

**LEISURE WORLD HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
PRESENTS**

***MARGO and BOB BOUER***

**LEISURE WORLDERS OF THE MONTH**

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MARGO and BOB BOUER were born in Illinois. Bob grew up in Chicago while Margo called Geneva home. Both Honorees had different educational backgrounds and early life experiences. As a consequence of those experiences Margo completed but two high school years while Bob graduated from Roosevelt High in Chicago. Subsequently he matriculated at the University of Illinois and completed a BS(1946) and obtained his MD in 1948. After a long interval of medical practice, Bob studied law at Loyola University (Chicago) and received his J.D. law degree in 1981. Margo, between studies and work, entered Nurses Training at Michael Reese Hospital (Chicago) and received her R.N. in 1958. Later, via qualifying exams, she attended the University of Chicago and obtained an M.A. (1970) and Ph.D. (1985) in "Human Development Psychology".

Both Honorees established themselves in the field of Medical Science. Starting with her initial nursing career assignment in 1958, Margo progressed to positions of Director of Nurses, Psychotherapist (at psychiatric hospitals), Psychiatric Research and Teaching of her major. Bob commenced his career as a specialist in Obstetrics and Gynecology (OB-GYN) in 1955 - a career that endured to 1983. During that time span he was also on the staff of Northwestern University, Cook County Hospital (Chicago) - also President of that hospital's staff, and he has held a combination medical-administrative position at St. Joseph Hospital/Health Center (Chicago). Margo and Bob retired in 1994 prior to their move to Leisure World.

Bob has been designated Fellow, Consultant, Member and Director for many medical and legal associations. He is licensed and certified to practice medicine and law in a number of states.

Despite their full schedules and professional commitments Margo and Bob found time for other activities. Margo was an athlete with skills in golf, tennis and swimming beside being -- in her own words -- a cellist. She has won many swimming medals. Bob, on the other hand, concentrated on service organizations such as Kiwanis, Meridian Hospice, Scottish Rite and Valley of Chicago and Medinah Shrine. During the Korean Conflict he served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps.

Margo and Bob were married in 1969. Their union produced son David and daughter Sarah. Currently the Bouer clan is enhanced by granddaughter Cameron and the requisite in-laws. Their travel time has taken them to Europe, around the states and to the isle of Tobago in the Caribbean.

Bob and Margo brought their talents to Leisure World in 1994. Margo became a lifeguard and a member of the Aquadettes. She also is a member of the LW Coast Masters Swimming Team and won many medals in Senior Olympics swimming events. In addition she has been a longtime member of the Nifty 50/60 Club, the Reform Temple and has been Chair/Member of the GRF Nominating Committee for five years. Margo has lectured often on her book "After Shock---A Memoir". She still pursues her golfing. Bob plunged into community governance and served as Third Mutual Director. Prior to that task he was a member of Project 21. From the 1999 creation of Laguna Woods Bob has functioned as a Trustee on Orange County Vector Control, has been a City Council Member (2000), and Mayor Pro Tem and Mayor (2001). He is also a Commissioner on LAFCO, serving as City Alternate Member. Bob also belongs to the American Legion, Kiwanis, LW Historical Society and the Reform Temple.

Margo feels that "Perseverance and *some* creative success in meeting new challenges" are important and personally satisfying, while Bob rates "- - - being informed and busy and providing community service and teaching - - -" as his personal gratifications.