

# A lady who 'can do what she says' honored for January

On a recommendation to Cornell University for Lucile Allen, was the comment "Lucile Allen can do what she says she can do as well as she says she can do it."

And that has proved true for the woman who has worked with such distinguished women as Eleanor Roosevelt and Clare Booth Luce. An educator by profession, Allen has continued to "do what she says she can do," as a director of Golden Rain and as a leader of other Leisure World organizations.

For her accomplishments in education and her participation in Leisure World activities, Allen will be honored as Leisure Worlder of the Month on Wednesday, Jan. 4 at a ceremony at 10 a.m. in Clubhouse 6. The public is invited to the ceremony sponsored by Home Federal Savings and the Leisure World Historical Society.

A native of Texas, Allen married there and began her teaching career at Highland Park High School in Dallas with the advanced placement classes. She received her doctorate from Columbia University Teachers College in 1945 and in the same year became professor in the graduate program and

served as dean of women in the coordinating office with the dean of men.

In 1952 she became the dean of the Pennsylvania College for Women, the fifth oldest women's college in the country. She presided at the meeting that changed the name of the college to Chatham honoring the Earl of Chatham, William Pitt.

During those years she also was program chairman and coordinator of "The White House Conference on the Family" and chairman for the American Council on Education conference on "Women in the Defense Decade."

During her term for the White House Conference on the Family, Allen had her first encounter with Eleanor Roosevelt. Following an interview she forgot her purse, she recalled, and it was returned with a note from the first lady which read, "Thank you for your kindness, but we don't need campaign contributions any more."

In 1959 Lucile retired from Chatham to participate in her brothers business. After two years she was back in education as dean of women at Stanford, where she remained until 1965 when she retired.



Lucile Allen

Her list of foundation chairmanships

is extensive including the Hazen Foundation, New England Conference, Board of Governors of Cornell, New York Hospital School of Nursing, and American Association of University Women's National Committee on Higher Education.

She served on the National Advisory Board on Civil Defense under President Eisenhower and on two committees of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare: the Committee on Financial Aid to High Education and Committee on Strengthening Institutions.

Her honorary degrees include doctor of literature and doctor of laws.

Arriving in Leisure World in 1979, Allen continued her involvement in community activities, including serving on the board of Fifth Mutual and GRF. She was vice president and program chairman of AAUW, served on the nominating committee for GRF and the board of the Academians. She is chairman of cultural affairs for the Silver Anniversary celebration, chairman of the Way and Means committee of AAUW and its Money Talks study group, and is on the GRF Memorial Committee.

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