## LEISURE WORLD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Preserving Today for Tomorrow

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#### MEDICAL LECTURES RESUMED

The Medical Lecture series, co-sponsored by the Historical Society and the UCI Medical College, will resume on Wednesday, November 16, at 7: 00 pm in CH 3, DR 1.

#### LINDA GILIOTTI

Director of the UCI Weight Management Program and a well known lecturer on food and adult nutrition will be the speaker. The main thrust of her lecture will be how to eat "Healthy" and still enjoy the holidays.

These lectures are open to the public. Bring a friend!

#### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR 2006 BEGINS

Information on membership for individuals is on page 7. Please note the deadline for inclusion in the Directory. Get this out of the way before the holiday rush!

#### ANNUAL MEETING / DINNER

The date is Sunday, February 12, 2006. Plan on a great dinner, with wine; an interesting program; short business meeting to elect directors; presentation of special awards; a chance to see old friends and to meet new members. Don't miss this gala affair.

#### CHANGES AHEAD

This newsletter, along with many other "Leisure World" club publications and announcements, will be undergoing change as our new name becomes final. Your suggestions for the new masthead and for changes in format will be appreciated.

The Historical Society is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and on Friday 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

#### PRESIDENTIAL MUSINGS

This is already the last Newsletter for 2005 and another year is almost gone. The last quarter of the year is the busiest one for your Historical Society. It is the time we plan and carry out our annual membership drive; plan our February annual Dinner Meeting; nominate our new board members; have our last Leisure Worlder of the Month ceremony; accept nominations for our annual Strevey Award, and of course get out this Newsletter.

To help us this year, we have a third PC Computer donated by Bob Ring and two new flat screen monitors, courtesy of Mel Dollar and Charles McLaughlin. This gives us three upto-date PCs and they all have Internet connections. Our next step is to work on a website. The Archives still uses MAC Computers and they are all in good condition.

We recently were given a large number of original photographs of the construction of Leisure World. As is often the case, there is an interesting bit of history attached to them. The plotographs were brought in by Connie McKibben with the consent of the daughter of the photographer, Edward Garner.

Garner, a Pullitzer Prize winner photographer for the Los Angeles Times, and his wife Betsy moved to Leisure World in 1967. He took photographs as the work progressed around their home at 938 Avenida Majorca. We don't know much more about Edward, but Betsy

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lived in their home until her death in June of this year at age 97. She was described as an active, involved, and happy member of the community.

There are a dozen or more scrolls of sequential photos of the actual construction. They are rolled and in good condition, but will require some processing to be copied. We are investigating several options to prepare them for possible display.

Over 50 leaders of Leisure World Clubs accepted our invitation to a recent open house, hosted by Helen Lyon and Ward Payne, and assisted by volunteers Mattie Ellis, Joan Long and Fran Lindburg. They were pleased at seeing our facilities and hearing of our many programs.

We welcome all of our members to visit us at their convenience, Monday through Friday. Our hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., except Friday, when we close at noon.

Appointments can be made for Archive search by calling 206-0150 or coming in.

Volunteers are still needed for both our office support and archive cataloging. Three hours a week is all it takes.

Thank you for being a member of our Historical Society.

### Friday, November 11 Veteran's Day

Armistice Day, November 11, was established as a Federal Holiday in 1926 to commemorate the 1918 signing of the armistice ending World War I. On June 1, 1954, the name was changed to Veterans Day to honor all men and women who have served America in its armed forces.

#### EDITOR' S NOTE .....EVELYN SHOPP

At long last, I know what a "blog" is, thanks to the business section of the newspaper. Supposedly there are between 10 million and 35 million of these in operation and they are devoted to every conceivable topic. I'm convinced I am better prepared to be a blogger than an editor.

A blogger does not have to call anyone to check on the accuracy of dates, spelling, or even basic facts. A blogger does not wait past deadline for materials to be edited. A blogger does not have a deadline. If a blogger has a computer problem of horrendous magnitude, she can wait for a better day since she is not so foolish as to establish publishing dates.

