

LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH

APRIL 1996

DOROTHY G. McCLELLAN

The Leisure World Historical Society is pleased to announce the selection of Dorothy G. McClellan as Leisure Worlder of the Month for April, 1996. This event is sponsored by the Ross Cortese Commemorative Fund.

Having been born in Omaha, Dorothy has roots deep in the breadbasket and beef state of Nebraska. She received her primary and high school education in Arlington prior to matriculating at Wayne State College and USC, respectively, to obtain a BA and Ma in education with minors in music and Spanish.

Elementary school children, students of music and U.S. Armed Forces personnel were the beneficiaries of her teaching prowess in the course of her career. She plied her trade in Nebraska, Kansas and California. She also functioned as an assistant principal several times.

Dorothy found time to participate in many community activities. She was a pianist for choral groups, accompanist for soloists, a participant in high school and college musical events, served in Saddleback Kiwanis and is a charter member of the Friends of Music. In addition to the foregoing, she has been president of the Ebell and Aliso clubs as well as board member in both organizations since coming to Leisure World in 1974. She has also functioned as World Affairs Chairperson, Shuffleboard member and Program Chair for the Philharmonic group. Dorothy has also been pianist/accompanist at the Lomarena Elementary School's Primary Christmas Program for the past four years. She holds a PTA Honorary Life Membership and was also elected to the AHS Educational Foundation "Hall of Fame".

There are three great grandchildren -Alex, Angela and Everett-, two grandchildren - George Graves and Laura Graves Snyder -,and two daughters, Leatrice L. Lilly and Mary Graves, in Dorothy's extended family.

Travel is spelled with capital letters in Dorothy's case. She has criss-crossed the U.S., visited the many missions in California, taken a six month "round the world" sabbatical, spent time in the Balkans (behind the Iron Curtain), explored Africa, Central and South America, Australia/New Zealand and other South Pacific sites, plus treks to Mexico and Canada. The Middle East has also felt her footsteps.

When queried about her most important and personally satisfying accomplishments, she responded, as expected, with "my teaching experiences, musical activities and club work".