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ROSSMOOR LEISURE WORLDERS OF THE MONTH

Since the beginning of Leisure World, executives of Rossmoor Corporation were impressed with the high caliber of people moving into the community. As a salute to them a program called "Rossmoor Leisure Worlders of the Month" was started in 1976.

Each month a committee selects a resident to be honored and on the first Monday a simple ceremony is held in the rotunda of the main sales office, during which a short biography is read and a large framed portrait is hung. At the end of the month, the portrait is presented to the honoree.

Neighbors, friends and family (many from great distances) attend the ceremonies, which are open to all residents of Leisure World.

Several biographies of Leisure Worlders of the Month will be published in each issue of this Journal starting on page 49.

LEISURE WORLDER of the MONTH – JANE SIMON



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, California.

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 believes 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.