

# LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH

## SEYMOUR L. COBLENS

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The Leisure World Historical Society is pleased to announce the selection of Seymour L. CoblenS as Leisure WorlDer of the Month for June, 1993. This event is sponsored by the Historical Society and supported by the Ross Cortese Commemorative Fund.

Born in New York City, Seymour L. CoblenS earned a B.S.S. at College of the City of New York, a J.S.D. at Harvard Law School, and an M.A. at Columbia University. He began his career as an attorney in New York City in 1933, and in addition, taught history at N.Y. High School, and Bailments and Carriers at New York Law School.

He spent five years in Washington DC in the office of Price Administration, and in the Reconstruction Finance Corp. In 1947, the family relocated to Portland, Oregon, where he worked for the Reconstruction Finance Corporation as Agency Office Counsel.

From that time until his retirement in 1979, Sy practiced law, as a single practitioner and as a member of law firms. His specialities were Administrative Law and Transportation Law. He also taught part time at Pacific University and the College of Optometry. He authored a number of publications, including a book, OPTOMETRY AND THE LAW.

Sy and his wife, Doris, moved to Leisure World in 1979. During the 1980-81 school year, he was Adjunct Professor of Law, Western State University Law School.

CoblenS has a long history of community involvement, including President and trustee of Boys and Girls Aid Society of Oregon; Trustee of Robison Jewish Home; member of City Club of Portland; trustee and secretary of Congregation Beth Israel, Portland; member of the Executive Committee of the Oregon Optometric Center.

In Leisure World, he served from 1988 to 1991 on the GRF Board, and was on more than a dozen committees. In addition to chairing the Hoc Litigation Committee, his varied assignments included TV services, New Resident Recruitment, Incorporation, and Government and Public Relations. He served as a group leader and a board member for the Foreign Policy Association; he is a member of the Academians.

Sy and Doris have a son Robert, a daughter Ellen Kermer, and two granddaughters.