

LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH

JULY 1994

HELEN W. LYON

The Leisure World Historical Society is pleased to announce the selection of Helen W. Lyon as Leisure Worlder of the Month for July 1994. This event is sponsored by the Society and supported by the Ross Cortese Commemorative Fund.

Born in Chanute, Kansas, Helen moved with her parents and brother to Montrose, Colorado where they lived until she was 16. She graduated from Los Angeles High School, attended Kansas State College for two years, then went to Boston for two years, receiving a music diploma from the New England Conservatory. She returned to Los Angeles and a degree in Music Education from USC.

Helen spent her entire working life in music, as a music teacher in Los Angeles County, an elementary music supervisor in Redlands, and then for 32 years, elementary music supervisor with the Los Angeles City Schools.

After she retired in 1970, she had time for varied community and civic activities. She served as President of the Westwood Hills Women's Club; Regent for the Beverly Hills Chapter, NSDAR; President of the Santa Monica/Westside Philharmonic Committee; President, Westwood Women's Republican Club; Chairman of the Music Committee, Westside United Methodist Church; President of the Mental Health Guild. She traveled extensively.

In 1984, she bought a home in Leisure World, but did not move here until September 1988. Since that time, she has been an active member of the community. She golfs, plays bridge, is a member of Ebell, and the Republican Club. On the third mutual board 1990-93, she served on numerous committees and was secretary for two years.

Helen has devoted time and energy to the music organizations of Leisure World. She served as program chairman, Ways and Means Chairman, Exec. Vice-Pres. and president of the Philharmonic Committee; vice-president for programs for Opera 100; Board member, Community Concert Association. She is a bell ringer at the Geneva Presbyterian Church. Active on committees of the Saddleback Kiwanis Club, she is now on their Foundation Board.

Helen has one daughter, Patricia J. Edwards, of Manhattan Beach. Her grandson, Steven, is in the University of Colorado and granddaughter, Amanda, is a junior at Stanford.

Helen's lifelong dedication to music in the schools and in the community, her willingness to become involved in the total life of Leisure World and her happy, upbeat personality make her an ideal choice for "Leisure Worlder of the Month."