

LEISURE WORLD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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WOODLEY "WOODY" BUTLER

LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH

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Woodley "Woody" Butler was born and raised in the Texas Hill County town of Osceola. He received his early schooling in his city of birth, but received his high school diploma from San Angelo High. After a move to California, he matriculated at UCLA and earned a BA degree in English. Subsequently, he received a Life Credential in General Elementary and General Secondary teaching. To round things out in his academic endeavors, he was credentialed for Pupil Personal Services. During his college years, he was president of UCLA Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity and was also active in Phi Delta Kappa.

During the 1954-1991 time span Woody was employed by *Time*, *Life*, *Fortune* and *Sports Illustrated* in various departments, divisions, special promotions and supermarket/drug store operations. His teaching training was utilized starting in 1963 as a public school teacher, (grade K-8/middle school) in Los Angeles, Orange and Ventura counties. He taught English, Social Studies, and contributed his expertise to school newspapers, yearbooks, science fairs, graduate programs, educational technology and computer labs. Woody retired in May, 1991.

In 1950, Woody was married to Carol. This union produced two sons and a daughter. The current extended family includes one grandson, three granddaughters and related in-laws.

Despite, or because of, his work assignments, Woody was involved in an assortment of community/civic activities. These included Area Governor for Toastmasters International, Treasurer for an Educator's Association, Volunteer for SERTOMA, Board Member - coordinator for SHHHH (Self-Help for Hard of Hearing) for Orange County Chapter, Co-Founder of HOHAC (Hard of Hearing Advisory Council) and Golden Ear Toastmasters (Orange).

Awards came Woody's way from different directions. His academic awards stemmed from his contributions to the Advancement of Educational Technology, Mentor Teacher, Appreciation and Recognition certificates for "Professional and Dedicated Service." His military service in the U.S. Air Force as a B-17 tail-gunner led to the Purple Heart, Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross medals.

The Butlers came to Leisure World in October, 1991 and Woody became an active member in many organizations; member/president of SHHHH-H1 (Hearing Impaired), Computer Club, AARP, NRTA, CTA, NEA, CRTA, ASL, CPT (Laguna Woods), Prescription Drug Rally, Senior Fraud Fest, Volunteer Awareness, SCORE, Community Services Identity Theft Project, Social and Health Services. He also has served on several GRF committees and is a current participant in the development of a number of community projects in Leisure World, Laguna Woods and surrounding areas.

Woody sums up his important and personally satisfying accomplishments: "Fifty years of marriage --- a lovely family --- twenty-eight years as a teacher --- fifteen years of residency and community outreach volunteer services in Leisure World."