

### DR. TRACY E. STREVEY COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The Community Service Award will be presented at the Annual Meeting. Established last year to honor individuals and or organizations who had made a significant, positive and lasting impact on the community, the first winners were the Leisure World News ( Myra Neben and Cheryl Walker) and Channel 6 (Rob Merritt and George Phelps).

A committee developed the criteria for the award and a special form for nominations. Final selection of the 2001 honoree(s) will be done by the Board of Directors. Only 2002 members may make nominations; they must be on the official Award Form, available in the Historical Society Office, and received no later than December 20.

### ANNUAL MEETING

RESERVE THE DATE--- Sunday, FEBRUARY 10.

Historical Society Annual Meeting will be in Clubhouse 5 on Sunday, February 10. Dancing if you wish, dinner and program. 2002 is the 25th Anniversary of the official beginning of the Historical Society, so this will be an "opening" celebration of our years in the community! Black tie optional, seating at tables of 8 or 10; a great way to introduce your friends to the Society. Full details will be in the January bulletin.



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## PRESIDENTIAL PONTIFICATION

Bad news first! This newsletter will probably have more errors than usual as I am rushing it off to the printer without the benefit of my very proficient proof reader, Tobey Greenspan. So please--no emails re my errors! I am guilty!!

Good news, for me! We are going on a cruise, providing I get this completed before 11 am on November 6. And it really must be done, now that all these Puritans, turkeys, etc. are interspersed throughout ...

Good news for the Society! We received a \$2000 donation from an unidentified organization. Imagine, making such a wonderful gift and not taking credit....So if any of our readers know the source, do convey the heartfelt thanks of the Board of Directors.

The MUG Club (Macintosh Users Group) has made an iMac Computer available for our use. It will be "dedicated" to the WWII project exclusively. We have a couple of old computers, both needing Zip Drives. MUG members Eugenia Dean and David Baer donated one each, and Charles Clark installed them for us. We are indeed in good condition--at least temporarily. Our sincere thanks.

I made the mistake of not agreeing with membership committee suggestions. Just read Ward Payne's column, page 3, and you will know what I mean. So I am therefore saying out loud and on this computer...Well done! Congratulations! You did it! It was a wonderful idea! I WAS wrong!..... and I shall spend my entire cruise in "sackcloth and ashes."

Bob Miller has been actively pushing for permission to relocate the Globe, bringing it HOME. Hopefully, GRF will reach a decision before this reaches you. Bob has done a superb job of putting this together.

Although the response to our WWII project has been very positive and forms are returned every day, there must be many

veterans of WWII who are still not aware of the project. For that reason, a form is included in the white section of this Newsletter. If you have already completed a form, or do not fall in this group, please share this form with a friend or neighbor.

We are delighted with the response to the 2001 Survey. The positive participation by Leisure Worlders is truly "out of this world." The study of 90 year olds is not yet completed, but we expect results from that within two months.

Do you belong to a club not yet an Associate? If so, you might suggest membership to them. For information, call the office, 206-0150. You might even suggest Affiliate membership to your banker, your lawyer, your dentist, your favorite restaurant. If you hesitate to make the contact, just call Ward Payne and he will assign a committee member to do a follow up.

To each of you, a Happy Thanksgiving. We do have much to be thankful for, even in this time of national crisis. We are indeed blessed, even as we grieve.

*Evelyn Drapp*



**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

Ward Payne, Chair

As Society membership chair for the last several years, I have had the unique privilege of seeing the total membership move slowly upward, even though the President kept saying, "But we could do better..."

Perhaps this year our committee might possibly hear a welcome "You did it!" At the close of October, almost 350 new members had responded to our mailing, and we are hoping that number will grow between now and the end of the year. Welcome, welcome, all of you. We hope you will take advantage of the many seminars, trips, and community programs offered by YOUR Society. We hope you will watch for announcements in the *Leisure World News* and on Channel 6, and in this Newsletter.

