

**LEISURE WORLD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
PRESENTS**

MAURICE S. KRAVITZ

**LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH
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MAURICE S. KRAVITZ was born in New York City and received his primary and secondary education there, graduating from Andrew Jackson High School (Queens). He matriculated at New York University (NYU) and completed a B.S. in Accounting. Subsequent to the B.S., he fulfilled all the course requirements for a Masters in Retailing.

Maury's work career shifted from accounting to retailing as he entered an Executive Training Program at Bloomingdales. For the ensuing twenty years he held various positions in retail organizations ranging from Merchandise Manager to General Merchandising Manager. After a change to another facet of retailing, women's sportswear manufacturing, Maury filled the slots of Senior Vice President and Executive Vice President at a large California ladies sportswear organization. Prior to retiring in 1990 our honoree had also served as President of M'Lady of California and was a Management Consultant to the apparel manufacturing industry. Besides the foregoing, Maury taught Apparel Merchandising and Management at extension sessions of UCLA and the Otis Parson's School of Design.

All was not work or play for Maury, a Leisure World Resident since 1991. He volunteered his time to the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) and for the School Outreach Program speaking to children about various mental illnesses. He is a board member of the Laguna Canyon Foundation, past member of the Board of Directors of Temple Judea. He currently serves on the Temple Finance Committee and also is a member of the Reform Temple of Leisure World. Many clubs, including the Garden Villa Association, New York Club, Nifty 50/60's, New Jersey Club, N.C.J.W., Brandeis, Wildlife Association, Jewish War Veterans and the Leisure World Historical Society have had the benefit of Maury's business and organizational talents.

Our honoree has also invested time, talent and energy into Leisure World Governance. He served three years on Third Mutual and chaired a number of committees. He is presently completing his three year stint on the Golden Rain Board and has served as chair of the following committees: treasurer/finance, bus utilization and select audit. He was also a member of the space planning committee for the new Community Center building.

The nuclear Kravitz family includes wife Estelle, sons Kenneth, Steven and Jeffrey and daughter Carol. The current expanded clan features six grandchildren and requisite in-laws.

Maury and family have left footprints in Scandinavia, Russia, China, Mexico, Canada, England/Ireland, Scotland/Wales, plus the non contiguous states of Alaska and Hawaii.

The firm convictions that Maury espouses and gives thanks to are reflected in his statement:

"I believe that in accepting challenges, putting forth best efforts and providing solutions lead to my accomplishments. I thank my wife for her continuous support in pursuing my goals".