

LEISURE WORLD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Presents

BONNIE “BEBE” SHADDOCK

Leisure Worlder of the Month

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BONNIE “Bebe” SHADDOCK hails from the “Show Me” state and the city of St. Louis. She received her primary and secondary education in Kirkwood, Missouri (St. Louis suburb) graduating from Kirkwood High. Subsequently she matriculated at Monmouth College, Illinois and earned a B.A. in Education with a follow-on at the University of Missouri for a M.S., Education Administration. During her college years she was active in Kappa Kappa Gamma and Delta Kappa Gamma sororities.

The span of Bebe’s diversified professional career included Classroom Teacher, Television Teacher, Director of Systems Media, Administrative Director, Director of Educational Technology, Deputy Director Public Broadcasting, Executive Director/CEO, Grief Counselor and Weekend Marketer for Renaissance Premiere Senior Living Communities. Bebe had three retirement dates during her varied career --1984, 1995 and finally, 2003.

Despite her extensive professional duties Bebe found, or made, the time to lend her talents to an assortment of community/civic activities. She served on the Monmouth College Trustee/Executive Committee, Advisory Board (Stanford Home of Children, Friends of Coro Foundation, (Los Angeles), Board of Directors (Mark Taper Artists Program for Children’s Hospital, Los Angeles), Judging for Hollywood Chapter Television Arts and Sciences, Chair/Major Gifts Committee for Saddleback Memorial Hospital Foundation Board and Lay Leader for Laguna Country United Methodist Church.

Bebe’s recognition came from many sources; Monmouth College Distinguished Service Award, Hollywood Chapter Business/Professional Women, Susan B. Anthony Communications Award, C-SPAN Fellow and listing in several editions of Who’s Who.

There were three marriages for Bebe--Don Wiese (deceased) in 1954, Ray Oliver in 1972 and R.E. “Shad” Shaddock in 1994. Bebe has two children; Kurt Wiese and Jill Wiese Reid, and five granddaughters.

Our honoree has ranged far and wide over Planet Earth with footprints in Europe, China, India, Canada, South America, Alaska, Hawaii and the other 48 states.

“Shad” and Bebe came to Leisure World in 1994 and the latter became active in community affairs. She has functioned as Secretary, Co-Chair Membership and “Evening on the Terrace” committee for Opera 100, she is the co-founder of ESP (women’s investment group), Historical Society member, and participant in the California Club, Garden Center Club, American Ballroom Dance Club, Community Civic Association and the Candlelight Gourmet. Bebe has also aided GRF in Project 21 and served on the Channel 6 Programming Committee.

Many things have provided Bebe with important and satisfying accomplishments during her career, but living in Leisure World has a meaning all its own. “--- living here in the Village--is the most satisfying and contented period of my life ---. The Village gives us many friendships and a range of activities that help make our lives complete.”