**But we do have a problem.  
Renewals are lagging.**

Hopefully, all of you still have the Society return envelope stashed away, along with the application for renewal. But just in case....you'll find another application on the white sheets in the middle of the newsletter. We want to get the Directory out on time this year, and your early renewal will help. All Society memberships are for one person, but the application has space for two names!



**WALL OF HONOR**

Our friends in the community who supported the "Building for Tomorrow" Fund are listed on the Wall of Honor, located just inside the main entrance. Plaques are added in June and December as additional gifts are received. Membership dues are not counted as part of Wall of Honor contributions.

Several of these contributors are Affiliates. Their continuing support is greatly appreciated.

**\$5000 to \$9999**  
PCM Resales

**\$1000 to \$4999**  
Doctors Ambulance Service  
Freedom Village  
Lifelong Learning  
Medix Ambulance Service  
RRC, Inc.  
Rossmoor Electric  
Stater Brothers

**\$500 to \$999**  
Crowell Weedon (Skip Ames)  
Coast Federal Bank  
Farmers and Merchants Bank  
Laguna Hills Lodge

**\$100 to \$499**  
Courtyard by Marriott  
Creative Business Concepts  
El Torito Restaurant  
Fremont Investment and Loan  
Glendale Federal Savings  
Golden Circle Cruises  
Vons Market

If you are a newcomer to Leisure World, you may not recognize some of the names. At least one is "out of business" and a couple are now operating under another name. We are not responsible!

**WELCOME, new members!** In early October, a mailing went out to all Leisure World residents, inviting them to become members of the Historical Society. The response has been absolutely wonderful-- so great that we can not possibly put all the names in the newsletter. Our 2002 Directory will contain all that information. But there is a group we can recognize--new members who joined just before the mailing of our membership drive. A special welcome to all 28 of them!

Birenbaum, Betti	Handler, MD, S. Herbert	Massin, Dr. Murray	Skafta, Sheila
Blum, Dick	Hoffecker, Janet	Mahlberg, Jean	Tirrell, Gertrude
Brockett, Edward	Howell, Jean	McGovern, Daniel	Thomson, Beb
Brockett, Joyce	Kirbens, Gloria	Pill, Beatrice	Yarin, Marvin
DeBoer, Andries	Lichtenstein, Sheila	Pill, Marviin	Yarin, Susan
Eger, Frank	Lindegren, Gunnar	Popkin, Marvin	Zack, Milton
Eger, Dorothy	Lindegren, Lillian	Read, Ned	Zack, Rayma



**“HISTORICALLY ADVANTAGED”** members are gradually increasing. Any Society member 90 or older, or who will be 90 within the next 12 months, is invited to join this very elite group. All we need is name, birth date and state of birth. Just call 206-0150 and give us the necessary information. You will get an official recognition of your status! But we don't add people without their consent.

**Newly admitted Historically Advantaged:**

Mary K. Davis— —born in Austria  
Helen Lyon — —born in Kansas  
Daniel Mc Govern—born in Ireland

#### IN MEMORIAM

Wallace (Wally) Bjornson  
Leisure Worlder of the Month, July 1986

Constance Fernald

Edith Nathan

Margaret Strevey  
Leisure Worlder of the Month, May 1986

#### GENERATION CYCLE

Life is like a  
A giant Ferris wheel  
Turning in an inexorable circle

When you are at the zenith  
You can survey where you have been;  
And when you return to the bottom,  
You step off to make room  
For the next generation.

(Copied with permission of the author, Ciwa Griffiths, ED.D. )

Dr. Griffiths, author of a newly published collection of poems, *At Ninety I Wear Red*, has published 7 other volumes in recent years. She is “historically advantaged” and making the most of her status!

#### MORE HONORS....

Kay Pennington was recently honored at a tea given for new members of AAUW by the current board. She is a charter member of the Branch and has served in a variety of positions, including President, treasurer, auditor, and membership treasurer. Kay is also “historically advantaged!”



