

TRAVEL MEDICINE

Speaker: Simin Torabzadeh M.D.

Dr. Torabzadeh is a distinguished Geriatrician
Medical School, University of California, Irvine (UCI)

Date: November 9, 7:30 pm, CH 3, Dining Room 1

(This is the second of the Mini-Medical School Lectures.)

If you have concerns about health problems or medical emergencies which may come up while you are traveling, you will be interested in this lecture.

Bring a friend. Refreshments will be served.

GOOFED AGAIN!

Annual meetings of the Historical Society are scheduled for the first Sunday in February. That makes February 4, 2001 annual meeting date, not February 11 as reported in the last Newsletter. This is the "big" affair of the year ---hold that date --- February 4!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

The white sheet enclosed in this newsletter is for membership renewal. All renewals received by the end of December will be in the Directory for 2001. If you are receiving a complimentary copy of this newsletter, the white sheet is an invitation to join the Leisure World Historical Society. Hopefully, the Newsletter will give you some indication of our programs. If you have questions, call the office 206-0150. We are open 9-4, except for the holiday schedule given on page 8. The answering machine will take your message when the office is closed.



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

When I finish this column, the 6th Newsletter for the year can be "put to bed." and I shall close my eyes to all errors and my ears to all complaints!! If I didn't enjoy doing this, I would be absolutely devastated by the mistakes made. The last issue had a classic. It said "California celebrated a special birthday, 150, on the Thea..." Several people called in to inquire about this new language, and our office manager took the heat.

The honest truth is very simple. When I type 9th, or 3rd, the spell check picks it up as a misspelled word and suggests Thea instead. I apparently hit "replace" instead of "skip" and failed to proof a second time. So, no foreign language--just the goof of an inept computer operator. Real fun!

Fortunately, my very able "proofer," Tobey Greenspan, is back from a wonderful cruise vacation and promises to do her usual fine job of proofing--except for this column which is strictly mine.

The last two months have been very busy ones. Getting the Survey out, and starting the Mini-Medical series, were two major accomplishments, and very special thanks goes to Ira Joss and Syd Aronson. We are certainly getting a lot of very good publicity, and we appreciate the excellent cooperation of the Leisure World News and of Channel 6.

Ward Payne and his membership committee have been exploring ways to increase membership; to enlist Clubs as Associates; to enroll business and professional Affiliates. "1000 in 2000" was not reached. The goal for next year is more realistic: "1001 in 2001!" **You** can help. Renew early; recruit a friend; encourage your clubs to be Associates; tell our Affiliates we appreciate them. Or even better, suggest to your barber or your

CPA or your broker that we would appreciate their support. Or, give those names to Ward, and he will make the contact, either by letter or in person.

John Bradley and his Program committee are considering the number and kind of programs for 2001. If you have suggestions, do let them know.

Dr. Mathew Ross, our "Oral History" interviewer, was away for the summer but he is now back on the job and hopefully will have a story for the January issue. He's discovering that the early residents are still "on the go" and that arranging interviews is difficult! Dr. Ross says the early bus drivers appeared to have a 'clubby' side to their work and play. One driver reported that he and his wife drove around in their car, seeking ways to modify routes and seeking new ones.

I'll leave most of his comments for his story, but I can't resist this quote: "It is remarkable how consistently they report the caring attitude of all the early residents..and comment on the change of people who seem less friendly and more distant than the fun-loving party-going early settlers. Maybe the lack of outside restaurants and entertainment facilities made the early residents focus inward rather than outside of Leisure World"

We are planning to produce a 1994-2000 Leisure Worlder of the Month booklet as a follow up to the ones which have been done since this program started in 1976. Pictures of all named through December of this year will be included. There will be a booklet for each of them, but we need an estimate of how many more will be needed. If you think you might want a copy, please note that on your membership form. This will help us plan realistically.

Start your holidays early--and enjoy every minute of the season!

Evelyn Shapp

SECOND GENERATION LEISURE WORLDERS

Questionnaires had been returned from 106 "second generation" residents. If you know someone in that category, please give us the name and a questionnaire will be sent out. After November 15, information will be compiled and shared. The reasons for following parents to Leisure World are quite varied, and we think will be of interest to everyone, even the real estate people! Obviously, as a group, second generation residents are very pleased with the Leisure World lifestyle.

WALL OF HONOR

Have you looked at the Wall of Honor recently? There are a number of plaques with special messages, not just names, such as...

In memory of
Dr Tracy E. Strevey

In honor of
Arlene Roster

In appreciation of
Gene Conser

There are lots of other possibilities for special gifts honoring special people, such as:

Happy 50th Anniversary
John and Jane Doe
November 2, 2000

Thank you, Susie Smith
Founder Joy Joy Club

What a nice way to recognize a Leisure World friend who "has everything." And now is the time, as plaques will go up in December. A gift of \$100 is all that is necessary

HOW TO KNOW YOU'RE GROWING OLDER

(Source unknown)

- o The gleam in your eyes is from the sun hitting your bifocals.
- o Your little black book contains only names ending in M.D.
- o You know all the answers but nobody asks you the questions.
- o You look forward to a dull evening.
- o Dialing long distance wears you out.
- o You remember today that Yesterday was your Wedding Anniversary.
- o You burn the midnight oil after 9:00 pm.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

It takes a lot of volunteer services to keep our organization functioning: to answer the requests for information in a timely fashion; to organize incoming materials and to enter information in the computer; to do research on specific topics.

