

## BIOGRAPHY

CLAIRE STILL

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Claire is a native of Nebraska, first coming to California in 1959. She received her A.B. degree in Sociology at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln and later, during W.W.II on a Red Cross Scholarship, she received a Master's Degree in Social Work from Catholic University, Washington, D.C. Subsequently she worked in Army Medical hospitals in Louisville, Kentucky, Staunton, Virginia and at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington. After the War she worked at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington and later was affiliated with the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and in 1953 was sent to Omaha to establish the Social Service Department in a Rehabilitation Center at Creighton University and St. Joseph's Hospital. After six and one-half years there she came to California.

Claire continued to work as a social worker but later decided to become a librarian and took a year out and secured a Master's Degree in Library Science from the University of California, Berkeley. Upon completion of her work there she joined the staff of the Medical Library at Stanford University Medical School where she remained until she retired. During the last year there she was the History of Medicine Librarian and organized and cataloged archival papers of Ray Lyman Wilbur, M.D., one of the Presidents of the University, and other important faculty members.

Always since graduating from college Claire has been an active member of the American Association of University Women both in Northern California in the Palo Alto Branch and since coming to Leisure World in 1983. At that time she joined the Laguna Beach Branch but about a year later the women in Leisure World applied for their own Charter and Claire became the first President of the new Branch.

Claire has consistently been active in Historical Associations-- Stanford Historical Society, Palo Alto Historical Association, (where she helped compile and publish through the AAUW there) a directory of historical houses in Palo Alto. She also joined

the Menlo Park Historical Association and helped to organize their archives, including photographs and artifacts. When she moved to Leisure World, she made an immediate contact with Jim Waterman who was President of the Leisure World Historical Society and has been an active member since. She is also a member of the Saddleback Area Historical Society.

Claire loves to travel and has attended several meetings of the International Federation of University Women, the first for her in 1959 in Helsinki and the latest at Stanford University this past August. Her travels have not been limited to IFUW meetings for she has also visited Australia and New Zealand, China and Russia and just recently returned from a trip to Israel.

In addition to travel, Claire loves to play Bridge, was a member of the Stamp club and later President when she first came to Leisure World and recently has been an active volunteer in Saddleback Community Out reach and is an active member of St. Nicholas Parish and the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Obviously, Claire enjoys meeting people and going places and being active.

Claire had two older brothers who were M.D.s but has no nieces or nephews but a host of cousins, some of whom are here in the audience and she would like to introduce them at this time: Mrs. Helen Hansen of Cupertino, and Mrs. Charlotte Nielsen of San Diego and her daughter, Kari Griffiths.