



LEISURE WORLD

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Preserving Today for Tomorrow



VISIT THE QUEEN!

THURSDAY OCTOBER 6 2005

The final Historical Society trip for 2005 is indeed one of historical significance. The magnificent British ship, the Queen Mary, was converted for war time use during World War 11. Now permanently berthed in Long Beach Harbor she is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Program Chair, Ward Payne, arranged several outstanding trips for the year and this one should be equally great. For more details and for a registration form, see page seven.

John Fuller
President



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COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

This award is given only once a year and may be for service to the community and or the Historical Society. Details of the award on page 3. If you are a new member you may not know that Dr. Strevey was the first president of the Historical Society, first resident President of GRF, founding president of the Academians, and founding President of the Associates at the Hospital. He was truly dedicated to the community and it was for that reason this award carries his name.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR?

It has been suggested that we should have "letters to the editor" in this publication. They would be restricted to those things for which the Society is responsible, or to concerns about the way we are operating. What do you think? How about a few letters to give us a "feel" for the interest in such a page? Send to the Editor, care of the Historical Society. No anonymous letters, please.

SUMMER HOURS EXTENDED

The summer hours for the Society have been extended. Until further notice, the hours will continue as
10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday
10 a.m. – 12 noon Friday
Closed Saturday and Sunday

PRESIDENTIAL MUSINGS**JOHN FULLER**

Have you ever wondered how the Leisure World Historical Society originated? I have, and I've heard various stories, but in reviewing a number of documents from our Archives, I found a 25 page booklet published in 1987-89 for our 25th Anniversary that documents some of this. The booklet was co-edited by Robert L. Price and Dr. Tracy Strevey during Claire Still's Historical Society Presidency.

The article relates that "The determination and ability of Mrs. Marjorie F. Jones was responsible for the beginning and early success of the Leisure World Historical Society. Serving on the Third Mutual Board, she soon realized that no effort had been made to keep an orderly historical record of the origin and development of Leisure World. This led her to decide that she would write the story of Leisure World covering the years 1964-1974." This she did and a copy is in our archives. This created the impetus to "organize a historical society which would carry on the work already begun."

Thus with the consent and support of the Boards, the Leisure World Historical Records Committee was established in 1976. Realizing the need to expand and involve more people interested in the story of such a unique community, the committee changed its name to the Leisure World Historical Society and incorporated in November, 1977, as a non-profit corporation.

This is how it all started, and the many early authors have given us summaries of our history through about 1990. Now we need a condensed version of our history to date. The booklet quoted above had summary by Robert L. Price on what he saw as the Society's future. It's a very positive article and briefly says that to keep progressing we need to do several things:

1. Obtain full time professional aid..
2. Achieve the original goal of 1000 members to assure financial needs.
3. Acquire or build our own building.

Based on the enthusiasm and dedication shown to that time, he felt both the immediate and long- range future looked very bright.

We have accomplished all three items that were mentioned and I believe that with our current board, volunteers and professional leadership, that we will continue to move ahead.

NOMINATIONS ARE NEEDED for the Tracy E. Strevey Community Service Award

Nominations for this award may be made by any member of the Society. Not more than two awards are given in any one year. Individuals, clubs, or organizations may be nominated. Previous awardees included *Leisure World News*, Dr. Brenda Ross, and the Disaster Task Force.

These awards are for outstanding service to the community and or the Historical Society. They are not related to any other recognition, such as Leisure Worlorder of the Month. Forms are available in the office and should be in no later than Dec. 1. The final selection is done by the Board

WANT TO GO TO THE HEAD OF THE LINE? (The 2006 membership line, that is.)

It's easy. Send in your membership check and application before you get the annual notice! Applications are in the office. To really go to the head of the line, tell your neighbors and friends about the Society. Get them to join now and the rest of 2005 is free. And don't forget to remind your clubs that they, too, can be Associates.

