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#### **HELEN MENCHER**

The Leisure World Voice is pleased to announce the selection of Helen Mencher as Leisure Worlder of the Month for July, 1996. This event is sponsored by the Leisure World Historical Society and supported by the Ross Cortese Commemorative Fund and The Leisure World Voice.

Our honoree hails from the Empire State having been born in New York City and received her basic education there. Her advanced education was received at U.C.L.A. where she obtained

a Graduate Certificate in Systems Analysis.

Helen's working career occurred in two phases. She spent the better part of 14 years in the field of nursing in the New York area. After receiving her Graduate Certificate from U.C.L.A., she joined the Los Angeles County Library System, progressed up the Ladder's rungs as Executive Secretary and County librarian to her final assignment as Staff Assistant to the Financial Deputy. Her duties spanned the areas of

budget, personnel, purchasing, work performance studies and contracts. She was instrumental in triggering the passage of the legislation that established the library system as a Special District.

Working full time did not preclude Helen's participation in community and civic activities. She functioned in the American Red Cross as a member in a Disaster Reserve unit and as an instructor in Disaster and Earthquake preparedness. She was also involved in the writing and publication by the Red Cross of two books for San Fernando Valley Senior Center and served as president of the Los Angeles Council on Aging. She was subsequently elected to the California Senior Legislature and is the recipient of many honors and awards recognizing her contributions to community and civic groups.

A little over five years ago, Helen came to LeisureWorld and immediately plunged into an active life. She became a member of the Historical Society, London Club, New York Club, Theater Guild and Opera 100. She was elected to the United Mutual's Board of Directors and is currently in her second term. She has participated in many United and GRF committees and served as United's First Vice President.

Helen's immediate family includes sons, George and Arthur, and daughter, Edie, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren plus daughters-in-law, Lenore and Kriste, and son-in-law, John.

An interest in different places took Helen to the Far East, Middle East, Europe, New Zealand, Russia, Canada and Guatemala.

Helen's concept of service and satisfaction is summed up in her own words. "I care deeply about my neighbors, my friends and the people of Leisure World, and I shall continue to be of service to them."