



PROGRAMS

University of California at Irvine (UCI) Medical Series Resumed.

Tuesday, September 17, 7:30 pm CH 3, DR 1

Speaker: Dr. Claudia Kawas
Prof. of Neurology and
Assoc. Director, Institute for Brain Aging

Topic: **WHAT WE KNOW AND DON'T KNOW ABOUT
SUCCESSFUL AGING**
(Some Secrets of Successful Aging in Leisure World !!)

Refreshments

Wednesday, November 6 7:30 pm CH 3, DR 1

Speaker: Fan Gang Zeng, Ph D
Director of Hearing and Speech Research Lab
Assoc. Prof., Otolaryngology & Biomedical Engineering

Topic: **HEARING WITH BIONIC EARS**
35% of people over 65 have hearing loss.
What is being done to help them?

COMING SOON: JACK FOWLER, a member of the original planning group for Leisure World. Hear how Ross Cortese went about the "creation" of Leisure World, and some of the early problems that had to be solved. Time and place will be announced on Channel 6 and in the Leisure World News.



MARK SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, ON YOUR 2003 CALENDAR.
HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING, DINNER/DANCE, PROGRAM NIGHT!

PRESIDENTIAL PONTIFICATION...

I hope the joker who thought up "Labor Day" was still in the paid working force, and did not have tired retirees in mind. I don't know about the rest of you, but my desk is piled higher than it ever was when I worked. I have more deadlines to meet--possibly because procrastination is my middle name. And I get almost as much "guff".

But on the other hand, I only do the things I can't say NO to, and the threat to my job, president or editor, seems minimal. And besides that, I get to comment on all kinds of exciting things!

Hope you are pleased that the Medical Lectures are back on schedule. The two listed on the front page should be of special interest to most of us. We'll be hearing more and more from Dr. Kawas as she begins to spend more time in her Town Centre office.

There is a lot of repetition in this newsletter, but we have a lot of new members this past year, and it seemed important to bring them up to date. And if you think too much space is devoted to the Veterans Project, it is because we are so excited about our new relationship with the national program. Read all about it on page 7. And thanks, once more to our very helpful committee, headed by John Bradley and Ward Payne. Now all we need is another three or four hundred registrations. Club presidents, please remind your members.

Justine Ratner, Docent Coordinator, has just received notice that the tours will resume on Thursday, September 19, and will continue on September 26 and October 3. If you missed one, or know of a prospective resident, now is the time to get on the tour list.

Several people have indicated an interest in volunteering, and we hope there are more possible candidates. We have many interesting possibilities and have planned a "get acquainted" session for Wednesday, September 25. If you think you might be interested, please call the office, 206-0150, and leave your name and phone number. The conference room will hold 30, and we love a full house. We might just possibly have refreshments--- tentative time is 1:30 pm. Hope to see you then!

We are getting calls about lighting of the Globe. It will be done, but it has to meet the GRF requirements. It is wonderful that so many are interested. The return of the Globe to Leisure World may well be the highlight of the decade!!

One of the things that really puzzles me is the people who call with a suggestion, a complaint, or to report an error made in this Newsletter, but refuse to leave a name or phone number so that we can report back on what has been done -- or can't be done. Do give us the opportunity to explain, defend, apologize, or whatever else may be indicated.

In case you are wondering where our Peace Globe, a gift from neighbors, Renaissance at the Regency, is -- well, it is getting a refurbishing that make it an outstanding display. Maybe we'll have an "open house" when it finally comes home!!

Oops! Time to dog walk. Thanks !

Evelyn Ahopp

P.S. I thank proof reader, Tobey Greenspan, for laboring over the rest of this Newsletter, and admit, once again, that errors on this page, are the sole responsibility of my computer, which will never, never be smart enough to catch all the errors that Tobey finds.

Programs

Harry Schwartz, Chair

The association of the Historical Society and the University of California at Irvine continues this fall with the 2 lectures outlined on page 1. Lectures are scheduled for January and February.

Other programs being explored include a tour of the plant producing the Thomas Guide.

If you have suggestions for programs or one day tours, please share them with us. We want to meet the interests of our members.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

In the fall of 2000, the Historical Society Board voted to give an annual **Dr. Tracy E. Strevey Community Service Award**. Criteria were developed and nominating forms created. It was agreed that a business, a club or an organization, or an individual could be considered and that no more than two awards could be given in any one year.