# LEISURE WORLD

## WORLD WAR II VETERAN REGISTRY

Complete the form. Please print or type and return to the  
L. W. Historical Society P.O. Box 2220 Laguna Woods, CA 92654  
or bring to the Society office.

(949) 206-0150

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IF YOU ARE A WORLD WAR II VETERAN, OR THE WIDOW OF A WWII  
VETERAN WHO LIVED IN LEISURE WORLD, AND HAVE NOT COMPLETED THE  
REGISTRY FORM ON THE RIGHT, PLEASE DO SO. YOUR HELP WILL BE  
SINCERELY APPRECIATED. FOR MORE INFORMATION, SEE WWII REGISTRY,  
PAGE 7.

MISPLACED YOUR RENEWAL FORM?  
DON'T EVEN LOOK FOR IT ..... THIS ONE WILL DO  
AND WILL GUARANTEE YOU A PLACE IN THE 2002 DIRECTORY!

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**Yes, I/we want to be a member of the Leisure World Historical Society.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\$300 Patron  
 \$100 Sponsor  
 \$50 Sustaining  
 \$25 Contributing  
 \$10 Regular

\_\_\_\_\_

all memberships are for one person

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_







**AFFILIATES**, our business and professional friends, are an important segment of the Historical Society, and deserve recognition by the members. Do say "thank you" by using their services when possible. They are listed, with addresses and telephone numbers, in your 2001 Directory.

Allen Oldsmobile Cadillac-GMC	Ernie M. Ellsworth, Attorney	Leisure World Consignments
Alterra Wynwood Palm Terrace	Frankel & Summers CPA	Rossmoor Electric, Inc.
Ames, Ralph H. "Skip" (Crowell Weedon)	Fred Sands Properties Melinda Harris, Broker	Saddleback Memorial Medical Center
Coit Drapery, Carpet, Airducts & Upholstery Cleaners	Freedom Village	Anouchka Balog CFP (Salomon Smith Barney)
Doctors Ambulance Service	Premont Investment & Loan	Shutter Depot, Inc. Custom Shutters
El Toro Auto Center (Chevron)	Hilger Financial	Formerly Town Centre Travel now Moulton Plaza Travel
	James M. Kahal, DDS	The Wellington
	Karen & Sharon Estate Sales	

**KVDOS** to members who are "making the news" .....

Saddleback Memorial Foundation celebrated its annual SPIRIT OF PHILANTHROPY on November 7. Honored at the Gala Affair: Thomas E. Beckwith, as Community Leader of the Year, and Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Sant, Philanthropists of the Year. Tom and his wife Eleanor were named "Leisure Worlders of the Month" for August 1995. Merlin was honored in July 1998.

Virginia Templeton, Leisure Worlder of the Month for February 2001, has been named winner of the Women's Classified Service Club prestigious Life Achievement Award. a Leisure World resident since 1979, she has been involved in many varied activities.

Molly Blank-Mitsch, honored as Leisure Worlder of the Month for January 2000, received the Spirit of Life Award from the Esperanza chapter of the City of Hope.



**WWII VETERANS REGISTRY**

John Bradley, Chair

**SURVEY 2001**

Reported by Ira Joss

The twelve member ad hoc formation committee, representing Leisure World Clubs, has implemented the information gathering portion of the project. The data forms have been distributed to Leisure World Clubs and are available for individual pick-up at the Library and the Historical Society office.

We are pleased with the interest and participation in the project. Over 400 completed forms had been submitted by October 31.

**Special Thanks** Several members of the Mac Computer Club (MUG) have assisted us with "technical" type problems. The Club has been generous with publicity in their bulletin, and in meeting announcements.

**Wanted:** The Society would appreciate copies of all Club bulletins mentioning the WWII project.

**Questions frequently asked:** Who will have access to the data? Will my name get on more mailing lists? Why are you doing this?

