

College president's wife earns her degree

Nadine Froman honored for March

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

The people of Troy, N.Y. 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 Parent-Teachers Association.

To show appreciation for what she has done, Nadine Froman will be honored as Leisure Worlder of the Month on Wednesday, March 1 at 10 a.m. in Clubhouse 6. The public is invited to the program sponsored by Home Federal Savings and Leisure World Historical Society.

Froman graduated high school in Cameron, Mo. and earned her degree at University of Missouri. She married Lewis Froman after college and immediately became active in community service work.

The couple moved to Buffalo, N.Y. where Lewis became instructor in economics at the University of Buffalo. Nadine joined the Faculty Wives, Twentieth Century Club and the alumni of her sorority, Chi Omega.



Nadine Froman

In 1948 when Lewis became president

of Russell Sage College in Troy, Nadine became active in city affairs on behalf of the college.

The onset of each semester brought close to 1,500 freshmen and their relatives to the Froman's. Faculty, alumni and foreign exchange students were all part of her responsibilities as the President's Wife.

During the last commencement of their stay at Russell Sage, both Froman's were awarded honorary doctorate degrees. In 1982 they were again honored when a building was named for Lewis and a garden in the president's home was named for Nadine.

The Froman's arrived in Leisure World in 1973 expected to live a quiet life since they "knew no one in California." Within two weeks Nadine found the alumni 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 recalls. "I learned a lot that day about western ways."

Soon she was a member of Amigos Nuevos, Opera 100 and had made fast friends for bridge, friends they still meet with once a week. Nadine is currently a member of several groups including the Leisure World Historical Society, which she says she enjoys immensely.