

LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH JANUARY. 1997

JACK ROUMAN

The Leisure World Historical Society is pleased to announce the selection of **JACK ROUMAN** as Leisure Worlder of the Month for January, 1997. This event is sponsored by the Society and supported by the Ross Cortese Commemorative Fund.

The Motor City, Detroit, claims Jack Rouman as a native son and it was there that he received his basic education. Subsequently Jack attended Wayne State University (Michigan) and earned a B.S. in Special Education and M.A. in Clinical Psychology.

His educational preparation qualified Jack for career assignments as Director of Guidance and Special Education for the Montebello Unified School District, Assistant Professor at UCLA, CSU Long Beach, CSU Los Angeles, as Supervisor at Dawson Special Education Center and for a number of years in private practice.

Jack's people orientation led him into many areas of community and civic activities. He was president of La Mirada Landmark Homeowners Association, Human Services Commissioner for the city of La Mirada, and a member of the Advisory Committee for La Mirada Medical Center and Cerritos Junior College.

Along his career path, Jack garnered awards as the La Mirada Kiwanis of the Year, La Mirada Landmark Resident of the Year and California School Counselor of the Year.

Jack and his wife, Mary, have left their footprints on the British Isles, France, the Low Countries, the former Soviet Union, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, South America and "most of the U.S.A."

The Roumans came to Leisure World in 1992 and got involved. Jack became active in the Community Association, Saddleback Kiwanis, as a member of the Ad Hoc Committee *Study of the Future Health Needs of Leisure World Residents*, a Board Member of the Society for Humanistic Judaism, and a participant in Discovery Theater and Theatre Guild presentations.

Jack's most important and satisfying special effort involved his service as a spokesman for all Senior Adult Communities in California seeking legislation for *Housing: Age Restrictions*. He spoke before the State Assembly Housing Committee and State Senators for legislation to permit the adult communities to continue as "age-restricted" entities. Subsequently, S.B. 1553 was passed, achieving the object upon which Jack had concentrated.