

LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH

CLAIRE STILL

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The Leisure World Historical Society is pleased to announce the selection of Claire Still, Leisure Worlder of the Month for December. The event is sponsored by the Leisure World Historical Society, supported by the Ross Cortese Commemorative Fund.

Claire Still is a Californian, but only by way of Nebraska (her birthplace) and stopovers in Washington, DC, Virginia, and Kentucky. She is a graduate of the University Of Nebraska, with an A.B. in Sociology. She received her Master's Degree in Social Work during World War II on a Red Cross Scholarship at Catholic University, Washington, DC. Claire served in numerous Army Medical Hospitals including Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, DC.

In 1953, under the auspices of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Claire established a Social Services Department at Creighton University and at St. Joseph's Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska. After six years there and having moved to California, Claire decided on a career change. She achieved a Master's Degree in Library Science and joined the Medical Library staff at Stanford University. At the time of her retirement, she had become the History of Medicine Librarian and had organized and catalogued the archival material of important faculty members including a past president.

Claire loves to travel. She has visited Australia and New Zealand, China, Russia and Israel. Through the International Federation of University Women, she has attended conferences in Helsinki and other places.

Claire's range of interests also includes the American Association of University Women for whom she helped organize the Leisure World Chapter and served as its first president.

The most consistent series of affiliations for Claire have been related to her interest in historical associations. She has held memberships in Stanford, Palo Alto, Menlo Park and the Saddleback Area Historical Societies. She has made an outstanding contribution to the Leisure World Historical Society as its past president for a period of five years and now is its Chief Archivist.

In addition to all of this, Claire is a bridge devotee, a stamp collector, and an active volunteer of the Community Saddleback Outreach, the St. Vincent dePaul Society and St. Nicholas' Parish.

By her interest in its people and her contribution to our community, Claire Still deservedly is a Leisure Worlder of the Month.