993. This event is sponsored by the Historical Society and supported by the Ross Cortese Commemorative Fund.

Both Ivan and his wife Jean are native Californians, born and raised in Los Angeles. After completing high school, he worked two years in a candy factory to save enough money to go to U. C. Davis where he received a BS in Plant Science and Agricultural Education. Subsequently, he earned a MS in Education from USC where he was Phi Delta Kappa; attended UCLA for two years; obtained a General Adm. Credential from Cal State at Northridge, and spent a summer at the U. of Wisconsin on a National Science Foundation Grant.

Ivan worked his way through UC Davis, as cook for his college friends, as groundskeeper, and as the organizer and manager of the first co-op on the UC Davis campus. He still had time for other school activities, and was elected to several honorary societies.

Ivan entered military service in the Infantry following his graduation in 1941. An instructor when war was declared, he volunteered for the parachute troops. He served in the European Theatre of Operations. After five years, he was released from service with the rank of major. He began teaching horticulture in the L.A. City School District. He taught in junior and senior high schools, and for the last ten years of his career, was in the Administrative Offices, L.A. United School Dist. He also taught in several colleges.

Ivan and Jean moved to Leisure World in 1975. He has since served on State committees, and as a consultant in planning garden centers in several nearby communities. Since 1976, he has been continuously involved with the 3rd Mutual Grounds committee, the Garden Center Advisory Committee. For the past two years, he has been on the GRF Joint Grounds Com. He has served in all offices and committees of the L.W. Garden Club, including president, and is active in the Rod and Gun Club, Shrine Club, and Film Club.

The Wolfsons, married forty six years, have a son, daughter-in-law, and two granddaughters.

The Historical Society is pleased to recognize a man who has consistently worked within our community in all activities pertaining to horticulture, cheerfully sharing his wisdom and experience with fellow residents.