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BEATRICE G. LEVIN

Bea Levin's formal education was in Nursing. She received training at Beth Israel School of Nursing, Medical College of Virginia, and awarded her BS Degree at University of California Los Angeles. Her specialty was Public Health Nursing.

She possesses another specialty, a rare one that was inherent from her first breath, or perhaps acquired in the early stages of her professional career. While she has physically injected literally thousands of individuals with medication, she has injected "INSPIRATION" in persons by her demeanor, charm, willingness to serve, and the aura she radiates to those around her. Many youth with whom she came in contact were captured by that aura and were motivated to go forward to achieve educational and professional goals.

To quote here: "My professional leadership development among nursing staff has been a major accomplishment. Many have gone to highly successful careers in education, clinical practice, and some on to medicine."

Her career with the Los Angeles County Health Department presented many challenges for service to the sick, the deprived -- opportunities to perform as a nursing consultant in Acute Communicable Disease and Epidemiology, and in Maternal Health. She was Nursing Director of Health Services in North Hollywood.

A conversation with Bea reveals her activities with the American Red Cross as a volunteer teacher represents a significant and meaningful achievement in her life. There is revelation in her voice as she relates those experiences that have been fulfilling and provided momentous self satisfaction.

She speaks with pride of working with the youth following civil uprisings in the Los Angeles Inner City. She participated through the Los Angeles Youth Health Councils. As Chairman of California's Nurses Association, Public Health Section, she began an Inter-Disciplinary Infection Committee.

Bea's service to others didn't cease when she came to Leisure World. She has been active, functioning in leadership roles in numerous clubs and organizations, and tutoring 3rd graders at San Joaquin Elementary School. While professionally retired, her "syringe" continues to be active as attested to by those who continue to receive their annual flu shots from her!

The Leisure World Historical Society is pleased to present Beatrice G. Levin as its Leisure Worlder of the Month for November, 1997.