But bloggers probably have only the best of computers, while your editor had one totally out of sinc with reality. Turn on the machine and the internet comes on. End of all incoming and outgoing phone calls until the thing is turned off. I finally asked for help, ended up with a nonfunctioning computer, and a "loaner" with different fonts. Frustration beyond all reason. Think how comforting it would have been to share my troubles by blog with people all over the world, not just in the Historical Society.

#### AN EARLY PICTURE OF THE GLOBE



#### Address change:

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#### **GREAT THOUGHTS!**

The reason I don't drink is that I want to know when I am having a good time.

----Lady Astor

Be careful about reading health books. You might die of a misprint.

----Mark Twain

Common sense in an uncommon degree is what the world calls wisdom.

----Coleridge

I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everyone. ----Bob Cosby

Old people shouldn't eat health foods. They need all of the preservatives they can get.

---Robert Orban

Marriage is a great institution, but I am not ready for an institution. ---Mae West

I may have my faults, but being wrong ain't one of them. ----Jimmy Hoffa

Those who love deeply never grow old. They may die of old age but they still die young.

----Arthur Wing Pinero

#### ARCHIVES CORNER -----FRAN LINDBERG

I am very happy to welcome two volunteers:

Vonnie Doyle, "an Okie living in California", grew up in El Reno, just west of Oklahoma City. She attended Oklahoma City University, married, had a family and worked in secretarial positions for various oil companies, mostly in the Land Department. Widowed, she moved to Leisure World in 1999. Her family lives in Aliso Viejo: a son, a daughter, three grand-children and two great grand sons.

Her memberships include Computer Club, Art Association, Hearing Impaired Club, and Progressive Bridge. Her hobbies are sewing, needlework, container gardening and reading.

Martin Hecht and his wife, Pat, moved to Leisure World in June. Martin grew up in Newark, NJ. Went west to attend Purdue (IN.) but his education was interrupted by a stint with the army in WWII. On discharge, he completed his Metallurgical Engineering degree. He was also in the army in the Korean War.

Martin was employed by GM in Connecticut, transferred to California and then Phoenix, AZ. In 1959, he started his own business as a Manufacturers Rep in Aerospace Products. Currently, he is still working a a consultant in the aerospace field.

He was a volunteer Archivist at the Lowell Observatory for 16 years. He also served as Treasurer of the Northern Arizona Chapter of the Arizona Historical Society, and was on the Board of the Flagstaff Symphony Association.

The Archives is always in need of volunteers. If interested, please call 206-0150. Or stop in!!



Thanksgiving is Thursday, November 24.

A federal holiday observed the fourth Thursday of November was established by Congress in 1941. It was the first national proclamation issued by President Lincoln in 1863 on the urging of Mrs. Sarah J. Hale, editor of *Godey's Lady's Book*. Most Americans believe it originated as a day of thanks, ordered by Governor Bradford of Plymouth Colony in New England in 1621. Scholars point out that days of thanks stem from ancient days.

#### **ABOUT OUR AFFILIATES**

Allen Cadillac-GMC is a long time supporter of the Society and of other community organizations. It began in 1946 when founder Stanley Allen opened his first dealership selling used cars on Pacific Coast Highway in Laguna Beach. The next year, he added the Oldsmobile franchise and soon thereafter, Cadillac.

After 25 years in this location, the founder's son, Dennis, who had joined his father in the business, moved the dealership to 28332 Camino Capistrano in Laguna Niguel. Time proved the wisdom of this move as the area has had tremendous growth. GMC Truck was added in 1972.

After working with Dennis for many years, sons Scott and Mitch are carrying on the business, one of the dominate retailers of Cadillacs in Southern California. The business continues its involvement in the communities it serves. The Historical Society thanks you for all you do.