The awards for 2000 were presented at the annual meeting in February 2001. Winners were Leisure World News (Myra Neben and Cheryl Walker) and TV channel 6 (Rob Merritt and George Phelps). The 2001 winners received their plaques at the 2002 annual meeting. They were Brenda Ross, Ed. D, and Russ Disbro.

Nominations may be submitted by any member of the Society. Forms are available in the office. Nominations should be submitted no later than November 1. Send in envelope marked "confidential" and addressed to the president.

Second Generation Residents

The Society is compiling a register of all second generation residents of Leisure World. It started as a "fun" thing (we didn't think there were many here) but has become an intriguing project. Many new residents have moved in recently and undoubtedly some are second generation. If you are one, or know of one, do call, and we will mail you an information sheet. This is for all residents.

Politics aside, a **Presidential visit**, as reported in the 5/27/76 issue of the Leisure World News, was a real "event!"

Great World

By Ross W. Cortese

Rossmoor Corp.



What a treat Leisure Worlders were exposed to last Sunday — a real honor to have been placed on President Ford's itinerary at his own request, as I've been informed. Surely he must have liked what he saw and heard on his earlier visit to Leisure World as a guest speaker four years ago. At that time he was a minority leader in the House of Representatives.

Last Sunday he went further, making an appearance at Clubhouse 1 where a tea-dance was in progress and I've been told he danced with some of our Leisure World ladies. Next he went to Clubhouse 2 where he addressed an excited 2,000 or more residents and asked for their support in the June 8 primary election.

At the opening of his speech he left no doubt of his approval of Leisure World as an exemplary concept and example of life for adults in their retirement years — with the freedom to live as they wish and retain their individuality in happiness and security.

Elsewhere in Leisure World News the speech coverage is reported. Channel 6 covered it also and repeated it two or three times last Monday for all residents to hear.

Those Leisure Worl-

ders who didn't care to chance the Clubhouse 2 crowds lined the walks on both sides of Calle Aragon and in the center divider to observe the caravan as it entered Gate 3. The President appeared to be standing in his open car and waved to applauding and cheering viewers of the event.

Historically, it was an occasion complimentary to Leisure World, a tribute to this community and its residents — one for our memory books. Most memorable for me were the President's words of approval for the Leisure World all-adult life style that brought Rossmoor Leisure World into today's reality from an idea.

I want to thank officers of the Laguna Hills Leisure World Republican Club of both men and women for bringing the President here to see Leisure World a second time, to respond to our hospitality and to shake the thousands of hands individually, spending as much time doing that and responding with words, as he did in formal speech.

Need a Speaker?

Our Historical Society has a Speaker's Bureau with speakers who can speak on a variety of subjects concerning Leisure World and Orange County. If your club needs a speaker, call **Roz Rhodes** at 829-8714, and let her find a speaker on the topic of interest to your group.

This is one of the many services the Society provides for the community. There is no charge.

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"HISTORICALLY ADVANTAGED"

A very special group of our members, 90 or older, are what we call "historically advantaged." The list is permanent--once on, always there. At the moment, there are 47 in this category. 3 of them are over 100, and a 4th will be 100 this month.

Members who will be 90 within 12 months may "enroll." Those who are already 90 or older and not yet identified, please notify the office (206-0150) and we will send you a short form to complete. If you are a member and your spouse is 90 plus, you may enroll him/her.

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Dollars is the pay-off for the Society when CDs at **Fremont Investment and Loan** are credited to us. If you are renewing a CD or opening a new one--or just "visiting" one you already have---designating the Society would be greatly appreciated. The people there are very helpful and won't mind taking care of this. As you probably know, this means a % of interest earned is credited to us, with no charge to either of us. Check their rates!

Leisure Worlder of the Month

On the first Wednesday of September, the 326th person was named Leisure Worlder of the Month. Initiated by Ross Cortese, the program which has become a Leisure World "tradition" began in January 1976 and was designed to honor men and women, achievers prior to moving here, who continued to give time and talent to the community.

