

# JEAN DOWNS LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH

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The Leisure World Historical Society is pleased to announce the selection of Jean Downs as Leisure Worlder of the Month for August, 1993. This event is sponsored by the Historical Society and supported by the Ross Cortese Commemorative Fund.

Born and educated in Canada, Jean Downs came to California in 1952. After taking some business refresher classes, and passing the NOMA test, she accepted a position as accountant at a medical center. Six months later, she became building manager, and held that position for five years.

After she became owner/manager of a motel near Disneyland, she joined the local Chamber of Commerce and was soon involved with the Anaheim Visitor and Convention Bureau. She was a charter director, the only woman on the board for many years. After selling the motel, she became the first Convention Coordinator/Financial Manager for the Bureau.

After the death of her husband, she became Executive Housekeeper at the Beverly Hills Hotel where she meet many famous guests.

In 1970, she retired and moved to Leisure World. She went to work in L.W. Vacation Village, a sales promotion for the community. She again retired when that phased out, only to return to work for the developing medical center. Final retirement came in 1981--and a most active career of participation and involvement in the life of the community was underway. The first club she joined was the Canine Club. She no longer owns a dog, but she does have over 130 ceramic poodles in her collection.

Jean Downs doesn't just join, she works. She has credit for over 2500 volunteer hours at the Saddleback Medical Center. She serves on the Board of the Historical Society and is Club Liaison. Now membership chairman for Ebell, she also served as Treasurer and Publicity Chairman. She has been Philanthropy Chairman and Financial Secretary for the Women's Club. As a ten year board member for Opera 100, she served several terms as 2nd vice-president. The California Club benefited from her services as Treasurer and as Secretary. She served as membership chairman for the World Travel Club. She has been an officer in the Square Dance Club, the Round Dance Club, and the three Ballroom Dance Clubs. Jean served as Membership Chairman for the Republican Club and as Scholarship Chairman for the Women's Republican Club.

The Historical Society salutes a lady who has been active, involved, and supportive of the Leisure World way of life!