It takes hours to prepare this Newsletter and many more hours to fold, label, count, box and mail. Our operation is labor intensive, and we need help.

We need Volunteers for the front desk Monday, morning and afternoon. We need volunteers willing to fill in when regulars are on trips, or ill.

We also need people who can help out with special assignments, such as preparing the newsletter for mailing. We need people familiar with the Mac Computer. We need good typists who will type letters at home. We could use help in making special cards by computer. In other words, if you have any time or talent, we need you! For office and clerical work, talk with Sherry Hamilton. For information on the Archival operation, contact Marge Williams. Either can be reached at 206-0150.

SPEAKERS BUREAU

Speakers were provided for three groups in October:

- 10/12 United Methodist Women
Marge Williams
- 10/16 Womens Classified Service Club
Harry R. Schwartz
- 10/18 College Club Evelyn Shopp

Programs scheduled:

- 11/9/00 Jim Fox "History of the Airport at El Toro" - United Methodist Women
- 3/13/01 Evelyn Shopp "Early History of Orange Co." - Old Treasures Antique Guild
- May 2001 DAR Special Tour of Leisure World - Justine Ratner

If your club needs a speaker, let us know.

The Speakers Bureau could use additional volunteers interested in presenting a variety of subject matter to Club groups. If you are interested, contact the Speakers Bureau coordinator Harry Schwartz at 586-6255 or leave your name in the office, 206-0150.



LEISURE WORLDERS OF THE MONTH

The nomination, processing and selection of Leisure Worlders of the Month is often long, involved, and sometimes frustrating for all concerned. The sequence of events leading up to selection are:

1. Nomination is made on "Nominee Form" available in the office. Nominator is notified that the name will be forwarded to a selection committee. All deliberations are confidential.

2. If information is inadequate or does not meet the criteria for selection, a committee member will attempt to get more information. The basic requirements are: Leisure World owner for five years; history of community involvement prior to coming to Leisure World; involvement in several Leisure World activities. Religious and political activities will be considered but will not be the basis for selection.

3. Nominee may be approved, rejected, or 'held' for some reason. Individuals rejected may be considered a second time. (Candidates have been selected three years after first nominated, based on additional information or more recent activity.)

4. Nominees may accept, decline, or ask for a postponement. Although a candidate rarely declines, it does happen. If the individual accepts, the "process" begins -- portrait, News interview, invitations, arrangements for "presentors". (The nominee is not told of selection until after the current ceremony is held. That is, the December candidate will be contacted after the November ceremony.)

Nominations by multiple persons or organizations does not enhance the chances for selection. Self-nominations or nominations by spouse are rare, and seldom considered, but all nominations go to the committee for their review and action.

Leisure Worlder of the Month ceremony is held on the first Wednesday of each month at 10 am in Clubhouse 6, with reception and refreshments at 9:30. All ceremonies are open to the community. Invitations are NOT necessary.

Nominations are always needed.

CONGRATULATIONS to members

Helen Lyon and **C. Arthur Schneider**

who were jointly honored as
"Community Leaders of the Year"
by Saddleback Memorial Foundation

and to Affiliate

Doctor's Ambulance Service
named "Corporation of the Year."

FREE MONEY FOR THE SOCIETY.....

The Society is now participating in the FREMONT INVESTMENT AND LOAN Deposit Incentive Donation program for the third year. In 1998, our benefit was \$700, increasing to \$885 in 1999. The 2000 check, hopefully, will be even larger, thanks to our participating members. There is no cost to the depositor, and all types of accounts qualify.

So...Help the Historical Society! When you open a new account or roll over an existing one, have your account "coded" to our credit. And do tell the Fremont staff we appreciate the donations!



OCTOBER PROGRAMS

Reported by Virginia Halley and Helen Hanson

Program chair, **John Bradley**, and 28 "travelers" enjoyed a trip to three California Missions on October 18. Missions visited included San Fernando, Ventura and Santa Barbara. By lunchtime at the Bistro Med the group was ready for the excellent meal, served outdoors in the garden, with heaters for warmth. The Santa Barbara mission was most enjoyable as both docents were very good, and shared information on the 1925 earthquake which caused extensive damage at the mission. This is the only mission which has been used continuously for worship services. It also houses retirement facilities for priests.

Watch the Newsletter and the LW News as well as Channel 6 for trips in 2001. And if you have trip suggestions, call John (457-0382) or the office, 206-0150.

Kudos to **Ira Joss** who is responsible for the Mini- Medical School Lectures! Over 150 people crowded into DR1 at CH3 for the initial lecture on October 4. Three highly credentialed Ophthalmologists from the UCI (University of California, Irvine) Medical School gave excellent presentations and met with an enthusiastic response, rapt attention, and many questions from the audience.