In 1981, Home Savings and Loan assumed financial responsibility for the program. The Historical Society became a consultant, selected the honorees and participated in the ceremony. At the end of 1991, Home Savings discontinued their sponsorship, and there were no ceremonies for six months. The Society secured financing which carried the program for more than six years. Until July 1 of this year, expenses were borne by the Society. The program is now funded by our good neighbors in Laguna Woods, the **Renaissance at the Regency**.

As a part of our 25 year history which will be published after the end of 2002, all honorees will be listed, and those honored since the last publication in 1993 will have their pictures included. We are still seeking sponsors for this book.

Do you want to suggest a nominee? The process is easy. Get a form from the office, complete with as much detail as possible, and send to the President. It will be acknowledged and submitted to the anonymous Selection Committee where a thorough review will be made. The committee may accept, reject, or hold for further information. And a selected honoree has the option of refusing the honor--and this does happen! Rejections are usually based on inadequate involvement within the community, or too narrow a field of interest. We welcome **your** nominations.

MEMBERS, the life blood of an organization
the responsibility of the MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

CHARLES HELLMANN, CHAIRMAN

We believe the Historical Society is a very important part of our community. We feel responsible for letting our residents, our clubs and organizations, and the businesses and professional groups of the area know what we do, and what our plans are for the future. This newsletter carries information about many of our projects: Leisure Worlder of the Month, WWII Veterans Project, Speakers Bureau, Second Generation residents, Historically Advantaged members, and the reclaiming of the Globe--a joint effort with businesses, clubs, and individuals.

This year, we have developed a strategy for 2003 -- start early and follow up! Here is where we are right now:

Renewal applications have gone to our present **Affiliates** (business and professionals) Information and applications have been mailed to more than 80 potential Affiliates, mostly in the Laguna Woods area.

Renewal applications are in the mail to all present **Associates**. This newsletter is being sent as a Complimentary Issue to about 100 clubs who are not members this year. If your club is not an Associate -- now is the time!

Renewal letters for our 2002 members are in this issue. We hope you will help us with early renewals, so that the Directory can be out in February. We decided to use the newsletter rather than individual mailing--it saves considerable money! A complimentary copy of this newsletter is also going to persons who have been members in the past, but did not renew this year. We hope they will choose to be 2003 members.

Early renewal saves follow-up letters and phone calls. With postage at 37 cents, that is expensive, and time consuming. We are looking forward to hearing from you -- in September!!

.....tidbits from unsolicited email..

Senior citizens are constantly being criticized for every conceivable deficiency of the modern world, real or imaginary. We know we take responsibility for all we have done and do not blame others. BUT, upon reflection, we would like to point out that it was not the Senior citizens who took:

The melody out of music,	The togetherness out of family.	The refinement out of language.
The pride out of appearance,	The learning out of education.	The prudence out of spending.
The romance out of love,	The service out of patriotism.	And we certainly are not the ones who eliminated patience and tolerance from personal relationships and interactions with others.
The commitment out of marriage	The religion out of school.	
The responsibility out of parent-hood.	The Golden Rule from rulers.	

VIP TOUR

Justine Ratner, Docent Coordinator

On Sunday, August 11, Government Officials from the Prefecture of Hokkaido, Japan were taken on a special tour of Leisure World. The Governor, three officers from the Regional Promotional Board, the L.A. based Representative of Hokkaido, and an interpreter spent more than 2 hours visiting our community.

The tour started at the new Community Center. First and third floors, including the Computer Lab, were toured. They went to Ch 3 and Ch 4 where 8 studios were visited. The tour then traveled through Gates 12, East and West, viewing the Golf course, Lawn Bowling, Clubhouse 2, the Tennis Courts, Golf Driving Range and the Globe. They continued to Gates 10 and 11, seeing the Towers, Ch 6 and the Leisure World Golf Course. The tour exited gate 7 and returned to the Community Center.

Although they were very impressed with our facilities, their cold climate (Hokkaido is the northernmost island of Japan) would not allow an adult community such as ours. Their prime interest was our life style and the activities offered to Seniors. They hope to create an adult community in Hokkaido in the near future.

Special thanks to PCM staff, who were most helpful and opened facilities normally closed on Sunday.

