

LEISURE WORLD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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LEISURE WORLDERS OF THE MONTH

For MARCH 2000

JOSEPH AND ELEANORE SCHWARZ

The Leisure World Historical Society is pleased to **present JOSEPH AND ELEANORE SCHWARZ as LEISURE WORLDERS OF THE MONTH for February 2000.**

Our honorees illustrate a joining of cultures since Joe was born in Hungary and Ellie in New York City. Ellie received her primary and secondary education in her city of birth while Joe began his "learnin" in Hungary and completed it at Roosevelt High in Los Angeles. Following conclusion of basics Joe obtained a Certificate in Electronics from Los Angeles Trade Tech and Ellie, through a co-op program between her employer and UCLA, received an equivalent Masters Degree in Accounting.

The working careers of both Joe and Ellie were business and people oriented. The former owned and operated several businesses, including a TV and hi-fi installation operation. Ellie functioned in the areas of business management, administration and accounting (especially for the Young Musicians Foundation) and also had private clients from the fields of entertainment and medicine. Joe retired in 1980 but Ellie so enjoyed her position that she carried on until 1984.

Both honorees found time to devote to community activities. Ellie was twice President of Hadassah and a Charter Member/President of the Marina del Rey B'nai Brith Women. Joe was an active fundraiser for the B'nai Brith Men's Group. In addition, he was one of the three people to organize the A.Y.S.O. (American Youth Soccer Organization) and also served as Chief Referee for a number of years. He also managed and coached the Maccabee Team to a National Open Cup Championship.

Ellie and Joe lived for 14 years and traveled with their yacht "The Lady Ellie" to the Caribbean area and the Mexican Riviera. For her work with the Young Musicians Foundation Ellie gained a Special Recognition Award from the IRS. Joe was recognized for Special Honors in computer work by Microsoft and sent to its home base in Washington. He was also honored at an electronic meeting of the Western Regional Conference.

The couple came to Leisure World in 1990 and very soon thereafter immersed themselves in the life of the community. Ellie served on the United Mutual Board for four years – one year as treasurer – and was a member of many GRF and United committees. She is a member of the National Council of Jewish Women, Women's American O.R.T. and the Computer Club. Joe has been President of the Computer Club for seven years and is also active in the Table Tennis Club.

Clan Schwarz includes daughters Sandi and Debbie, son Eliezer-Ben Joseph and grandchildren Jennifer, Natalie and Lacy.

Things most important and satisfying for

Ellie – "Being part of governing bodies has been a wonderful rewarding experience".

“ Helping to award scholarships to young classical musicians”.

Joe – “..my drive to help people and children”.

“..my reason to help build A.Y.S.O and to help Leisure World residents to the great uses of the computer in keeping in touch with the world around them”.