Time also to consider upgrading your membership, or naming the Society in your will or your trust. Dues and contributions are tax deductible.

NEEDED: YOUNG -AT-HEART VOLUNTEERS

If you can spare a few hours a week, come in and talk with our new Executive Director, Holly Williams. Find out what we do as volunteers. She might persuade you to become one!

FREMONT INVESTMENT AND LOAN, an Affiliate, moved to a new location (in the Taj Mahal parking lot) but they are still making monetary awards to the Society for depositors who designate us as a benefactor. Their CD's rates are very competitive right now. Stop by and admire their new quarters.

Nominations needed for:

LEISURE WORLORDER OF THE MONTH. The only absolute requirement is being a resident owner. Do you know someone who contributes week after week to keep the organizations operating, helps out in time of crisis, volunteers to do the unglamorous but necessary jobs? He/she may be a candidate for this honor. The nomination forms to be completed are available in the office. The nominator is never identified by the Society.

ASSOCIATES

The following clubs have supported the Society without missing a year. We appreciate their continued support.

8 Years

**ACADEMIANS
AEROSPACE CLUB
AUDUBON SOCIETY**

WOMEN'S CLASSIFIED SERVICE CLUB

7 Years

**AAUW
GOLF CLUB - WOMENS 18 HOLE
MUG MAC USERS GROUP
WORLD ON FILM CLUB #1**

6 years

**AMERICAN LEGION
CONCERNED CITIZENS OF LW
EBELL
MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
NEW JERSEY CLUB
OPERA 100
ORT
PHILHARMONIC COMMITTEE
REFORM TEMPLE OF LW
REPUBLICAN CLUB
TOPS**

5 years

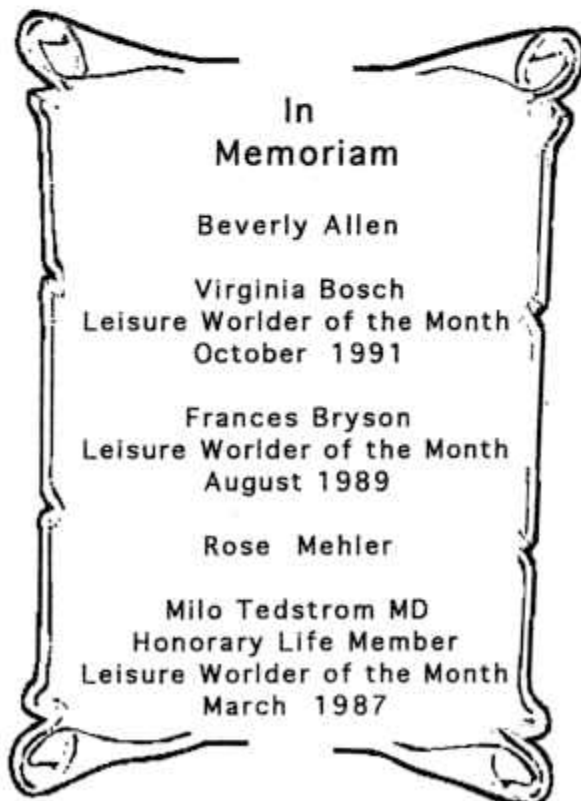
**BOWLERS CLUB
D.A.R.
NAT'L COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN
SEWING SUPERS**

DEPARTMENT OF **Ooops!** (otherwise known as inexcusable errors)

When the editor gets so engrossed in acting as a reporter that she forgets to 'edit', errors will result. Don't blame her because a lot of members went out and bought 2007 calendars just so they could enter the date for the Annual Dinner Meeting as announced in the July Newsletter.

Nothing wrong with that - after all, there is an annual dinner meeting on the 2nd Sunday in February 2007. It also happens on the 2nd Sunday in February 2006. Honestly, it wasn't an error. It was just a ploy to see if anyone would notice. (The editor is considering politics for her next career.)

