



JANE SIMON
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A fruitful career of 39 years as a teacher and principal in California schools preceded Jane Simon's retirement and her move to Leisure World in 1973.

Prior to moving to Leisure World after her teaching career had ended, Mrs. Simon gave several years of attention to disadvantaged teenagers in Pacoima, Ca.

In her new environment she found plenty of opportunity for using her creativity, and satisfying her desire for accomplishment. She developed her talents through studies of music, sculpture, wood carving and ceramics, as well as memory training, water exercise and swimming. She also was a hostess for Leisure World's Institute for Living.

"I took up painting, sculpturing, mosaics and jewelry-making as an answer to the basic needs we all have of expressing ourselves," said Jane.

Looking back on her fulfilling life, Mrs. Simon believed she found her greatest inspiration in people, and found that people, young and old, brought the greatest happiness to her. This felicitous atmosphere started with her parents, continued on through association with her pupils and extended to her own two daughters.

Born in London, England, Mrs. Simon came to Los Angeles at the age of seven and remained a prideful Californian ever since. After attending UCLA, she started her teaching career in South Whittier, where at 22 she was a principal, heading a staff of two teachers in a small country school. There was an oil well in the school yard, she recalled. She considered her years of teaching fifth and sixth grades as the most rewarding of her career because she felt she could help guide children in their formative years.