

LEISURE WORLD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Presents
VIRGINIA "GINNY" TEMPLETON
LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH
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The Leisure World Historical Society is pleased to present **VIRGINIA "GINNY" TEMPLETON** as the LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH for February 2001.

Our honoree is a native Californian. She was born in Santa Rosa and received her elementary education in her city of birth. After a family move to Ventura she continued her "book learning" at Ventura High. Her collegiate/university achievements include an AA from Ventura Community College, a BA in psychology from UCLA and an MS in psychology/education from USC.

Ginny began her working career in 1942 as a hospital administrator. Her succeeding assignments included stints as Media Specialist for the Inyo County Superintendent of School's Office, elementary school teacher and principal of a school for handicapped children in Orange County. Stepping up the ladder she functioned as Psychologist, Orange County Superintendent of School's Office. From 1966-68 Ginny's task was as Research Grant Project Manager for the California Dept. of Education and in succeeding years (11) she was Consultant to the aforementioned department. Peripheral but extensive was her avocation as week-end farmer for 22 years tending to avocado and citrus trees and caring for exotic plants.

Her career did nothing to inhibit Ginny's civic/community activities. She was a member of many professional groups relevant to her career employment. California political actions also were beneficiaries of her diversified talents.

Our honoree left her footprint in many parts of the world. She visited Europe, many areas of Asia, the Caribbean islands area and "all over the United States".

Virginia arrived in Leisure World in 1979 and very quickly became "involved". During her residency she has volunteered and held appointed positions on a variety of committees for the community and most latterly for Laguna Woods. She has been and still is active in the Women's Golf Club (Pres. 1988), the MAC Users Group, LW Historical Society, Community Association (Board member) and the Garden Villa Association (current Sec'y-Treas.) She has participated in the 25th Anniversary Celebration Committee. She also lends her expertise to the Leisure World Foundation Board of Directors.

Ginny's words reflect those things that are personally satisfying to her: "Being involved with people in productive, satisfying activities is a strong motivating reward. I seldom reject an opportunity to take part".