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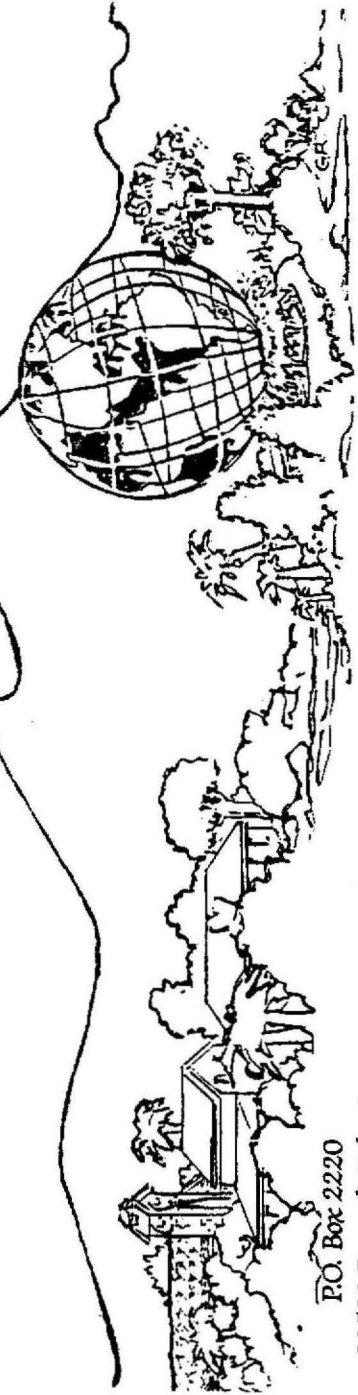
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*Newsletter*

THIS newsletter is the first of what is planned to be a regular publication of our Society. It will absorb some of the function of our Hi-lites, and give members news of upcoming meetings and other activities.

MAY 13 is the date of our next meeting. It will be a joint meeting with the Saddleback Area Historical Society and the program is one that will be of interest to both groups. The speaker will be Professor Mike Merrifield of Saddleback Community College who will be talking to us about the Indians that inhabited this area, even before the missions were built. Offshoots of the Shoshone tribe, these were known as "digger" Indians, in that they lived heavily from the sea life that existed along the coast and inland in the many marshy areas.

Merrifield has been teaching at Saddleback for nine years, currently teaching, among others, a course covering Central America. His main area is anthropology.

The meeting will be held in the community room of the Home Federal Savings and Loan Assoc. on Paseo de Valencia, just south of El Toro Rd. Those coming to the meeting are requested to park on the street or at our Administration Bldg. just across the way. Hospitality starts at 9:30 A.M. with the meeting itself at 10:00.

OCTOBER 28, a Tuesday, 9:30 A.M., is the date of our Fall General Meeting. It will be in Club House 3, Dining Room 1. The program, and other meetings to follow, will be announced in our fall newsletter to be mailed in early October.

COMMITTEE activities of the Society continue through the summer. Directors meet monthly and we have our Leisure Worlder of the Month award as usual, sponsored jointly with the Federal Savings and Loan Association.

THE LEISURE WORLDER for May is Margaret Strevey and the award will be given in Clubhouse 6, May 7, at 10:A.M. Social hour begins at 9:30. Society members, residents and friends are invited to attend.

Mrs. Strevey has just completed her third year on the United Mutual Board of Directors. She has been first vice president of the mutual, chairman of the Community Relations Committee and a three-year member of the Ground Maintenance Committee. She has also served on the Golden Rain Foundation Health and Welfare Committee and Corporate Officers' Advisory Council. She has worked with the Saddleback Hospital Thrift Shop and has been a member of many Leisure World organizations. A more detailed account of Margaret Strevey, especially her activities before Leisure World, appeared in LEISURE WORLD NEWS for April 24.

ALSO ON MAY 7 our Leisure Worlder for April, Walter Tait, will again be recognized, and presented with his special portrait provided by Home Federal Savings. Teacher, trainer, world traveler and lecturer, Tait has had a full life sharing his experience here in Leisure World, in Orange County and also helping developing countries around the world. He is a member of the Program Development Committee of the Saddleback College Emeritus Institute, as well as being a part-time instructor, teaching courses in slideshow production and public speaking. He is a member of a number of Leisure World organizations.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS. Our February 18 Community Service Meeting speaker was Dr. Abraham Lowenthal, professor of international relations at the University of Southern California. Dr. Lowenthal's special field of interest is Central America and he is a frequent visitor to that area. His topic was "Central America - What it Means to the United States". Discussion followed. The Annual General Meeting was March 25. New directors elected were Jim White, Ed LeRoy and Merle Trail. Officers and other directors are listed on the other side of this newsletter. Isabella Leland, past president of the Society, gave an interesting story of the subject "The Womens Clubs of Leisure World". The April meeting was a noon luncheon at Mercury Savings. Luther Self, local realtor, told of his children's show "Uncle Luther" on local TV in the late 40's and early 50's. There were many humorous experiences.