

# LEISURE WORLD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Presents

## LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH

For JUNE 2000

### MYRTLE L. DERMODY

The Leisure World Historical Society is pleased to present **MYRTLE L. DERMODY** as Leisure Worlder of the Month for June 2000.

Myrtle was born in Chicago and received her elementary education in the Windy City. She completed her high school curriculum in Cicero, a western suburb of Chicago. With her education behind her, Myrtle began her long-term, 40 years, employment in the accounts payable department of Western Electric. She advanced to the position of Supervisor, Accounts Payable and functioned in that capacity to her retirement in 1965.

During her vacations Myrtle found time and interest to explore the globe. She took 16 trips to European countries, Russia and Africa.

Myrtle moved into Leisure World in 1966 and “the rest is history”. Through her dynamism, interest and drive she was instrumental in the formation of the Aquadettes, Table Tennis and Lawn Bowling clubs. She also devoted her talents to Beverly Manor as an original member of the “Sunshine Girls” and to Saddleback Hospital as an Emergency Room Volunteer (2000 hours of service starting in 1988). Her philanthropic bent was reflected in her sponsorship of the Florence Sylvester Memorial Senior Center Library. She has been athletically active having won trophies and ribbons in golf, table tennis (first woman champ) and a Second Place in the 1984 5K Run –**at age 84!** In addition, Myrtle kept in trim by participating in synchronized swimming with the Aquadettes and also participated in lawn bowling. Myrtle is also an avid bridge player.

Quotations from different sources define the honoree: “This great lady exhibits services to others in her attitudes and deeds.” Noel G. Draney, Saddleback Memorial Foundation. “. . . seniors spend hours enjoying the Senior Center Library, thanks to the generosity of Myrtle Dermody”. Dr. Marilyn Ditty, Executive Director of South County Senior Services. But the quote of all quotes emanates from the 95 year old honoree herself: “I always want to be involved in things that are reactive – people think it’s something in my genes, but I’ve always been active; it keeps me going.”