

# LEISURE WORLD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH

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### MARYAN FEINGOLD

The Leisure World Historical Society is pleased to present **MARYAN FEINGOLD** as the **LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH for JANUARY 1999**.

Maryan was born in the "Windy City" of Chicago and received her primary and secondary education (graduate of Harrison High) in her hometown. She entered the business field and commenced her career immediately after her graduation at the Davis Company in Chicago's Loop. Our honoree worked her way up the Saks Fifth Avenue ladder to manager and buyer and devoted her energies to the Chicago and Skokie Saks facilities until her retirement in 1976.

Maryan was up to her eyebrows in community and civic activities as enjoyable avocations. She was instrumental in founding the Women's B'nai Brith Chapter, assisted in the establishment of the AZA Boys Club and was active on the local school board. During her career years and community/civic services Maryan garnered a variety of honors and awards appreciative of her contributions. She received the Tower of David Award and separate award recognition from Chicago Mayors Richard Daley and Jane Byrne.

Maryan found time to wed Benjamin in 1934 and raise a family of two sons and a daughter. In the ensuing years the extended family included grandchildren Jason, Rick, Cathy, Julie, Eileen and Debbie, two daughter-in-laws and plus one son-in law.

The Feingold family came out to the West Coast in 1976 and settled in the San Fernando Valley in Sherman Oaks. As was her usual wont, Maryan plunged into local community affairs by being active in City Council elections and lending her community service expertise to the Sherman Oaks Senior Citizens' Center.

Leisure World became the beneficiary of Maryan's ideas and boundless energy in 1979. The litany of clubs and offices she held over the years included Founder/President of the Chicago Club, Swingin' Singles, Windy City Gang and Yiddish Club. She was past president of Temple Judea Sisterhood, a life member of ARMDI (American Red Mogen David for Israel), Hadassah, City of Hope, Heritage Point and Na' Amat. In addition to the foregoing Maryan held membership in B'nai Brith, ORT, Opera 100, London Club, New York Club, Hikers Club, Kool Kats, Variety Musical Group, Country Hotshots Band, Theatre Guild, Historical Society and Saddleback Hospital. She competed in Orange County's Mrs. Senior Citizen contest and finished as first runner-up. Her activities were clouded over when husband Benjamin died in 1990.

Despite her working schedule and community service Maryan was still able to travel throughout the U.S., Mexico, Europe, Israel and the Mid-East to broaden her horizons.

Her most satisfying accomplishments were her years with Saks and the founding of successful active clubs. "My motivating source is my enthusiasm for life and for everything I do. The glass is never half empty ---always half full!"