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LEE BEVILAQUA

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LEE BEVILACQUA was born in Astoria, Long Island, New York and received her educational basics in her city of birth. Her secondary studies occurred at Bayonne High School followed by two years at New Jersey State Teachers College of Jersey City, New Jersey.

She had a series of secretarial jobs prior to her employment at A.G. Bayer, Inc. She started as a Clerk and concluded her 23 years as Senior Buyer of chemicals at the corporate offices in Pittsburgh, PA. She retired in 1982. She received a variety of rewards and honors from New Jersey purchasing associations.

Lee and Michael were married in 1946. Both enjoyed dancing to the extent that their two children dubbed them (tongue-in-cheek) "Fred and Ginger." Lee was widowed in 1979 and in 1980 met Ted Martin.

She started her travel experiences when her children were teenagers by taking a six week leave of absence from work to visit Europe. While on the continent she visited the birthplaces of her parents in Italy. Subsequently she and family left footprints in China, South America, Australia and New Zealand. Currently she's doing the "cruise route."

The U. S. Marine Corps had the benefit of Lee's person and background during WWII (1944). She clerked in various unit offices and completed her service as a Corporal in the Commandant's office at Quantico, Virginia --- her children hailed her as "General."

After retirement Lee arrived in Leisure World and got her feet wet in many different clubs/organizations and volunteer activities. She has spent 15 years at TV6 doing programming, participated in the New Owners Orientation Program, worked at the Senior Center (when it was adjacent to Vons), Meals on Wheels, Ebell, Membership Chair for World on Film, was Reservations Chair for Saddle Club and spent a number of years with the California Club as Reservations Chair/Secretary/Membership. She also does volunteer work for Assemblyman DeVore. For lighter activities she and Ted are avid bridge players. She enjoys knitting, needlepoint, reading and solving crossword puzzles.

Lee has enjoyed and gained satisfaction from participating in her diverse activities and has never regretted coming to "sunny California" and Leisure World. As she puts it "Love the place! Will do whatever I can to help keep it the wonderful place that it is."