

LEISURE WORLD HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
PRESENTS

**MARY ARINE-BEER**  
Leisure Worlder of the Month

**May 2004**

MARY ARINE-BEER was born in Hughes Springs (near Linden), Texas. A family relocation brought her to Arkansas where she learned her three R's and met her high school requirements at Texarkana High School. Mary took top honors in her Commercial Training Course as the precursor for her early employment. She ultimately took a variety of city college courses in creative writing and secretarial techniques.

At age 17 Mary started her working career as an office secretary. She arrived in Los Angeles during the 1940's and held an assortment of secretarial positions in the fields of insurance, manufacturing and as a civil servant for 15 years with the City of Los Angeles. She reached her apex of success as an Executive Secretary in Mayor Tom Bradley's office before retiring in 1984.

"All work and no play - - -" did not apply to our honoree. She was involved in fund raising and other voluntary activities with the YWCA, local PTA, Girl Scouts and Kiwanis. She held chairmanships and offices in the foregoing organizations and received an assortment of honors and awards that included the Mayor's Office "Dedicated Service Award", the Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation "Distinguished Service Award" and Kiwanis Hixson Fellowship (International) plus a life membership. In addition she was a Kiwanis Advisor at El Toro High and earned a lifetime membership from the World on Film Club in Leisure World.

Mary and Vernon Arine were married in 1949 and had one daughter. After Vernon's death in 1969, Mary remained a widow until her marriage to Harold "Ted" Beer in 1996. Currently two grandsons extend Mary Arine-Beer's nuclear family.

Family Arine-Beer have left foot prints in about sixty countries and territories, but currently she and Ted do "time share travel".

Pre-Leisure World events that shaped Mary's perspectives include her childhood on a farm, teaching third grade Sunday School, being President of the "Singles in Action" class, travel and establishing lasting friendships in the "Mother's Bridge Club".

Leisure World became a beneficiary of Mary's energy and talents in 1990. Kiwanis (Youth Advisor - 5 years, Vice President Cake Sales, Board Member), World on Film Club (President 2002 and current Board Member), Ebell (a current "President's Aide"), California Club (on Board as "Junior Officer" - - will be First Vice President September 2004) and other diverse clubs membership. She is also active in the Lake Hills Community Church Fellowship Circle.

Mary counts family, love and enjoyment of career and " - - - my willingness to work with people, accept a new challenge and try to do my share of civic work in our great community" as being most important, gratifying and personally satisfying.