

**LEISURE WORLD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
PRESENTS**

ELLEN DALRYMPLE

LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH

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ELLEN DALRYMPLE was born in Brooklyn, New York and acquired her basic and secondary education in her home town, graduating from Tilden High. In later years she was licensed as a comptometer operator and real estate sales in New Jersey although she never used the latter license.

Always fascinated and interested with numbers, Ellen held positions as accountant and office manager during her career with small New Jersey companies and in Santa Ana, California after her family's trek from the east coast to the west coast in 1987. She continued her career until January 1995 when she "officially" retired.

Full time employment did not deter Ellen from participating and contributing her talents to her community. She has been active in South Orange County Adult Day Services (Board Member for 12 years) and as a member of Laguna Woods' Community Council, Social Service, Transportation and Beautification committees. She also functioned as Chair for the Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" unit and was Co-Chair/Founder for the "Volunteers for Mobility/Access Application Assistance group". Within Leisure World, Ellen volunteered with the Leisure World Foundation and served as its Executive Vice President. She has spent many hours traversing the distances to the Santa Ana Sunbridge Nursing Home and the V.A. Hospital in Long Beach to see husband Richard - whom she wed in 1979.

Ellen is the proud mother of two sons and a daughter. The current Dalrymple clan includes seven grandchildren and related in-laws.

The Dalrymples became official residents of Leisure World in 1987. Ellen has membership in the following clubs and associations: Leisure World Historical Society, PNHP (treasurer 7 years), Film Club, Democratic Club, Canine Club, Community Civic Association (17 years), Theatre Guild (past membership chair) and Toastmasters - past president, V.P. Education, treasurer and membership committee --- and, already mentioned, the Leisure World Foundation. She has also served on the GRF Social Services Committee.

It is possible to sum up Ellen's interest, participation and accomplishments in Social Services with her words: "Volunteering keeps me busy and happy and gives back much more than I give".