WE MADE IT
We not only moved safely from the 20th to the 21st century, surviving in spite of all the doom and gloom spread throughout the world, but we also managed to get through Ground Hog Day, Valentine Day, Presidents Day, and the election. That leaves another big celebration just ahead, St. Patrick's Day. Begorra and its time for a bit of celebrating!

For starters, how about celebrating the upcoming city election and the fact that the airways aren't being bombarded with city campaign speeches? Or count the months until the general election --if you can stand the thought. Or celebrate being a resident of the world's best retirement community? Just celebrate!

Green grass in winter, flowers blooming year round; No tornadoes; no sand storms, snow, sleet or hail. Newspaper delivered on time. A well stocked library; a great Channel 6; and the best Historical Society Building in California......

FAITH, AND ITS A BEAUTIFUL WORLD..  (Even if you aren't Irish!)
2000 AFFILIATES 2000

Who are they?
Businesses and professional people who are supporters of the Historical Society. We appreciate them and hope that all our members will be aware of their contributions. They were listed in our 2000 Directory.

PATRON
Allen Oldsmobile-Cadillac-GMC, Inc.
Coit Drapery, Carpet & Upholstery Cleaners
Saddleback Memorial Medical Center
Tuttle-Click Automotive Group

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“Skip” Ames – Crowell Weedon & Co.
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Ernie M. Ellsworth, Attorney
Extra Space Storage
Farmers and Merchants Bank
Freedom Village
Fremont Investment and Loan
Hilger Financial
Laguna Hills Properties
Leisure World Resales
Moulton Plaza Travel
Reynolds & Powers
Rossmoor Electric, Inc.
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McLean Cadillac Oldsmobile
Richmond & Richmond Law Offices
The Wellington

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AIM Mail Centers
Century 21 Rainbow Realty
Downey Savings and Loan Assoc.
Frankel & Summers CPA
Golden Circle Cruises and Tours
Herrman, William F. D.P.M.
Karen and Sharon Estate Sales
Leisure World Consignments, Inc.
Moulton Plaza Pharmacy
Sola-Lite, Tubular Skylights
The Home Depot

from the desk of the President...

As I begin my third year as your president--and my 15th year on the board of directors -- I can't help but reflect on the people I have worked with during this period, many of them no longer with us. Some have moved from the area; others are now in Freedom Village. Certainly no one did as much for the Historical Society as Dr. Tracy Strevey, and his influence will long be felt.

Others who have influenced our Society are no longer active. Foster Sampson, our computer guru, has moved to Escondido; Bob Dozier, treasurer for many years, still attends an occasional meeting; Director of Development, Gene Conser, was the “doer” who moved us toward our own building.

These men, and many other men and women, had a profound impact on our Society. It is a debt best paid by doing our utmost to make this Society a force in the Leisure World community. By exploring our role, and expanding it. By remembering, always, that “today's events are tomorrows history.”

Thanks to all of you, board members, committee members, volunteers, who are doing your part to build a greater Society!

IN MEMORIAM

Arthur Boughey
William Carey
Marion Krasno
*Dr. Tracy Strevey
*Edward Watson

*Leisure Worlder of the Month

NEEDED

VOLUNTEERS to assist in the Archives (see what our volunteers say about their work --page 7)

VOLUNTEERS to work on a regular basis or as needed at the front desk. Want to know why it is interesting? Talk with Phil Studebaker, our newest Monday afternoon volunteer.

VOLUNTEERS for special projects. Do you enjoy checking old records for times, dates, people? We have a dozen projects “on tap.”
HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S ANNUAL GALA
Tom Gaylor, Publicity Chair

The Leisure World Historical Society successfully ushered in the new Millennium at its Annual Gala held Sunday evening, February 7 in Clubhouse V. Nearly 200 members and guests were on hand for the celebration of accomplishments in the last year of the century and the advent of year 2000.

The merriment commenced at 5:30 with dancing to the music of the Fantastic FOOTNOTES. Dinner extraordinaire by Jolanda followed.

President Evelyn Shopp extended a warm welcome to all Society members and guests present. She requested a moment of silence in tribute to Dr. Tracy Streevy, the first President of the Society. The annual business meeting was called to order.

