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LECTURE SERIES Wednesday, March 14 7:30 pm CH 3, DN 2

Thomas Cesario, MD, a practicing physician, an active researcher, and the Dean of the University of California at Irvine (UCI) will speak on

Crossing New Frontiers in Medical Practice

Our lifetime has seen tremendous advances in the prevention and treatment of disease and ongoing medical research offers even greater promise for us to lead longer and healthier lives. Dr. Cesario will review some of the most promising work in such areas as the Human Genome studies, and the treatment of such conditions as Stroke, Parkinson's Disease, Alzheimer's and Spinal Cord Injury.

Complimentary & Alternative Medicine is a newly developed center at UCI. Dr. Cerario will also discuss current work in Acupuncture, Acupressure and Herbal Therapies.

This is the fourth in a series of lectures presented through UCI. All have had a large attendance and great interest in the subjects presented. Dr. Cesario's lecture is the last of the scheduled series.

There will be ample time for questions. Refreshments will be served. Page 2 Endowment Fund Activated

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PRESIDENTIAL PONTIFICATION.....

One sixth of 2001 is already history, and we can only repeat what seems to be a constant refrain: Where has the time gone? Some of our "workers" have an answer for that question-

The membership committee spent hours on the phone reminding people to send in 2001 dues.

Jan and Charles McLaughlin spent time on the details of the annual meeting/dinner dance/program.

John Bradley worked on programs: a trip on March 8, a program from the Bowers museum on Feb. 22

Volunteers carried out their assignments at the front desk, on the computer, in the Archives.

Syd Aronson and Ira Joss, co-chairs of the Survey Committee, are "knee deep" in plans for the two 2001 surveys. Our pairing with UCI is probably a first for a Historical Society.

Dr. Mathew Ross continued interviewing early residents of the community.

Harry Schwartz arranged for speakers at several clubs in addition to planning Leisure Worlder of the Month programs.

The docents conducted tours as scheduled and answered the questions of new and prospective residents..

Burt Taubman closed the books for last year and newly elected Treasurer John Fuller assumed responsibility for that time consuming task.

Helen Hanson "retired" as Board secretary but continues as a volunteer, and as the coordinator for the refreshment table at LWer of the Month.

And that is just a "sample" of the people who gave thought, energy, and TIME to tasks important to the smooth functioning of our Society. Without them, and people like Archivist Marge Williams and Office Manager, Sherry Hamilton, we would be unable to carry out the functions of the Society.

It has been a privilege to work with these people during the past years, and I look forward to another rewarding year as President. Think of it-just ten months to go! Lily Abopp

ENDOWMENT FUND

The Leisure Worlder of the Month program was suspended for the 6 months in 1992, as the Society's source of funds was withdrawn and the program could not be maintained with only membership When a new sponsor was dues. obtained, the Board of Directors resumed the program, and resolved that a permanent source of funding must be secured.

A Commemorative Fund was established, and members of the board contributed. The goal was \$100,000 for an Endowment Fund so that the program could be sustained through the interest. Members made contributions to the fund. Since the sponsor carried the program for over 4 years, there was no major effort made to "push" it.

By then we were involved in the building campaign and the efforts to complete the Endowment fell by the wayside. And so the fund planned to be \$100,000 is less than \$10,000. The Board agreed that the best time to work on this fund was while we were in good financial condition, not when are resources were depleted. We do not plan a respectfully campaign, but we request that persons who have been LW of the Month, and persons who think it worthwhile, consider a 2001 tax deductive contribution to this worthwhile fund.

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NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Originally from New York City, **Ken Dooley** worked as a sales manager and as Director of Marketing both in the USA and overseas. He moved to Leisure World in 1988; is a member of the Men's Golfing Club. Ken is presently on the 3rd Mutual Board. He served a previous term on that board and has been on the GRF board.

Frank Prophet, Jr., born on the Sioux reservation in Rosebud, S Dak, is a direct descendant of Tecumseh, the great Shawnee Indian leader. He moved to CA in 1937. After overseas service in the Air Corps, he spent 40 years selling office furniture and supplies. He moved to LW in 1989. Frank served one term on the 3rd Mutual board. Until his retirement in June, 2000, he worked as a security guard at gate 10, where he was known for his entertaining signs!

A New York City native who moved to CA in 1964, **Isabel Muennichow** has lived in LW since January 1996. Educated at City College of NY and the Univ. of Wisconsin, most of her career was spent as a computer soft ware analyst. She chaired the Housing Issues Committee of Project 21; has been on the 3rd Mutual Board since 1998 serving 2 years as secretary and now first vice president. In addition she has been on all Third committees and on several GRF committees. She has been on the Boards of Directors, and active in. the Theatre Guild, Aero-Space Club and Foodies Club.

