

LEISURE WORLD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
PRESENTS
DOROTHY F. FREDERICKS

LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH
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Dorothy F. Fredericks was born in Windsor, Ontario, Canada and received her early education there. In later years she would attend a variety of extension courses at the University of Toronto. This ongoing educational cycle prepared her for her career assignments.

Dottie started "earning her keep" at age 16. Her career included positions in outside sales, risk insurance for traveling individuals and groups, tour leader and hostess, print media advertising in Los Angeles and Orange County (17 years), sales representative, national advertising supervisor and new products manager. Her previous and ongoing education plus enough of "O.J.T." (on-the-job-training) kept her prepared for all her new challenges. She retired in 1989 after receiving a number of "awards of recognition" from her peers.

Our honoree's community/civic activities provided her with much stimulation and enjoyment. She devoted her talents to the Red Cross Blood Bank, Big Sisters, local PTA, Brownies, Episcopal Women, Hospital Volunteer, United Way, Meals on Wheels, Chamber of Commerce - Women's Council and as International Hostess. She was also a Volunteer-Teacher of Church and Elementary education and worked as Donations Coordinator for many organizations. Two especially enjoyable activities were with the Los Angeles Children's Hospital and the Literacy for Children program.

In 1948 Dottie married Powell Lynn Fredericks. Subsequently she functioned as mother to four adopted boys. Between work and volunteering Dottie managed to see the U.S.A. and various parts of the world.

Dottie retired to Leisure World in 1989 only to begin her new phase of volunteer participation. She gave of her time and talents to the Leisure World Guild of Saddleback Community Outreach, Angels in Tennis Shoes, Afghan Relief (member and Board Director), Ebell, Duplicate Bridge Group, Women Empowered, Philharmonic Society, Women's Classified Group, LW Historical Society, Keyboard club, Film and Community Concert groups, Chi Kong and water exercising. In addition, she served on the Earthquake/Disaster Task Force, C.A.C. Clubhouse/Club Advisory Group and has been the chairperson of a United Mutual Nominating Committee.

Besides the special enjoyment of teaching young children, our honoree feels satisfied and accomplished. She says that "Having received much, to now be on the giving end, is a truly pleasant and rewarding experience." - - - "doing good allows one to meet the Best of the Best."