Major item of business was the report of the Nominating Committee by Chairman, Ward Payne. The proposed slate included three incumbents: Bob Miller, Harry Schwartz, Evelyn Shopp and two new candidates, Charles Hellman and Ira Joss. The slate was approved. During a short recess of the annual meeting, the board met and elected officers for the year. Payne announced that the following officers had been elected for the year: Evelyn Shopp, President; John Bradley, 1st Vice Pres., Ward Payne, 2nd Vice Pres., Helen Hanson, Secretary and Burt Taubman, Treasurer. Shopp thanked Jean Downs and Milton Ray, outgoing members of the board, for their outstanding service to the Society.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, Jan and Charles McLaughton, Co-Chairs for the event were introduced and commended for the planning and organization of the dinner and program. Jan thanked their committee, and then introduced the MOOD SWINGS, a well known and popular quartet, who provided entertainment for the evening.

The Gala concluded with more dancing to the music of the FOOTNOTES. Judging from the spirit that prevailed in the auditorium, it was a pleasurable evening, enjoyed by all.

COPIED ...from a calendar
(366 more great things about getting older)

...You know more of the songs on the Golden Oldies Station.
...You're valued for your experience.
...You don't have to send Valentines to the whole class.
...The face you were born with doesn't have to be the one you die with.
...You can color outside the lines.
...You can remember when kids wanted to grow up to be President.
...TV dinners are better than they used to be.
...You can drive a great big car.
...Orthopedic shoes look very fashionable these days

2001
2002
2003...

It's official!
The date for the annual meeting and program is the first Sunday in February, CHV
TRIBUTE
1999 Newsletters reported the loss of 23 of our members. They lived in every section of Leisure World. One was among the first "move-ins" in 1964; others moved in over the years, from Gate 1 to Gate 14. Regardless of the locale, trees were a given. With that in mind, the Board of Directors voted in February to honor them through a contribution to the Audubon Tree Label project. Those who will be honored for 1999 are:

Lucille Allen
Tony Avilslo
Mabel C. Bogue
Jack Chezick
Jane Childs
Dorothy Colver
Florence Davis
Frieda Glandt
Maggie Hackler
Susanna Hartman
Herbert H. Hayes
Allen Hurwitz
Eloise Kight
Sidney Krasso
Jean Mannik
Elizabeth Marshall
Anita MacDonald
Dick Osterlind
Charles Schnell
Eva Stockonis
Jack Taylor
George Wahl
James White

UPDATE: HISTORICAL SOCIETY-UCI DEMOGRAPHIC SURVEY
Syd Aronson and Ira Joss, Co-Chairmen
During the past several weeks UCI has conducted four Focus Groups at Leisure World to test and fine tune the questionnaire. These have proven to be very productive. The University requires that all formal projects with off-campus organizations be approved by their Internal Review Board. Our program has been approved.

During the next several weeks, we will be conducting a Pilot test to further evaluate the questionnaire, the method of taking the survey, the follow-up procedure, and to begin training of LW volunteers who will assist with the program. If you would like to volunteer, please call the Historical Society office, 206-0150, and leave your name. A committee member will get back to you. The full survey dates are not yet determined, but should be within the next 2 or 3 months.

MEMBERSHIP Ward Payne, Chair
I want to extend my most sincere appreciation to my 1999 membership committee. They worked diligently to increase the membership of the Society. Members were John Bradley, Jean Carson, Eleanor Cooper, Harry Greenspan, Janet Lee, Shirley Levy, Fran Lindberg, Helen Lyon, Bob Rapson, and Dr. Edwin Short.

Shirley Levy asked to be excused from the committee, but all others will serve for 2000. New board member Charles Hellman will be an additional member. I am so pleased that the same committee will be continuing for this year. We have accomplished a good deal this past year, and it should be easy for us to continue our plan to make more residents aware of the Society.

But---if you really want to work on the membership committee, we will welcome you with open arms! However, if you just want to give us "ideas" that, too, will be great. You can call me at home. 837-7198; give your suggestions to any member of the committee, or leave a message at the office, 206-0150.

We are committed to keeping the members we have as well as gaining new ones. It is still 1000 in 1000.