Anyway, you all come--
2nd Sunday in February **2006**, Clubhouse 5.
Bring a friend!



ARCHIVES CORNER

FRAN LINDBERG

In the early days of our community, residents thought the name "Leisure World" truly described their new location. This poem, written by resident John Kassenbrook, says it all:

LEISURE WORLD

*This is written as you will see
About folks who have reached seniority
But as you read, this truth will unfold
Not one of them is really old.
They are young in spirit and young in deed.
Each responds quickly, to a neighbor's need.
They play tennis, golf or ride.
They swim, and take any sport in stride.
Their dancing is a sight to see
For they out-do Terpsichore.
The Clubs they belong to — now one eight eight
Reflect their keen interest in 'country and state.
They create objects d'art, write stories and plays.
There are not enough hours in most of their days.
Is this where Utopia's flag is unfurled?
No! they're just happy folks, at Leisure World.*

Fifteen years ago as Leisure World celebrated its 25th Anniversary, a song with words and music by resident Jerry Mautner expressed the sentiments of many residents. "Home at Last" was acclaimed as the Leisure World song. Jerry had the song copyrighted and signed the copyright over to the Historical Society. Its hard to get the impact of the words without the music, but here are a couple of lines:

With every passing day my life becomes a
brand new melody

I keep saying "you're so lucky to be fancy
free."

It truly is a Leisure World - a fun and take
it easy world.

Contentment makes the days go fast.
I'm home at last --I'm free in Leisure World.

IT'S A FACT!

(Useless, but interesting)
 1993 was a very special year in Historical Society history! Eight women were honored as Leisure Worlders of the Month. The usual number? There were four in 1978; three in 1980; four in 1981 and six in 1983.

TRIVIA

...Every calendar's days are numbered.

...A lot of money is tainted--taint yours and taint mine.

...The average person spends about 220,000 hours sleeping during his or her lifetime.

YOUTH

Youth is not a time of life; it is a state of mind; it is not a matter of rosy cheeks, red lips, supple knees; it is the matter of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigor of the emotions; it is the freshness of the deep springs of life.

Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul. Worry, fear, and self-distrust bows the heart and turns the spirit back to dust.

---Samuel Ullman

ABOUT OUR AFFILIATES

----- MARTHA HELLMANN
 Membership Co-Chairman

Our new Affiliate, Senior Medical Group, is located in Town Centre, 24331 El Toro Road, Suite 330. That is the Medical building in front of the Ayres Hotel and across the drive from Hometown Buffet. Drs. Cooke and Kim are in practice there and will be joined by a third physician October 1st.

Dr. Lawrence Cooke received his medical education at Columbia University, NYC. A native of Tampa, FL., he enjoys this area where he lives with his wife and 3 teen age daughters. Dr. Cooke is committed to performing outstanding medical care and personalized service. He is a "good listener" and includes his patients in the decision making process

Dr. Daniel Kim is board-certified in internal medicine. He is a Geriatric Medicine specialist, and schedules fewer appointments so that he can provide more comprehensive visits. He is a graduate of the University of Vermont College of Medicine. He spends his free time playing golf with his son, and sharing their love of sports.

We appreciate their support of the Historical Society.

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**Frankel and Summers
 Certified Public Accountants**

Mary Summers and Joanne Frankel formed the accounting firm Frankel and Summers in 1982. Mary works in the Taj Mahal office, serving many clients in Leisure World and the surrounding area. Her sons, Mike and John, have joined her in this office. Joanne spends most of her time in their Anaheim office.

Supporters of our Society for several years, they are interested in the workings of our organization. Both ladies are active members of the DAR and share a love of history.

We thank these two ladies, both grandmas with lots of children and grandchildren, for their ongoing support of the Historical Society!