Bridgeport (Ct) Engineering Institute and Michigan State College prepared John Fuller for 50 years in Aircraft Engineering, including work on the B-2 Stealth Bomber and the Space Shuttle. John has lived in LW for 9 years He has been on the Boards and active in the PC Computer Club, Community Association, Aero-Space Club. He served as President of the United Board in 2000 and treasurer in 1999. In addition, he is a regular volunteer at the Saddleback Med. Ctr.





Faith and its a mighty glorious thing, as the Irish would say....

22 good members of the Historical Society "coded" a total of 38 accounts to our credit at **Fremont Investment and Loan**, and their Deposit Incentive Donation Program paid the Society \$915 for 2000. No cost to the depositors, no cost to us. If you are one of those depositors and already have your name on the Wall of Honor, the amount credited to you by Fremont can be credited toward an "upgrade." Bring in the receipt from them and it will be entered on your card. Do remember, both roll-overs and new accounts can be credited to the Society.

Thanks!



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WELCOME,

NEW MEMBERS!

Caroline Epstein Blatman

Richard Blatman

Zita Brown

Walter Dotseth

Kenneth Dooley

Mirian Goldner

Robert Goldner

Robert Hoffelder

Mary Maillefer

Peggy Mautner

Ellen Miller

Ralph Reinhard

Art Weich

Donald Will

..In Memoriam...

Adele Argo Margaret Hocking Edwin Wellhausen

The wise man thinks about his troubles only when there is some purpose in doing so; at other times he thinks about other things. BERTRAND RUSSELL

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Ward Payne, Chairman

The response to the Society's annual membership renewal "campaign" which began with the circulation of the November 2000 Newsletter has been gratifying with more than 540 members "on board" at present. In addition to the Newsletter, Committee members have been busy calling former members and encouraging them to "return to the fold" with rewarding results.

Your hard working Membership Committee for 2001 is currently composed of Fran Lindberg, Janet Lee, Charles Hellman, Harry Greenspan, Helen Lyon, Ward Payne and our newest recruit, Society Board member Ken Dooley. While this is a dedicated and efficient team, we would welcome an additional 2 or 3 members to help us surpass our 2000 year total of 617--and hopefully attain our cherished goal of **1001 in 2001.** If you would like to be a member of this illustrious group, please call me at 837-7198, or leave your name in the office, 206-0150.

And do keep in mind that you are the best recruiter. Tell your friends and neighbors about the Society. Bring them by the building for a "visit." Invite them to the program meetings. Or give names to any member of the committee. We will send a complimentary newsletter, a brochure, and a "we'd like to have you join us" letter.

WELCOME, NEW ASSOCIATES

Heritage Pointe, LW Chapter Brandes, Univ. Nat.

and NEW AFFILIATES

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2nd Generation Residents in Leisure World Compiled by Joan Africa

Have you ever wondered how many residents in Leisure World are second generation residents? And why they live here? We decided to find out. In response to our request in the Leisure World News and in this Newsletter, 103 people contacted the office and were mailed questionnaires. 91 responded with usable data.

The survey revealed interesting facts about these people: how many live here, why they came here and what they think of Leisure World.

- 27 had relatives (other than parents) in Leisure World
- 61 did not
- 3 no answer

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- 40 moved to Leisure World while parents lived here, but to a different address
- 37 inherited their manor
- 5 moved here for other varied reasons
- 2 moved in with parents and inherited their manor
- 6 lived with parents
- 1 no answer

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Here are some of the reasons these second generation folk moved into the community:

- ...to be near and /or care for parent(s)
- ...the life style and year round amenities

- ...overall location
- ..gated community/security
- ...climate/air quality
- ...great for singles/seniors
- ...beauty of the grounds
- ...gardening
- ...clubs and clubhouses
- ..bus service
- .. peace and quiet
- ...good buy for the money
- ..maintenance
- ...be near friends
- ..married a resident of Leisure W.
- .. hospital and doctors nearby

Many people added a second comment, or even a third! Here are a few:

- ...Beauty of the area
- ...Able to travel without worrying about our manor
- ..Like a country club
- ..Lovely and wonderful
- ..Just wanted to live here
- ...Fell in love with it--love it more every day
- ..Wouldn't move away from here for anything
- ...Just the right place for us
- ...Needed a smaller place
- ...Many friends here
- ...Family in the area
- ...Finest retirement community
- ..Less worry about earthquakes

Thanks to all of you who participated in the survey. We plan to continue collecting information and at a later date do a more complete report. If you belong to this "elite" group and are not in the study, please contact the office (206-0150) and we'll mail you a questionnaire.

