LEISURE WORLD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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Preserving Today for Tomorrow

SUMMER SCHEDULE

The Historical Society building is now operating on a summer schedule:

Monday - Thurs. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Friday 10 a.m. - 12 noon

If you need information, or want to volunteer, please leave your message and your call will be returned when the office opens. The number is 206-0150.
Regular hours, 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,
Monday through Friday,
will be resumed after Labor Day.

"ABOUT OUR AFFILIATES"

Affiliates Historical Society are businesses and professional people in vicinity of Leisure the immediate World who are interested in and supportive of the community. Starting with this issue, the membership committee will be producing a column which will give in each Newsletter information on two or more Affiliates. This issue covers one of our long time Ambulance supporters, Doctors and Power Toyota, new this year. The column is on page 4 and will be carried in that spot each issue.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteer ranks have been depleted by illness, vacations and resignations. If you are interested. talk with Holly Williams. Office Manager. New volunteers are profiled on page 5. They are all enthusiastic about Society and about Leisure World. If you want more information, talk with one of them, or with one of our long Tuesday afternoon time volunteers: volunteer, Tobey Greenspan, or Friday morning volunteer, JoAn Long.

NEW NAME?

It appears that the name Leisure World is about to disappear and be replaced by a name chosen by the residents. This means wholesale revision of club by-laws to reflect this change. It may well be time for the Historical Society to redo the Newsletter. The editor would welcome your ideas.

LONG TERM CALENDAR DATE

Most of us are always on the go, and fitting in functions is sometimes a problem -- so check your 2007 calendar and reserve the second Sunday in February for the annual dinner meeting of the Society. See you!

PRESIDENTIAL MUSINGS

JOHN FULLER



I do believe we are making progress with an overall review of the Society operations. I mentioned some of these in our last Newsletter and would like to report on our further activities.

The Renaissance at the Regency is continuing their support of the Leisure Worlder of the Month for another year. We hope to move this program to Clubhouse 7, beginning in November. This will provide more space than Clubhouse 6, both for attendees and for the Regency display.

We have approval of the Broadband Committee to install e-mail at the Historical Society and look forward to using this medium for communication and for a Web page soon.

We have worked out an arrangement with the Video Club to continue Veteran's interviews and we will be notifying the Library of Congress of these and any memorabilia we will be placing in our archives along with their DVDs. Ward Payne, our first vice president, will be overseeing this project along with Marv Green of the Video Club.

We had a meeting of our Leisure World Tour Docents and they have chosen their dates through December for the three times a month tours. We are looking for additional volunteers. If you are interested, please call the office.

Our recent tour of Roger's Gardens and Balboa Bay was so popular that we had to get a larger bus. Another tour may be scheduled for this fall.

Due to a speaker problem, the first medical lecture had to be canceled. More lectures are planned for later this year.

Copies of the last Demographic Study are available for sale in our office.

We are making progress on preparing our procedures documents, printing out checks by computer, and will shortly start the office equipment and supplies inventory. A review of the office filing system is being planned.

PRESIDENTIAL MUSINGS continued

We are still looking for a few more office volunteers to cover the desk and phones and help with general clerical tasks. If you are interested, please call.

Activities slow down during July and August, due to vacations and summer activities. The office hours have been reduced for those two months.

I could not mention all of our activities without giving our new office manager, Holly Williams, a large amount of credit for helping to get us better organized. Her willingness to take on any task or problem has been invaluable in our progress.

HISTORICALLY ADVANTAGED

Historically Advantaged project coordinatoor JoAn Long reports three new members plus one on probation. If you are 90 or more, you can join this distinguished group.

Members who are within 12 months of 90, are on "probation" until reaching 90. If you are in that age range join Laguna Woods Mayor! (See next column.)

NEW MEMBERS

Virginia Hall Thelma Horowitz Beryl Peterson



MAYOR ON PROBATION

Laguna Woods Mayor Brenda Ross, 89, widely acclaimed as the oldest mayor in the United States, has been placed on probation by the Historical Society. Mayor Ross was indignant when told of her status. "I want to be Historically Advantaged," she declared. "No one told me about probation."

Sorry, Mayor, but you should read the fine print. You are on probation until March 18, 2006. At that time you will be officially a member of the elite "Historically Advantaged."

"But I am the mayor," she insisted. "Mayors get special dispensation in every California city."

Sorry, Mayor. We'll get back to you next year. In the meantime, enjoy your probation status!

SPECIAL AWARD

Leisure World participants in the 2nd annual LW Senior Games were honored at a special reception in CH 1 on May 15. After medals were presented to winners of the many events, GRF President Harry Curtis presented lone Peikert a plaque, honoring her as the oldest female athlete to participate in the Senior Games.



Ione Peikert

lone also won a Gold medal and a Bronze medal for her wins in Ladies Billiards.

Ione belongs to our special "Historically Advantaged" group.

ABOUT OUR AFFILIATES

----- MARTHA HELLMANN Membership Co-Chairman

As an Affiliate Patron, DOCTORS AMBULANCE has been a great supporter of the Historical Society for many years. The company provides an important service to Leisure Worlders. It not only transports patients to the hospital, but it offers in-house services.

If a resident falls and is unable to get up, a phone call will bring an ambulance with two trained medics. These men are both skilled and caring. If the patient's vital signs are good, he is put back into bed or in a chair. If there are other problems, the patient is transported to Saddleback Memorial Medical Center Emergency Room. These services are done with great expertise and caring not only for the patient but also for the family. The ir number is 951-6600.

Call them when you have a special need --and thank these great people for the support they have given the Society.