BITS AND PIECES OF LEISURE WORLD HISTORY

(Selected from the *Leisure World News*) ... Mari Jan Vested

Forty Years Ago 1965

September's activities were varied and well attended. Forty three former Ohioans gathered for a first meeting and dinner; scores attended the Stamp Club exhibition in CH1; Costumes at a colorful Mardi Gras party included Maharajahs, Shieks, Princes and Princesses plus several less royal attendees.

More than 100 artists showed their work at the Medical Building and the place was crowded with art lovers.

The First All Star Junior Golf Tournament was held with 200 players from Southern California competing including some from Leisure World.

On Sept. 25, Ross Cortese snipped the dedication ribbon on the luxurious 15,518 square foot CH2. More than 1000 people from the area attended.

Residents "Saddle Up" for the September. 29 opening of the El Rancho Cortese Leisure World- Laguna Hills stables which has a 242 foot diameter riding ring.

Area nurserymen were guest speakers in well attended Plant Education meeting.

Two hundred residents got flu injections at the Medical Center.

Local Catholic Church soon to be erected chose St. Nicholas as its name.

October

Closed Circuit TV debuts. Dedication ceremonies at CH2 noted it is "World's Largest Closed Circuit - Channel 6."

Veterans of WW1 and Auxiliary hold Pancake Supper and attract big crowd.

Volunteer Red Cross Service program begins for the community.

Population hits 4500.

Temperature at El Toro Marine Base hits 106!

September 1980

Leisure World manor robbed. Lose more than \$50,000 in Sterling silver. Entry through unlocked door. No suspects.

Three hundred ladies attend fashion show and tea in Ch 2.

New patio extension stopped as board attempts to standardize architectural aspects of manor renovations, particularly condos. A moratorium is declared.

October 1980

Directors of Fourth Mutual pass resolution rejecting invitation from Third Mutual to consolidate. Three other mutuals consolidate with Third.

September 1995

Budget includes boost in carrying charges.

Founder of Leisure World Gay and Lesbian Support held meeting. GALES is now the official name, referring to "winds of change."

Signatures needed for the Airport Initiative drive goes over the top,

Financial scam is the work of "Leisure World Financial Advisor" preying on older folks

October 1995

Golden Rain approves changes to ID card system.

Anti-Airport group delivers petitions to Orange County Registrar.

Third Mutual resales slump.



The British are Coming!

THE QUEEN MARY.

Spend THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, on the QUEEN MARY.

All aboard for a trip "across the pond" as you spend a day on the Queen Mary. With a graceful silhouette that stretches 1,019 feet in length, the Queen Mary is truly another wonder of the world. Built with all the pride of Britain's seafaring tradition, she first set sail from Southampton to New York in 1936. She served as the premier passenger liner of the Atlantic, playing hostess to Hollywood's elite and high society.

During World War II, she was enlisted to aid the Allied Forces and assisted in countless heroic missions. At that time, she was painted camouflage gray and due to her speed and maneuverability was justifiably dubbed the "Gray Ghost."

Today, she is permanently berthed in Long Beach Harbor and is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. She truly represents a standard of craftsmanship unequaled in shipbuilding history.

Once aboard, you'll be taken on a guided behind-the-scenes tour of the majestic Queen. Following the tour, a special shipboard luncheon awaits you. After lunch, you'll have some time to visit the gallery of shops and boutiques on board which feature a variety of British imports, souvenirs and gifts.

.....Cost: Members \$50 Nonmembers \$53.....
(includes lunch and tips)

Departs Gate 3 at 9:00 a.m. Returns at 3:00 pm

Mail reservation form and check to the Leisure World Historical Society
P.O. Box 2220
Laguna Hills, CA 92654

(or bring to the office.)

No refunds after Sept. 28



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LUNCHEON CHOICES 1) Chicken Caesar Salad 2) Rainbow Linguine with Roma tomatoes
Coffee or tea and dessert are included.

Circle luncheon choice.

Name _____ phone _____ 1 2

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Check # _____ Amount \$ _____

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