THE SEARCH FOR PERSONAL FREEDOM: End of Life Issues
Dr. Mathew Ross, former professor at Harvard, UCLA and UCI Medical Schools, will present the fifth of a series of seminars at 7:30 on Monday, March 20, CH3, DR1. Dr. Ross stimulates audience participation by provocative questions: How long do you want to live? Why? Are you living every day of your life? Registration is not required. All residents are welcome, No fee.
DIRECTORY ADDENDUM

NEW MEMBERS
Marjorie Amado
3120-A Via Serena

Betty Andre
2179-N Via Puerta

Charles R. Little
5428 Calle Carmenita

Marianne E. Ross
2377-A Via Mariposa

M. H. Schoonderbeek
5421 Calle Carmenita

Eleanore E. Schwarz
Joseph R. Schwarz
2078-B Ronda Granda

Winona R. Snell
2207-D Via Mariposa E

Alice A. Strauss
5428 Calle Carmenita

RENEWALS
Eleanor Beckwith
Thomas Beckwith
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Hazel Beilby
5515-1C Paseo del Lago W

Laurel Flinn
719-D Ave Majorca

Lenore P. Hunter
3279-O San Amadeo

John V. Kingston
Margaret Kingston
35-C Calle Aragon

Sylvia Koenigsberg
887-D Ronda Sevilla

Murray Lanyard
2381-2D Mariposa W

Dorothy Maguire
2315-D Via Puerta

Lindberg (Ed) Miller
504-A Avenida Sevilla

Shirley Morgan
5265 Avenida del Sol

Rebecca M. Stanberry
5194 Duenas

Sarah Jane Strange
2272-A Via Mariposa E

Verabelle Stratford
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Downcy Savings and Loan
Kim Hansen, Branch Mgr.
(replacing Dennis Umeda)

pg. 9
Herman, William F D.P.M.
Friend

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ASSOCIATES, New
Foreign Policy Association
David Redding 380-8825

ASSOCIATES, Renewals
Scrabble Club
Geraldine Wink 837-4111

Parapsychology Club
Ray Snider 451-1326

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS
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Pg. 5 *Dorothy Richards Freund
Pg. 18 Joan Africa 770-5242
Pg. 2 Docents: Marilyn Robbins
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We have extra Directories if you need one. Free if you pick up in office; $1.00 if mailed.
Views from the Past
Researched by Milt Adamson

The following “alphabet of reasons” for liking Leisure World was written by Rosalyn Ebenholz and published in the 30th anniversary publication BEST YEARS, 1994.

A. Architectural diversity
B. Bus transportation
C. College classes
D. Directors who care
E. Entertainment specials
F. Friendly neighbors
G. Gym and pools
H. Health and Fitness
I. Involvement of residents
J. Judicious planning of builders
K. Kaleidoscope of clubs
L. Library books
M. Musical treats
N. Notable lectures
O. Organizations galore
P. Proximity to shopping
Q. Quality of cultural programs
R. Responsiveness of workers
S. Security day and night
T. Thoughtfulness of management
U. Ultimate in bridge games
V. Variety of trees and flowers
W. Walking groups
X. X-cellence of people
Y. Young-at-heart inhabitants
Z. Zeal of volunteers

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Meet the Docents
Justine Ratner, Coordinator

Marilyn Robbins, our newest Docent, has been a Leisure World resident for twelve years, the first four as a snow bird from Metuchen, NJ, where she resided with her husband Milton, now treasurer of Third Mutual. Before retirement, she was a computer analyst for Bell Labs in Murray Hill, NJ.

Since moving to Leisure World, Marilyn has worked in sculpture and copper enameling, been active as a volunteer at the Elementary School on Santa Maria, and plays golf. She became a Docent because she likes the community so much, and enjoys showing it to others.

Docents for 2000, all boosters for the “Leisure World way of life,” are Sydney Aronson, Marvin Bercowitz, John Bradley, Eleanor Cooper, Jim Fox, Arly Ray, Marilyn Robbins, Harry Schwartz and Dick Yeakel.

(Interested in being a Docent? Call Justine at 583-7264)

Deposit Incentive Donation
Fremont Inv. and Loan

In 1999, 20 of our members had one or more accounts coded to the Society at FREMONT. Although no money was taken from the customer accounts, the Historical Society was the recipient of $885! This is our second year in the program, and our 1999 benefit was $185 more than 1998. All accounts at Fremont are FDIC insured, all qualify for this program.

If you are opening a new account or rolling over an old one, have your account coded to our "credit." And do let the people at Fremont know we appreciate their $885!!

About our Members
Collected by Helen Hanson

Dr. Milo Tedstrom, 98, was the 1999 recipient of the Spirit of St. Joseph Award at St. Joseph’s annual benefit. He admitted the hospital’s first patient in 1929.

Kay Pennington threw her own 90th birthday, hosting a champagne brunch for about 70 friends and relatives.

Members Mary Ann Webber, Maryan Feingold, Peggy Paull and Ivy Laskey were among the "long" walkers feted at the 1999 1000 Mile Club party.

