

LEISURE WORLD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH

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MARJORIE L. WILLIAMS

The Leisure World Historical Society is pleased to present **MARJORIE L. WILLIAMS** as the **LEISURE WORLDER OF THE MONTH for October 1999**.

Our honoree first saw the light of day in the hill country of Texas in the town of La Grange. Marjorie's primary and secondary education was acquired in her hometown. Her advanced learning occurred at the University of Texas at Austin where she earned BA, MA and JD degrees. During her University stay she helped found and develop the W.I.C.A. - Women's Independent Campus Association. At this juncture it must be mentioned that Marj acquired her law degree (JD) at age 60 – many years after her college “career”.

Marjorie's working career commenced in 1945 with Eastern Airlines. She held a number of positions before departing for greener pastures at Merrill Lynch in 1951. Her assignment as account executive also led to a unique experience. According to her recollection she was the first woman on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange during trading hours. After two years as account executive she worked at World Wide Travel Agency, a local radio station and as a teacher. Besides the forgoing Marj was an attorney in the Texas Legislative Council and spent time in the office of a state senator.

All our honoree's time and effort were not work oriented for she lent her talents in archival expertise to establish the LaGrange/Fayette County Archives. She belonged to many committees of the Texas State Historical Society, co-chaired the county Historical Commission, was a member of the UDC (United Daughters of the Confederacy) and founded the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) chapter in La Grange while also serving the Episcopal Church Vestry

Her wide-ranging expertise and activities led to recognition from many sources. Marj was La Grange “Woman of the Year”, earned many service certificates and speaker awards and was “singled out” by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

Leisure World became home to Marjorie in 1994 and, as usual, she plunged into a variety of activities. She was active in the DAR, became a Community Association Director and New Member Secretary, Archivist for the Historical Society and has held various posts for the AAUW. Besides belonging to other Leisure World clubs, Marj is a senator in the California Senior Legislature.

Her nuclear family is composed of three sons, two of whom are doctors, and one daughter, also a doctor. Seven grandchildren flesh out the extended family structure.

All the work, civic and educational activities did not deter Marj from being bitten by the travel bug. She has been to Europe, Mexico, Canada, “the West” several times and has gone on a “round the world tour”.

When asked to mention personal satisfying things Marjorie responded with “My successful, wonderful children” and “my ability and willingness to serve and accomplish things”.