



**LEISURE WORLDER OF THE
MONTH-JUNE 1996 MARION
MILLER NEUBURGER**

The Leisure World Historical Society is pleased to announce the selection of Marion Miller Neuburger as Leisure Worlder of the Month for June 1996. This event is sponsored by the Ross Cortese Commemorative Fund. Marion was born in New York City, but in an early family move to Miami, Florida, she received her elementary and high school education in the latter city. She matriculated at the University of Miami and graduated cum laude with a degree of Bachelor of Music in Education in 1941. While at U of M she was a founding member of Omega Chapter of Delta Phi Epsilon sorority and also played with the U of M Symphony Orchestra.

Marion's teaching career began with a teaching assignment at Riverside Elementary School in

Jacksonville, Florida. While teaching during WWII years she also volunteered as a Red Cross Nurse's Aid and worked in a radar station.

Paul Miller and Marion were married in 1944. They moved to Los Angeles two years later along with their respective parents. By 1956 the Miller household had been blessed with two sons and a daughter Paul, Betsy and Robert in that order.

After a political experience in 1965 Marion decided to get some business expertise and eventually found someone willing to teach her the computer supply sales business. In a span of three years she purchased the business and developed it into a successful national mail order computer supply organization.

Her community activities included presidency of Pioneer Women, member of B'nai Birth Women,

President of the Committee to Conserve Chinese Culture, Executive Director Christians and Jews for Law and Morality and member of the Republican State and County Central Committee. Unique is the only word that can truly describe Marion's clandestine experience during the period 1950-1955 when she was an undercover agent for the FBI. The details of that assignment appeared in a book, *I Was A Spy*, published in 1961. The dramatic presentation appeared on TV's GE Theater where Jeanne Crain portrayed Marion and Ronald Reagan appeared as Paul Miller. Marion and Paul came to Leisure World in 1981. In December, 1981, Paul died suddenly of heart disease. She married a second time in 1984, but her second spouse also died of a cardiac problem three and one-half years later. Marion met her present husband in 1988 while showing him Leisure World property.

Included in Marion's Leisure World activities are the following: Res. Republican Women's Club 1984-85; Pres. Republican Club of L.W. 1988-89; Board Member of Opera 100; Vice Pres/Program Chair of Laguna-Moulton Kiwanis Club and Board Member of Saddleback Kiwanis.

Marion is the proud grandmother to Adam and Lauren to round out her extended family. Three times Marion has traveled to Taiwan as a guest of the Republic of China. She has also visited India, Europe, Egypt, Israel and Canada and cruised the Caribbean.

Her greatest satisfaction and personal accomplishments stem from "my never-ending desire to be useful, to contribute time, energy; and financial resources toward betterment of the community and country I love."