

HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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CHARLOTTE SCHAEFER

The Leisure World Historical Society is proud to present Charlotte Schaefer as its honoree for January 1998.

There are a combination of rare qualities about Charlotte that are not found in many other people. As a small child she was her own person, highly individualistic, self motivated, hardly aware of the past, or the present, and contemplating the future to make it what she wanted it to be.

Born to parents who inculcated in her a sense of freedom that was developed with care as she grew into maturity, she has been aware since her memory span began in St. Louis, Missouri, place of her birth, that tomorrow was an anticipated mystery, that she had the strength, the will, to shape it unselfishly into what she needed and wanted.

She recites an occurrence after she reached adulthood to emphasize her desire for exploration. While working in Glendale, she occasionally would sit on the roof of City Hall, situated in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains, and watch for airplanes as they crested a hill top, and descended over the next. The mystery of those happenings, and the freedom of flight, fascinated her.

Sharing has been an important element in her life. Her personal philosophy is to be needed and wanted.

A short time prior to coming to Leisure World that was demonstrated by some of her friends in San Juan Capistrano when they presented her with a "This Is Your Life" party. Only 162 friends came, she related!

Charlotte's life in Leisure World, Laguna Hills, has not lost that flavor. Making friends through leadership has, and continues to be, her favorite activity in the community. Here are some of the clubs and organizations she is and has been active in:

EBELL, former President, and Vice President, CALIFORNIA CLUB; President; ALISO CLUB, Vice President; SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY DANCE CLUBS, Vice President; WORLD ON FILMS, Vice President. Others include the following: Minnesota Club, Saddle Club, Theater Club, Opera 100, and Historical Society, and has delivered senior meals.

She is an Elder and Board Chairman in the First Christian Church.

Charlotte has two daughters, Mary and Barbara and one son, Gene.