The Medical School provided the cookies and the Historical Society provided coffee and tea. Thanks to Helen Hanson and John Bradley for handling arrangements for the refreshments.

**WELCOME
New Members**

- Herb Harris
- Cecilia Harrison
- Walter Hill
- Margaret Hocking
- Leon Mochkatel
- Don Morgan
- Esther Morgan
- William Roach
- Beth Rosenbaum
- Ted Rosenbaum

CONGRATULATIONS

Marjorie Williams

will be awarded the **Lifetime Achievement Award** at a special awards luncheon on November 13. This award is presented annually to a Leisure World woman by the Womens Classified Service Club. All past honorees have been members of the Historical Society:

- 1995 - Hildegard Wylde Ph D (dec.)
- 1996 - Evelyn Shopp
- 1997 - Dr. Ciwi Griffiths
- 1998 - Dr. Brenda Ross
- 1999 - Marie Fox

in memoriam

Mary Cornelius
Leisure Worlder of the Month
February 1978

- Jeannette Higgins
- Selma Kaplan
- Bernard Rosentein
Docent
- James Tante

VIP TOUR

Justine Ratner
Coordinator, Docents

On October 10th, at the request of Brenda Ross, Mayor of Laguna Woods, we gave a VIP tour for the Governors Commission on Aging. The Commission was meeting here in Leisure World October 10 and 11 to hear the concerns of residents. They were interested in learning about the community in which we live.

The special tour, arranged to show them the lifestyle of our residents, included visits to CH 1 Fitness Center, CH 4 Arts and Crafts Studios, CH 2 Computer Centers and a drive through Leisure World pointing out facilities. In addition, we made a stop at City Hall so that the Mayor, who accompanied us, was able to introduce the Commission to her staff and facilities. The commission was not only impressed with Leisure World; they commented that our active life style most certainly contributed to longer life.

SURVEY NEWS

During the past several weeks the Historical Society-UCI Demographic Survey has been reported in the LA Times, the Register, and on national TV, channels 2 and 4. Favorable media coverage is indeed a "plus" for all concerned.

On November 1, an information Survey Forum was held in the Adm. Board Room. Invited guests included Leisure World boards and management, City Council and administration, Club presidents and Society Board members. The purpose of the Forum was to answer questions about unpublished data and to evoke questions which might be included in a future survey.

The Survey committee, with Ira Joss and Syd Aronson as co-chair persons, are now in the planning stages for further studies and will use the information acquired at that meeting to help with the process.

**Friends are an aid to the young,
to guard them from error;
to the elderly, to attend to their wants
and to supplement their failing power of action;
to those in the prime of life,
to assist them to noble deeds.**

ARISTOTLE

Archivist's Corner

Marge Williams, Archivist

There is a gate standing near the front of the large area on which the United Methodist Church and Temple Judea stand - a beautiful wrought iron gate with a history and a name. This is the "Friendship Gate," sometimes called the "Brotherhood gate," dedicated on June 22, 1969, and rededicated annually in honor of its original "funder." This year's celebration will be held on November 19.

The gate that connects Leisure World to the grounds of the churches is of black wrought iron, emblazoned with a Star of David on one end and a Christian cross on the other. Paul F. Wynhausen, a Leisure World resident and member of Temple Judea funded the passageway as a friendship gesture in 1969 to link two Leisure World congregations. He died about 1975.

Churchgoers realized the need for a gate when church and synagogue construction began outside the walls in 1965. For more convenient access to the churches bordering the Leisure World walls, the Golden Rain Foundation board arranged for the installation of gates that would be opened during church activities. They were charged for the gates and their upkeep.

Wynhausen donated the \$1,800 needed to install this gate "because he wanted brotherhood between the Christians and the Jews and wanted the people to know they were on holy ground, once through the gate." Bronze plaques, one in Hebrew, the other in English, rest on the doors. Written on both is the passage from Exodus, selected by a joint committee. *"the place whereon thou standeth is holy ground."*

The gate closed for security reasons in 1985.

VETERANS' DAY

Established following World War 1 as Armistice Day, this national holiday honors men and women who have served our country in times of War and Conflict. There are many veterans in Leisure World. Most of them are in the late seventies or older. Fly the flag on November 11.

We remember. We care.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Please help your membership committee and the ever faithful volunteers by sending your 2001 dues soon. There is a lot of work to be done before the Directory can go to press, and the earlier the renewals come in, the easier it is for all involved. If your phone or address--or name-- has changed, please underline the changes or mark them with red to facilitate the work of those posting to the computer. Thanks so much.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

Olive Title, our oldest member, celebrated her 104th birthday on October 25. A nine year resident of Leisure World, she is an "incurable optimist." Olive is a lady truly "historically advantaged" and we congratulate her!

HISTORICALLY ADVANTAGED

The list of members past 90 continues to grow, but there are others known to be in that age range who have not officially identified themselves. Please do so. Just call the office, give your name, birth date and state where you were born.

HOLIDAY HOURS

The Leisure World Historical Society building will be closed on the following days:

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday --November 22,23,24

Saturday, December 23 through Monday, January 2001

.....**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**.....

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