

LEISURE WORLD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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LIBBY MARKS

LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH

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LIBBY MARKS was born and reared in London, England. She received her early education in the city of her birth and completed her secondary training at the Coburn High School for Girls. In the later years she attended Minerva College to procure training utilized during her working career.

Our honoree commenced her employment cycle while in her early twenties. Her diversified experiences included assignments in Catering Consultant Ltd., Proofreader; Communication Consultant Specializing in Transactional Analysis and Administrative Director of the National Leukemia Broadcast Council. She retired in 1987 after a career that spanned two continents.

Libby's volunteer activities included fundraising for the City of Hope (Pres. of Save a Life Chapter), Pres. of "The Bridge" – a support group for UCLA's Neuropsychiatric Institute and a Pres. of a group known as L.O.V.E. She contributed her diversified talents to the 1960 political scene by working with Adlai Stevenson, Eleanor Roosevelt and other dignitaries of the Democratic Party. She was a member of the Southern California Council for a Sane Nuclear Policy and participated in the organization's activities with such luminaries as Steve Allen and Robert Ryan.

Various honors were bestowed on Libby by the City of Hope, the Leukemia Society of America, Arlene Miller Memorial Foundation, Ronald McDonald House and the Camp for Leukemia Patients.

Nuclear Family Marks included son Larry and daughter Gillian who, in turn, were responsible for the extended Marks Clan that currently includes two granddaughters, two grandsons plus one each great granddaughter and great grandson.

Being born on the island that is England stirred Libby's travel curiosities about the "continent" so she toured France, Italy, Switzerland, Holland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Germany. After she arrived in the States in 1951, she, like almost everyone else, left footprints in many states and cities of the U.S.A. and also toured Canada.

Leisure World welcomed Libby in 1996 and she, in turn, joined in the community's activities as a member of the Community Civic Association Board, Concerned Citizens, Lovers of Music, Serendipity, Opera 100 and the Community Concert Group. She has served on the United Mutual's United Looks Ahead Committee, GRF's CAC Clubhouse Advisory Group, Security and the CAC Citywide Trails Committee. In addition to the foregoing Libby was active in Project 21's Internal Governance Sub Committee and served as a "meter maid" for Security. She was also involved in some legal aspects of co-op ownership under living trusts and participating in the eventual alteration of the law governing reverse mortgages for co-op owners.

Although she found her involvement in various avocations important and self-satisfying she said, "Being involved in Project 21 was one of the most satisfying."