The collected material will be entered in a "dedicated" computer with limited access. Composite information may be released from time to time, but no names will ever be released without the specific permission of the individual. It may be made available to bona fide researchers, approved by the Society.

The primary reasons for doing this project is that WWII veterans are here in large numbers; no other group is compiling information. This group is an important segment of the Leisure World "culture."

At the October 26th meeting of the Society Board of Directors, Dr. Richard McCleary (UCI) delivered an animated initial report on the data collected, and highlighted conclusions that might be drawn from the Survey. The community response was unprecedented. Once again, over 80% of those polled returned the Survey.

A written report is currently under preparation by the University (UCI), and will be furnished simultaneously to all Leisure World governing and management boards, City officials, *Leisure World News* and TV 6. It will be available at nominal cost to the community at large.

As was the case with the 2000 survey, the report will provide only cumulative results and the collected data is confidential and anonymous.

For the most part, the conclusions that can be drawn from the current survey, are very similar to those of the initial survey a year ago, even though a completely new random sample of the population was selected. This not only serves to validate the accuracy of the data but also demonstrates the importance of the Survey for planning purposes and for following changes in overall demographics.

The Leisure World Historical Society believes that providing information for the Community is an essential part of their "mission" and are very pleased to be a partner with the University of California at Irvine in this most important project.

## SPEAKERS AVAILABLE

The Historical Society Speakers Bureau can provide a speaker on any topic of significance to Leisure World and/or Orange County. During this year a variety of speeches have been given on the histories of the Society, of Leisure World, of Orange County, the governance of Leisure World and the El Toro issue. The Society's Archives provide material on many other subjects.

If your organization needs a speaker for 2002, or if an "emergency" arises we will attempt to provide a speaker. Just call the office at 206-0150 or call the Chairman Harry Schwartz at 586-6255.

### NEW AFFILIATE

**Unique Quilting**  
Roger Arguin 587-2171

### NEW ASSOCIATE

**HI Club** (Hearing Impaired)  
Woodley Buttler, Jr.  
2248 Via Mariposa Unit A  
859-4088

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** to Ed Cotter who does the Register for Leisure World of the Month honorees, as well as other special programs and posters

## NEW VOLUNTEERS

Welcome to three new volunteers!

**Jean Howell**, a Leisure World resident since 1986, attended the wedding of her granddaughter in Virginia--and had to miss her assigned hours! An usher at Performing Arts Center for 15 years, and a Channel 6 volunteer, Jean has many interests.

**Jean Mahlberg**, from Minnesota, is a 9 year resident. She "retired" as a volunteer book reviewer; is an active volunteer at her church and is historian for the DAR.

New Resident, **Sheila Lichtenstein**, left NY for California in 1946. She became concerned about Archival materials which were being lost and destroyed, and decided to learn more about the field. This led to classifying and cataloging her Temple's many treasures. Sheila will be working on the WWII registry.

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

in honor of  
Margaret Strevey

Irma Franklin  
Neva Graham  
Irene Puhmann  
Drs. Mathew and Brenda Ross  
Bill and Evelyn Shopp  
Claire Still

[The Society also received a gift from the estate of Margaret Strevey.]



## MEDICAL LECTURE SERIES

The first lecture of the 2001-2002 Medical Lecture Series, co-sponsored by your Society and the UCI College of Medicine, was held in October, and was very well attended. Ophthalmologist Dr. Pernizar, a personable and highly qualified practitioner, delivered an informative and helpful lecture, in non-technical language that everyone could understand.

Dates for the rest of the series have been finalized. All will be held in CH 3. Speakers and subjects will be announced in the Newsletter, in the *Leisure World News*, and on the Channel 6 Bulletin Board, as well as by flyers in the clubhouses.

The dates: Thursday, January 17  
Wednesday, February 6  
Wednesday, March 13

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