

# Great World

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This week, we wish to offer our congratulations to Mrs. Frances Neeland who has been chosen Leisure Worlder of the Month for February.

Mrs. Neeland is enjoying her second time around as a Leisure World neighbor. She first moved here in 1967 and then again in 1971. The garden apartment she wanted was not available until then.

But what was available was opportunity for her to use her talents in assisting the community to be a better place. She especially was helpful in the library field.

Being a librarian may suggest to some people a rather dull, confined existence, but a look at Mrs. Neeland's accomplishments will quickly alter that point of view.

She received her college schooling at UCLA in mathematics, chemistry and physics, and she planned a teaching career in this field.

But after moving to the nation's capital and visiting the Library of Congress, it was library science that turned the world around.

"I knew the Library of Congress was where I wanted to begin my career," she said.

An exciting and varied career it has been. She left the Library of Congress during World War II to go into defense work with the U.S. Air Terminal Service Command in Miami assisting the training department as a statistical analyst in management control.

After the war and a return to the Library of Congress, she became librarian for George Washington University and technical editor of the naval logistics research project.

Such experience led the way to a position as systems analyst with Remington Rand UNIVAC in Philadelphia where she found her most satisfying project collecting and analyzing past election returns beginning with 1898.

Her exciting positions later included duty with the National Bureau of Standards and then back to her native California with Hughes Aircraft Company as assistant supervisor of an information retrieval program.

RCA then lured her to Van Nuys as a senior staff engineering member.

Mrs. Neeland has three children; Robert, a nuclear scientist with General Electric; James, a research scientist with Hughes Research Laboratory and daughter Geraldine, a linguist who resides with her husband in London.

In Leisure World, Mrs. Neeland established a medical library, served as librarian for the Nurses' Educational Committee, headed the library steering committee during the formation of HOSPICE, conducted the literary research for Pain Clinic and did voluntary work with the visually handicapped.

She also was active as treasurer for the local chapter of People to People, the Audubon Society and the California Club.

So, obviously it is not so that librarians spend all their time glued to a book.

Frances Neeland has been a great asset to her neighbors and to all of Leisure World.

Congratulations once again.