Martha Hellmann / Charles McLaughlin Co-Chairs, Membership

Merrill Lynch vice Presidents, Taryn Moll and Robert Reckinger, combined over experience in the financial services industry with the Merrill Lynch office located in Laguna Hills. They advise clients in areas of investment management, retirement planning, tax planning as well as wealth transfer strategies. Based on clients' goals and objectives, they also design implement tax-efficient portfolios of stocks, bonds, cash and alternate investments. The vast capabilities offered by Merrill Lynch, a leader in the changing financial industry, is available for their use.

Merrill Lynch has been a supporter of the Historical Society for several Both Taryn and Robert are vears. in various charitable active within the local organizations communities. Taryn resides in Coto De Caza with her husband and two children. Robert lives in San Juan with his wife and four Capistrano children.



Resolve to be tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and wrong. Sometime in your life you will have been all of these.

-Lloyd Shearer

#### BITS AND PIECES OF LEISURE WORLD HISTORY

(Selected from the Leisure World News)

#### Mari Jan Vested

#### Forty Years Ago November 1965

Response is terrific as Leisure World personalized cards go on sale. A favorite is one of the Globe.

Boards consider limousine service between L.W. and Laguna Beach. Fare will be \$1.00.

Second Water Carnival at CH 2 pool has eight aquatic women participating.

One hundred twenty eight residents join in Charity Bridge Play at CH 1. Ross Cortese donates a handsome perpetual trophy.

#### December 1965

Ground breaking held for St. Nicholas Catholic Church. Parish will have a church and rectory combination with a seating capacity of six hundred. Completion is expected in about a year.

LW residents show off their accomplishments at Christmas Hobby Show.

LW Foundation sponsors musical spectacular.

#### Twenty five Years Ago November 1980

The Historical Society published the fall edition of Leisure World History with the first copy going to Jim Waterman, Society President.

Thirty seven of the 110 LW Manors, named Leisure World Estates, are sold with an average price of \$300,000.

Flags fly throughout the community honoring astronauts.

Consumer advocate Gaylord Hauser attracts six hundred residents at CH 3. Advises "Eat Right, Live Forever."

Ebell Club members display beaded flowers they have created at a craft class.

#### December 1980

Leisure World is first to seek "Cityhood", headline advises. Incorporation of the retirement community could take three years.

Resident Pearl La Duc had made 2200 picture scrapbooks and donated all of them to children's hospitals and convalescent homes. Says "It keeps me young."

#### Ten Years Ago November 1995

Five clubs present Arts and Crafts show at CH4 to encourage gift giving during pre-holiday.

Consumer advocate Ralph Nader speaks to group on "How Health Consumers can protect themselves."

Anti-El Toro Airport initiative qualifies for March 1996 ballot. Has 102,128 signatures and receives approval of the Board of Supervisors.

Leisure World Women's Club donates \$1000 to help preserve 219 year old Mission San Juan Capistrano.

Installation of Leisure World fiber optic cable system begins.

#### December 1995

Miniature Christmas trees form Lilliputian Forest at home of Margaret Buttery who has one hundred fifty trees in her manor.

LW has golf cart parade. Decorations applauded as colorful ideas catch spectators eyes.

New Rossmoor agreement preserves horse trails.

Traffic violators get opportunity to apply for rehearing.

### Leisure World Historical Society Membership Drive 2006

It is time to renew your membership in the Historical Society, and we invite you to join us once again. Listed below are some of the many worthwhile activities the Society sponsors:

- \* Leisure Worlder of the Month
- \* UCI Medical Lecture Series
- \* Day Trips to Historical Sites
- \* Veterans Registry Program

We are also the official Historian for Leisure World and our primary purpose is to record, maintain and preserve our ongoing chronology.

As a member, you will receive our Newsletter every other month with information about planned tours, lectures and other timely information. Also, as a new feature of our Membership Directory for 2006, you will find our own "Yellow Pages" plus a full page of most used phone numbers to keep at hand for your daily use.

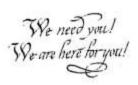
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Please mail to Historical Society, P.O. Box 2220, Laguna Woods, CA 92654 or drop off at our office (next to library). If you have questions call 206-0150. Thank you.

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