Docent "History"

The Historical Society has been supplying Docents for tours of Leisure World since 1995. Justine Ratner, Coordinator, is compiling a short history of the program for our Archives. Since 1995, 30 people have served as Docents. None of the original 7 are still active. In 1996, 17 persons assisted, and 5 of those are still on the job: John Bradley, Eleanor Cooper, Justine Ratner, Harry Schwartz and Dick Yeakel. Marvin Bercovitz began in 1997, Syd Aronson in 1998 and Marilyn Roberts, a year later. The rest of the group has been on the job for a shorter period.

Why do they stay on the job? Their answers might differ, but the sentiment would be the same: They all think Leisure World is a great place to live, and they enjoy telling prospective residents about the advantages of living here.

THE LOST IS REPLACED!

SYD ARONSON

During our move to Leisure World some years ago, the movers lost a box, containing among other things, my medals from World War II. It was only recently that my children and grandchildren pressured me to see if they could be replaced.

I wrote to Congressman Chris Cox, and explained what had happened. A copy of my military record showing the decorations awarded was enclosed. After a period of time, he responded with an approval from the Dept. of the Army, stating that the medals would be replaced. The medals included the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal, among others, and I was pleased to be able to have them again.

One of the medals, the Philippine Liberation Medal, was not available since that government had stopped striking the medal, but would replace the ribbon! I was delighted that the military still recognizes us--and my kids will be glad to see them arrive.

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Note: Army Veterans wishing to replace medals may write to this address:

US Army Reserve Personnel Center
attn: DARP-PAS-EAW
9700 Page Blvd.
St Louis, MO. 63132-5200

Include full name, address, place of induction, serial #, date and place of birth, dates served in Army, including Army Air Corps, and copy of separation document, DD214. Additional questions may be referred to John Bradley, 457-0382, or Ward Payne, 837-7198.

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WWII veterans not yet registered in the Society project may pick up a form at the Historical Society office or the library. If a club wants forms, give us a call, 206-0150, and we will make them available.

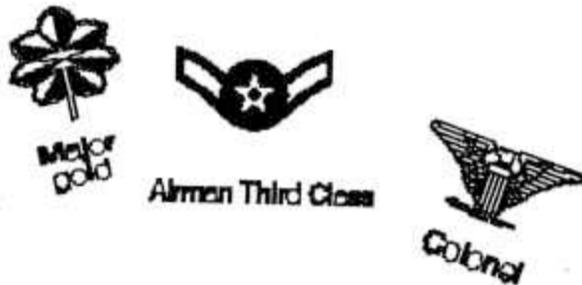
WWII Project

In August of 2001, the Society started the process of establishing a Registry of WWII veterans living in Leisure World. Thanks to the efforts of John Bradley, Chair, and Ward Payne, a committee with broad community representation worked to establish a workable program, one that could be expanded in the future to cover veterans of more recent wars.

After a series of delays due to computer program problems, the more than 600 returns are being entered in the system. Several MUG club members are helping input material.

But there is More!

Sheila Lichtenstein, Project Archivist, learned of another program underway which sounded very interesting. She investigated, and now we are part of a national effort, different from the present project, and very exciting. It in NO way changes the intent of our program, nor does it in any way change the confidentiality of our material. The article in the next column by Ira Joss outlines the Veterans History Project.



Seven military emblems were supposed to be in this space but the computer ate four.

Veterans History Project

Ira Joss, Publicity Chair

Congress voted funds for a Veterans History Project to be set up in the Folklife Center of the Library of Congress. The VA estimates that there are approximately 19 million living war veterans, with some 1500 dying every day. The Project's mission as outlined in the legislation is to "collect the memories, accounts and documents of war veterans and those who served in support of them during WWI, WWII, and the Korean, Vietnam and Persian Gulf Wars."

Planners hope to engage groups like veterans organizations and historical societies as partners to help create this national catalog of oral histories and documents.

The Leisure World Historical Society has been designated as a partner in this project, and is currently setting the wheels in motion to participate in this significant program. Some of our registrants may be contacted to ask if they would like to participate in the Library of Congress program, which will be an educational resource for future generations.

Veterans enrolled in the Society project may contribute artifacts, photographs or printed material for storage in our Archives. Those who want to contribute directly to the Veterans Project may do so. Contact 206-0150 for further information

The project already has 226 "official partner" groups. The Society is very proud to have been requested to become partner 227.

If you are a WWII veteran and have not yet filled out a form, please do so.

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