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POWER TOYOTA car dealership on Research Drive is a new *Affiliate Patron*. The generous support of this company is greatly appreciated. Their employees are very committed to our community because of the many customers they have in Leisure World. There are probably more Toyota cars on our streets than any other make. Toyota has a world-wide reputation for producing quality, reliable cars, and this is important to all of us.

Manager Gil Standfill is often seen in Channel 6 TV ads. The dealership has 187 employees and is located on 23 acres, which allows room for a large inventory of new cars as well as a multitude of used vehicles. They pride themselves on their service department.

If you are thinking of a new car, do see Power Toyota, and thank the management for supporting the Historical Society! The address there is 9109 Research Drive, east off Moulton Parkway and just before the 405 Freeway.

NEW ASSOCIATES

A quick check of the 2005 Directory identified at least five clubs new this year;

Computer Club - PPC Users Film Club Leisure Wheelers Needlework Club Video Club

We hope this will be the beginning of a long and pleasant relationship, as has been true with a large number of the Associates. In the next issue we will carry a list of our long time members. Some were supporters before we had an Associate category. New or old, your support is important to us. If we can be of help, let us know. See page 6 for services available.



NEW VOLUNTEERS

Our reception desk has three new volunteers assigned to a regular shift. A very special welcome to all of them!

Adele Abram, a ten year resident, came here from N.Y. City. She worked in advertising and mail order business before becoming CEO of a large printing company. She traveled extensively on business in Europe and Asia. One of the founders of the LW Reformed Temple, she is active in several outside groups, and in Leisure World art circles. Her regular shift is Wednesday afternoon.

Roz Grossman was a four year "snow bird" before becoming a permanent resident six years ago. A social worker, she and her psychologist husband lived 32 years in Norwalk, Ct. She was actively involved with Seniors at their Senior Center where she supervised in Human Relations Services students who were interested in gerontology. Here, both she and her husband are involved in jewelry making and other prepares materials on arts. She exhibits in CH3 and CH4 where they recently had a display. Roz is on duty Monday afternoon

Carol Moore, a California native, returned "home" after the death of her husband. They had lived for 30 years in Denver. Two sons live in this area. She was a teacher and also worked in advertising. A one year LW resident, she covers Wednesday mornings.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY SERVICES AVAILABLE

Are the records of your organization moving from shopping bag to car trunk to garage, depending on the whims of the responsible officer?

If so, you should consider our Archives as a safe. protected area for your records. When you need them, they will be readily available. Why not go through your files, clean out the material, and leave them in our care? Keep your minutes, treasurers reports, directories, by-laws, pictures, programs, and a history of your organization. Materials in labeled and dated notebooks are easy to file and easy to find when needed.

If your club needs a speaker, we can supply one on topics related to Leisure World history, or any segment of that history, such as the development of the churches or emeritus program; early South County, L.W. governance, the El Toro airport. Please give us a little notice. We want to provide the person most knowledgeable about the subject you select.

Need to know who, when, why? Need to know when the first golf tournament was held? Your manor first went on the market? First president of your mutual? Leisure Worlder of the Month for August 1981? Ask, and we will look!!

The Society has a collection of tapes, videos, and discs covering lectures, parades, events. There is also a fine

collection of photos and slides.

There is collection of *Leisure World News*. You may search old papers-just wear the gloves provided as some papers are rather fragile.

Our primary purpose as the Historical Society is to preserve today for tomorrow, and to disseminate the information to the community needed. That is the charge in our Articles of Incorporation and our Bylaws. That is why we welcome input from individual members. Associates How can the Historical and Affiliates. help you? Our Demographic Society Surveys, conducted in cooperation with UCI are valuable tools for community there other things we groups. Are should be doing?

Several of our projects are geared toward getting more information about the residents of our community. The information on Second and Third generation residents is an example of this. If you belong to that group, please contact the office for a short information sheet. Over 125 people have already been identified, and we plan to develop a feature story on this group.

Our primary services are provided by our staff of volunteers: Fran Lindberg, Alberta Montvyadas, Gloria Levine. They benefited from working with our Archivist, Marjorie Williams, now a Texan. Ask, and they will help!

OLD - but true!

Some one said that the membership of every organization is made up of four kinds of bones:

There are the WISH Bones who spend all their time wishing someone else would do the work.

There are the JAW bones who do all the talking but very little else.

Next are the KNUCKLE bones, who knock everything that everybody else tries to do.

Finally, there are the BACK bones, who get under the load and do the work.

What kind of a bone are U?

THE EDITOR



BONE-TIRED!

BITS AND PIECES OF LEISURE WORLD HISTORY

(Selected from the Leisure World News) Mari Jan Vested

Forty Years Ago - 1965 July - August

Hundreds attend July 4 Celebration held behind CH 1.

Sales spiral as Booster Jamboree adds a new golf car to prizes. Leisure World Boosters report success.

Big Crowd attends Hobby Show in Clubhouse Lounge.

Senior women enjoy belly dancing class. Big success!

Mrs. Lola Brandt named "Leisure World Loveliest."

Twenty Five Years Ago - 1980 July - August

Residents battle Rossmoor Industrial Park. Present petition to Orange County Planning Commission.

Snack Bar planned for Golf Course near starter's building.

New law exempts Towers' residents from sales tax on food served in the dining room.

Aquadettes hold diving and swimming show.

Business Park proposition dies.

Ten Years Ago - 1995

July - August

Project 2000 will study Leisure World of the future.

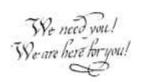
GRF President says construction of golf course bridge is set. Golf cars and players are endangered crossing street.

Non-resident golfers will pay more for prime tee off time.

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