Women's Classified Service Club awarded the Life Achievement 1999 Award to Marie Fox for her many years of working with visually impaired persons, and with the Braille Institute.

David Bialobroda, exhibitor at the Laguna Beach Festival, has sculptures "on loan" to us.
Archivist’s Corner
Fran Lindberg, Asst. Archivist

Archivist Marge Williams is recuperating from knee surgery and we are hopeful that she will return soon. We miss her smiling personality. I have been under her tutelage since 1995, and have learned so much from this conscientious and responsible woman.

Here are some of the resources now available in the Archives:
* Large photo file
* Vertical file on numerous subjects
* Vertical file on LW clubs
* Rows and rows of club scrapbooks
* LW News, 1965 to present
* Special collections on people and various subjects.

Here’s what some of our volunteers said about working in the Archives:

Gloria Z. Levine: Little did I know last March when I chose to sit near Marjorie Williams in Collette’s Art Appreciation class that two weeks later I would be working in the Archives. That choice was one of my lucky ones, and I am grateful to Marjorie for inviting me to work in her department.

I work with volunteers who are of kindred spirit: generous, interesting and intelligent. The work is stimulating, even challenging at times. I especially enjoy searching for information that is requested, sometimes from as far away as the East Coast. I have the opportunity to learn a great deal about the beginning and the growth of Leisure World. I am especially interested in the people who helped make it become what it is.

I have also learned first hand the important role the Historical Society has played and continues to play, and I appreciate them. Most of all, I appreciate the volunteers with whom I work.

Denise Welch: The work is very interesting and I am constantly learning about my new home. It is challenging in that there is so much to do. We are putting the Archives in the computer. I have learned the Apple after 15 years on a PC. My goals are to have the computer set-up so that in future years a relative can come in and find out about their Leisure World family member; to teach the volunteers the computer input; to put the Society on the internet!

Alberta Montvydas: I collect articles from the LW News to be put in the computer for future reference, knowing it is important to our LW history.

Others have made much the same comments: I like the feeling of doing something worth while; Volunteering gives me a sense of being useful; I enjoy the camaraderie; I’m impressed with the vast history of Leisure World, my home.

If you are interested in becoming a part of our Archives volunteer group, do come in and talk with me. I’m always in on Wednesday afternoon. Or call the office and leave your number. I’ll call you.

Leisure World has so much talent. New resident, Eva Krutelu, has contributed her book, Eva’s War, a gripping tale of her survival during her flight from the Russians. Thank you, Eva, for your contribution.

We are interested in procuring copies of books written by residents, especially those published since moving to Leisure World.

Another recent acquisition is now on the wall back of the reception desk. The 26x30 water color of Clubhouse One was contributed by the artist, Nancee Noel, and has been a welcome addition to the lobby.

May those who love us, love us,
and those that don’t love us,
May God turn their hearts!
And if doesn’t turn their hearts,
May he turn their ankles,
So we’ll know them by their limping!
(An old Gaelic blessing)
MEET YOUR BOARD Each year, 5 members are elected to the Society Board for three year terms. There is no restriction on the numbers of terms. Officers are elected by the board at the first meeting following the annual meeting and serve for one year. This year five members were elected at the annual meeting, two of them new: Charles Hellman and Ira Joss.

Hellman has lived in Leisure World since 1984. A graduate of the University of Louisville, he spent his entire working career with General Electric. He has been an officer on the Third and GRF boards; president of the Men’s Golf Club, the Men’s bowling Club, and Saddleback Hospital Associates. He is currently active in the Golf club, swims and enjoys bridge. He and Martha have been married 52 years. They have six children and seventeen grandchildren.

Joss, a resident since 1996, is a member of the Laguna Woods Community Relations Com., V.P. of membership of the Reform Temple of L.W., member of the Hikers, Computer, Golf, Nifty Fifty-Sixty and Film Clubs. He was on the Project 21 Executive Board; served as Consultant to UCI in establishment of their Acad. of Lifelong Learning. Currently, he is working on the UCI/ Historical Society demographic survey. Ira and Carol have been married 52 years, have four children and eleven grandchildren.

Board members and the year their term ends:
2001  Sydney Aronson  Mary Balcom  Helen Hanson  Bob Morton  Burt Taubman
2002  John Bradley  Tom Gaylor  Virginia Halley  Justine Ratner  Ward Payne
2003  Ira Joss  Charles Hellman  Bob Miller  Harry Schwartz  Evelyn Shopp

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