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The Pioneers:

Biographies of Nudists Leaders Who Made a Difference



Cec Cinder (1927 -) Writer, Publisher, Advocate

Cec Cinder, Ph.D. (1927-), pseudonym for Cecil Snyder, a California college professor. He was in on the early formation of the U.S. Free Beach Movement back in the early 70's. He chaired the first Free Beaches Committee that met in California and was active in obtaining or trying to obtain legal nude beaches throughout the state.

Dr. Cinder's greatest accomplishment is the book he recently published after years of research on the nudist movement worldwide. His book, *The Nudist Idea*, covers the history of the nudist philosophy in depth all the way from Richard Ungewitter back in turn of the century Germany through the American Free Beach Movement of the 70's.

Cec Cinder has been a nudist since February, 1954. He has been a member of the Olive Dell Nudist Ranch since 1956.

During the 1960's, he was associate editor of four nudist magazines: *Utopia*, *Arcadia*, *Sol* and *Nudistory*. He wrote for still other nudist magazines, providing the kickoff article series for Ed Lange's *Ankh*. He is a published nudist photographer and was a member of the (now defunct) Association of Nudist Photographers. He was asked to turn the *A.S.A. Bulletin* from a newsletter to a tabloid newspaper in 1972, and did so, editing the first three editions.

He has been a Director and Vice-President of the **Western Sunbathing Association**, holding office continually for a decade.

He created *Beachhead*, which appeared as a supplement in the (now defunct) independent nudist newspaper *Bare in Mind*, and edited this freebeach journal (originally "The BFUSA Supplement") for the first 44 issues.

He edited *The Olive Dell News* for many issues during the 1970's.

He participated many times in setting up and manning the BFUSA booth at **Venice Beach** during the 1970's.

Over the years, he has written a couple of hundred articles, reviews, editorials, letters and similar ephemera for the nudist press, beginning in 1958.

He is a founder/charter member of **Beachfront U.S.A.**, and that organization's second President (1975-76). He also served as BFUSA's Secretary (1977) and has been a BFUSA Director since the organization's

inception in October, 1973. During his Presidency, he re-organized the loose organization into a “leaner, meaner” one.

This organization grew out of **Western Sunbathing Association**’s Public Relations Team South. He has remained a director of this organization since its inception.

He edits *The Free Beach News*, the house organ of the revived Beachfront U.S.A., now at its 170th issue.

His 25-page white paper FB Venice 88 set the direction for subsequent Beachfront activist efforts.

As BFUSA’s legal chair, he directed the organization’s challenge in the Federal courts to the Los Angeles City’s anti-nudity ordinance of 1974.

He founded, and is the Administrative Director, of The **Callen-Davis Memorial Fund**, which is BFUSA’s war chest and a separate account from the BFUSA treasury. The Fund has collected over \$38,000 thus far and is still growing. (The CDMF spent \$25,000 on the attempt to secure an injunction against Los Angeles City).

He has been a member of the **American Nudist Research Library** since 1980 and is currently a director of the **Western Nudist Research Library**.

He maintains the Archive of the Institute for Nudist Studies, the third largest collection of nudist material in the world, including books, periodicals, still photos, audio cassettes, films, badges, brochures and other memorabilia.

He helped plan “Nude Beach Day” at Zuma Beach, California, in 1976, a rally which drew 1,200 nudists and about 70 police officers.

He was elected Western Sunbathing Association “Man of the Year” three times, in 1986 (shared with Hap Hathaway in a tie), 1989 and 2002. He was elected to the **American Association of Nude Recreation's Hall of Fame** in 2003.

He is the founder and current president of The Ultraviolet Press, a nudist publishing company.

He lives today just off the property of Olive Dell Ranch.