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KNOW YOUR DOCENTS

JUSTINE RATNER, COORDINATOR

Reece Barnett, who became a docent at the end of last year, as been a LW resident since 1993. She and her husband, Ron, moved here from Orland Park, II. They were partners in the furniture business for 25 years, where she was the store designer.

Here, Reece has taken classes in water color, sketching and sculpture and this year added a glass class. She is a member of the Potters' and Sculptures' Club, was was a member of the the Project 2000 Committee. She is now a volunteer at San Joachim elementary School in the newly formed Literary Center, where they work to prevent children from falling behind in their studies.

In addition to spending time with other members of her family who live in Leisure World, she manages to play golf four times a week and travel as much as time will allow.

Leon Mochkatel, one of our new Docents, moved to Leisure World from Covina in 1997. Before retiring, he was a Real Estate Appraiser and Community College Instructor. As a volunteer, he was a member of the HCDA (Block Grant) Committee of Covina and also a Tutor-Aide at the Oak Mesa Elem. School in Laverne.

Since moving to L. W., he has become a Docent at the Laguna Art Museum and records for the blind and dyslexic. He is on the Planning Committee for Laguna Woods and belongs to several clubs in Leisure World. His special interests are photography, reading, history art and poetry.

SURVEY COMMITTEE

Syd Aronson and Ira Joss, Co-Chairs

The Survey Committee is currently planning two new Surveys to be conducted in May, in partnership with the University of California at Irvine (UCI) Institute for Brain Aging.

The first of these will specifically target Leisure World's over 90 population, which the last survey indicates number close to 900 individuals. This wonderful segment of our population must certainly be "doing something right" and the Brain Institute is very interested in trying to learn some of the secrets of this successful aging.

The second survey, a new random sampling of the population, will essentially be a repeat of last year's survey. with a number of modifications additions to some of the and questions, reflect information to requests from the community. The entire City of Laguna Woods, not just Leisure World, will be sampled in this Survey. The follow up survey will be designed both to elicit new important information and to watch for demographic trends in community population and activities.

As was the case in the initial survey, both of these new surveys will be done by mail and will be completely anonymous Completed survey questionnaires will be returned directly to the University for data entry and will then be destroyed.

The Leisure World Historical Society is looking forward to another highly successful project which should, once again, prove of real value to the entire community.

ARCHIVIST'S CORNER

Marge Williams, Archivist

It was just over a year ago that Doyle and Ruth Selden left Leisure World for Arizona, depositing in our Archives a huge collection of material centering on the opposition to the El Toro Airport. The late Bob Rapson spent many days with us, as we waded into collating and indexing. AND NOW IT IS DONE!

Ruth Osterhoudt is the good fairy that has accomplished this mighty task, and I cannot praise her too highly for a magnificent job.

In the five-shelf bookcase, lined up carefully are the albums of collections of papers, such as three volumes on the airport site coalition.

Reports follow, by the airport consensus team, the Orange County Regional Airport Task Force, the Southern California Association of Governments, and other agencies. There are studies on civilian use of the airport, air cargo, economic analysis of land use alternatives, feasibility studies of civilian aviation uses, studies of ground access, environmental studies, and the community reuse plan.

There is an entire section of responses to comments on the Marine Corps Air Station"s El Toro Community Reuse Plan; followed by the Airline Pilots' Association Study and Reports.

Next to the bookcase is a four-drawer filing case, filled with labeled manila folders containing correspondence and other miscellaneous papers covering every aspect of the airport question. The folders are arranged alphabetically to make the search easier. I note folders on airport background, airport costs, anti-airport newspaper clippings 1987 to 1990. One folder of interest reads "Crash -1965, 1967, 1986, 1993, June 1995, October 1995." There are economic analyses, environmental impact papers, Sub-committees of ETRPA reports, and FAA regulations. Several files contain correspondence from various state, local, and national officials. The millennium plan is represented.

There is a large collection of folders with regard to noise and aural pollution., and some photos and aerial views. Reuse plans promulgated in the years 1991 through 2000 are presented in one batch of folders. There are folders on sound measures and sound recordings. Several individuals have folders of their own, as well as several organizations. And of course, there is a "Undated, Miscellaneous Papers and Maps" in which to stow anything not placed elsewhere!

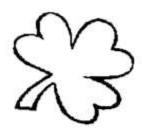
It would give us great pleasure to have you come in and ask for some of our airport material. Now that we have it fairly accessible, quite possibly we can find something of Interest to you. One good pointer - come in on Monday morning when Ruth is there, and I know she can find what you're looking for!

> I have but one lamp by which my feet are guided, and that is the lamp of experience. I know no way of judging the future but by the past.

Patrick Henry



Anyone who stops learning is old, whether this happens at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps on learning not only remains young, but becomes constantly more valuable regardless of physical capacity. HARVEY ULLMAN



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