

LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH

NADINE FROMAN

LAGUNA HILLS—She entertained thousands of students and faculty in an 1818 town house that was six stories high with 28 rooms. The home is now registered in the Library of Congress.

The people of Troy, New York have benefited from her 22 years of volunteer work including the New York State Visitors Mental Health Board, Woman's Guild of Presbyterian Church, Troy County Historical Society and the local Parent-Teachers Association.

To show appreciation for all she has done, Nadine will be honored as "Leisure Worlder of the Month," on Wednesday, March 1. Her special ceremony will be held at 10:00 a.m., in Clubhouse Six. The public is invited to attend the program, which is sponsored jointly by Home Federal Savings and Leisure World Historical Society.

Nadine graduated from high school in Cameron, Mo. She earned her degree at the University of Missouri. She married Lewis Froman following her college graduation and immediately began community service work.

She moved with Lewis to Buffalo, N.Y. where he became an instructor in Economics at the University of Buffalo. Nadine joined the Faculty Wives group, the Twentieth Century Club and was active in the alumni association of her sorority, Chi Omega.

In 1948, when Lewis became president of Russell Sage College in Troy New York Nadine was "quite active in city affairs." She attended city events on behalf of the college and entertained vast amounts of people in her home.

The onset of every semester brought 1,000 to 1,500 freshman and their relatives to the Froman's. Faculty, alumni and foreign exchange student dinners were all part of her responsibilities as the president's wife.

During last commencement exercises of their stay at Russell Sage, both Nadine and her husband were awarded honorary doctorate degrees. In 1982 they were again honored by the college, he with a building and mall named for him, and Nadine, a garden in the president's home named after her.

Nadine and Lewis arrived at Leisure World in 1973 expecting to live a quiet life since they "knew no one in California."

Within two weeks Nadine had found a local alumni chapter of Chi Omega.

"The hostess told me to come to a meeting and bring a sandwich, so with my sandwich and my best white kid gloves, I attended, Nadine said.

"I learned a lot that day about Western ways."

Soon she had become a member of Amigo Nuevos, Opera 100 and had made fast friends for bridge. Now 15 years later Nadine and Lewis still meet with those friends for dinner and bridge once a week.

Nadine is currently an active member of several Orange County groups including the Leisure World Historical which she says she enjoys immensely.