

LEISURE WORLD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PRESENTS

GRETE H. ROTHSCHILD

LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH

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GRETE H. ROTHSCHILD was born in Nuremberg, Germany and received her primary and secondary education there. Before the onset of gross political change in Germany she was in the early training stages leading to a vocation of cereal chemist. After her arrival in New York (1940) she changed her educational path and became a legal secretary. In addition, she was a non-matriculating student at N.Y.U. (New York University) and attended law and logic classes.

After a span of eight years as a legal secretary she met and married Harry in 1949. She stayed on at her secretarial position for an additional year before becoming her husband's helpmate in his dental supply business. The fruition of her marriage yielded daughter Monica in 1953. Grete's current extended family includes granddaughters Lauren and Emily, son-in-law David and other related in-laws.

Although work and family obligations precluded Grete's involvement in community/civic affairs, she and her family did manage to travel extensively in Europe, Asia and the U.S.A.

After a "trial and error" testing of Leisure World residency (rental) Harry and Grete moved into the community in November, 1982. The couple became avid users and proponents of the bus system. Grete enjoyed the Community Concerts as well as the Keyboard Club Concerts. However, for her, that was miniscule when compared to her regular attendance at GRF and Third Mutual Board meetings and GRF Ad Hoc meetings. Grete has also served Third Mutual as Inspector of Elections and as a Nominating Committee Member. She has been an active participant of the GRF Bus Committee since 1995, a member of the Task Force planning "Transportation Awareness Day" and currently conducts Bus Information Specialists Seminars. Besides the foregoing our honoree has been an anti-airport worker, participated in the Laguna Woods incorporation and served on the latter's Transportation Committee. All the enumerated activities did not forestall the clouding of Grete's life when her husband passed on in 1991.

When personal satisfaction and accomplishments are considered, Grete is very organized. She lists 1) Pre-Leisure World: "Having a wonderfully harmonious marriage and a daughter who wanted her parents near her." And 2) In Leisure World: "My work with the Bus System---the motivating source---."