

LEISURE WORLD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Presents
JUSTINE RATNER
LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH
OCTOBER 2000

The Leisure World Historical Society is pleased to present **JUSTINE RATNER** as the LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH for October 2000.

Justine was born in the "Garden State" – New Jersey – in the town of Somerville. She was educated in her hometown, graduating from Somerville High. Subsequently she took a number of college courses at Upsala University to expand her academic background.

After attending to the needs of her growing children, Joanne and Mark, Justine became Secretary/Treasurer of Panel Structures, Inc., a manufacturing/marketing firm producing building products (1955-68). From 1968 to 1987 Justine was Vice President/Treasurer of ACL Equipment Corp., a manufacturer/marketer of electronic and security products. Both career positions were located in East Orange, New Jersey. Justine's responsibilities included finance, administration and sales service. She retired in early 1987.

Justine contributed to the civic, social and volunteer activities of her community by providing leadership as a Brownie and Girl Scout Leader, President of the local P.T.A, and served as a board member of her temple.

Justine and husband George traveled extensively through the "lower 48", Canada, Hawaii and Alaska. The Ratners also visited China, Japan, Thailand and other Far East countries. They left footprints in 12 European nations and navigated "down under" to Australia and New Zealand and dipped a travel toe into the Society Islands of French Polynesia, as well as sampling Caribbean Islands.

Leisure World welcomed Justine and George in 1987. Justine has been involved in a variety of post retirement activities. She trained and served as LEAP (Law Enforcement Assistance Program) Volunteer, participated in the Victim Witness Assistance Program at South County Courthouse and contributed her talents to the Community Service program Youth Shelter in Laguna Beach. She and George served as an Elderhostel Host Couple at the University of Judaism and also volunteered for the IESC (International Executive Service Corps) in Bucharest, Rumania.

All the foregoing activities were intertwined with Leisure World clubs and governance units. Justine served on the GRF Marketing Committee, and as a member of a Third Mutual Nominating Committee, Board Member and Docent Coordinator for the Leisure World Historical Society. member of the City of Laguna Woods General Plan Coordinating Committee and of the Community Association. She has memberships in the following clubs/groups: League of Women Voters, ORT, Common Cause, Leisure World PC Users, Potters and Sculptors, National Council of Jewish Women and the Reform Temple of Leisure World. She also plays at golf.

Justine feels that ".. Volunteer activities .. have .. done more for me than I have done for them. Leisure World has opened up a myriad of opportunities for me".