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PHYLLIS L. FISH
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PHYLLIS L. FISH was born in Detroit, Michigan and by age five she and her parents were residents of South Bend, Indiana. She received her primary and secondary “learnin” in the latter city’s educational system, graduating from Central High School. Her continued schooling included three years at Memorial School of Nursing (RN) and attendance at Indiana University to earn a BS and MS in Nursing Education and Administration. Much later, 1979, she received a Lifetime Junior College Nursing Certificate.

Our Honoree’s nursing career began with a stint in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps, 1944-48. Her civilian assignments included Director of Nursing, Educational Coordinator, Certification Training Nursing Assistant and Director/Instructor in the 1952-1982 time span.

Civic activities were part of Phyllis’ lifestyle. During 1980-83 she held positions as Founder, Administrator, Training Director/Instructor and Patient/Volunteer Coordinator at Salinas Valley Hospice. After arrival at Leisure World in 1983 she volunteered her services to the Saddleback Hospital Foundation in various capacities (1984-87).

Phyllis immersed herself in Leisure World Activities. She served on Third Mutual’s Board of Directors for eight plus years. During that interval she was a member or chair of many committees and also represented Third Mutual on a number of Golden Rain Foundation Committees. In addition to her governance participation, Phyllis was active in Laguna Hills Women’s Golf Club, W.A.G.A. Tournament Chair, participant/chair of Saddleback Hospital Associate Golf Tournaments and closely associated in the publication of LW Women’s Golf Club Yearbooks. She was deeply committed to Cityhood and defeating the El Toro Airport concept.

The Fish Family, established some forty-nine years ago, includes husband James and son Robert.

Since her U.S. Army Nurse Corps posting to the ETO, Phyllis and Jim have revisited the European Continent a number of times as well as other parts of the world.

Phyllis feels that her most satisfying and important achievements include the Anti - El Toro Airport and Cityhood Campaigns in addition to Board Service and **“Working With And For The Residents”**.