

## 2011 Men of Year Nominees

### Harry Bell

Nominated by the Rotary Club of Santa Clarita Valley

#### SCV Board of Realtors: 25 years

- Co-Founder
- Past President: Two Years
- Named SCV Realtor of the Year

#### Friendly Valley Masons: 40 Years

- 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Mason



#### L.A. Shriners – Children’s Hospital: 40 Years

- Transported burned and crippled children to hospitals from other states and Mexico
- Piloted his own plane to take doctors to Mexico for Samaritan surgeries

#### Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital

- Participated in hospital formation committee
- Donated Main Street real estate office to HMNMH Foundation for Thrift Shop

#### Barbershop Quartet Performer: 25 Years

- Entertains senior citizens weekly at the Bouquet Canyon Senior Center

#### SCV Elks Lodge: Member for 30 Years

- Participated in numerous charitable projects

#### SCV Rotary Club: 48 Years

- President: 1973-74
- Board Member: 25 Years
- Financial Donor: Paul Harris Fellowship, Rotary International
- Financial Donor: Newhall Rotary Community Foundation
- On-Hands Community Projects

#### Biography of Harry Bell:

Born in Michigan July 2, 1923, Harry Bell grew up on farm. His daily routine included helping his grandparents with their farming chores, which then included keeping oil lamps lit because there was no electricity. Following graduation from high school, Harry went to work in the engineering department of Dow Chemical Co. He enlisted in the Army Air Corp just after Pearl Harbor was bombed. As a gunner on B24 heavy bombers, Harry flew 50 missions in Europe during WWII.

When he left the service in 1945, he married, went to college at Central Michigan College, and graduated as a civil engineer. According to Harry, his first “real” job was in a six-man engineering department for Los Angeles Transit Lines. That led to a 15-year job working as an associate civil engineer with the office of the Los Angeles County

Engineer. Harry opened the County Engineering Office in Lancaster and sat on the County Planning Commission as advisor on grading and drainage.

In the early 1960s, Harry partnered with Ed Bolden and opened Andel Engineering Co. in Newhall. Soon after, he opened Bell Realtors and then Century 21 Bell Realtors. He was one of five local realtors who founded the SCV Real Estate Board. He has been president of the board twice and named a Realtor of the Year.

Harry has been active in the SCV Rotary Club for 48 years, and served on the formation committee for HMNMH. He is also a Mason 32nd Degree, an Elk, and a Shriner, with years of volunteer work at the Children's Hospital. As a licensed commercial pilot with instrument rating and a Sea Plane rating, Harry has served as a flight instructor and has flown countless humanitarian missions to Mexico transporting doctors to poor villages to perform free surgeries on burned or crippled children.

Harry was married to wife Barbara for 55 years (until her death) and has two children, Janet and Ken. He currently resides in Newhall.

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### **Tom Dierckman**

Nominated by the SCV Boys & Girls Club Foundation

#### **SCV Boys & Girls Club: 1997 - present**

- Capital Campaign Committee, 1999 - 2001
- Board president, 2001 - 2004
- Spearheaded the Sierra Vista Jr. High Clubhouse capital campaign
- Auction Facilities Committee
- Current chair of B&G Club Ten-Year Strategic Plan

#### **College of the Canyons: 12 Years**

- Board Member



#### **Biography of Tom Dierckman:**

Thomas E. Dierckman is Managing Member of M6 Advisors LLC, providing real estate development consulting services to property owners in California. He also serves part-time as Special Assistant to U.S. Congressman Howard P. McKeon on matters concerning student nominations and appointments to our Nation's Service Academies.

From 1982 until retiring in 2004, Dierckman was an executive at The Newhall Land & Farming Company where he was named Senior Vice President in 1990, President of Valencia Company in 1994, and General Partner, Newhall General Partnership, in 2001. He was responsible for all aspects of residential, commercial and industrial development as well as asset management for the 15,000-acre "New Town" of Valencia, California.

Prior to joining Newhall Land, Dierckman served 11 years on active duty with the U.S. Navy Civil Engineer Corps in facilities management, contracting, construction battalions, and teaching. He subsequently retired from the Naval Reserve in 1999 at the rank of Captain after 28 total years of service, including two tours as Commanding Officer of

units comprising more than 2,000 personnel. During his Navy career, Captain Dierckman was awarded three Meritorious Service Medals and three Navy Commendation Medals, among other decorations. He is Seabee Combat Warfare qualified.

Dierckman has served on the board of directors of the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation, Valencia Water Company, Castaic Lake Water Agency, and Valencia Bank & Trust. He is a past Chairman of the College of the Canyons Foundation, where he is Director Emeritus and was the 1993 recipient of the Silver Spur Award for community service. Dierckman is also a past President of the SCV Boys & Girls Club and currently serves as Vice President on both the Foundation and Governing Boards. He was named recipient of the Samuel Dixon Award for extraordinary service to the Club in 2003, after spearheading efforts to fully fund and complete a new 27,000-square-foot clubhouse in Canyon Country. He is also active in his church and other community organizations.

Tom Dierckman is a native of Shelbyville, Indiana. His Mechanical Engineering degree was completed at the University of Illinois and he completed his Master of Science in Engineering at the University of California, Berkeley. He and his wife, Sandy, have two sons, Matt and Chris, and reside in Valencia.

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### **Rick Patterson**

Nominated by the SCV Facilities Foundation  
and by the SCV Committee on Aging

#### **SCV Committee on Aging (SCV Senior Center): 11 Years**

- President, 2 Years
- Chair, Celebrity Waiter Benefit, 5 Years

#### **Santa Clarita Valley Facilities Foundation: 13 Years**

- President of the Board, 1998-present
- Recipient of the Five-Year and Ten-Year Volunteer Service Eagle Awards

#### **William S. Hart Boys and Girls Little League**

- Board of Directors, 8 Years
- Pro-bono legal counsel

#### **Boy Scouts of America: 21 years**

- 2009 recipient of Leaders of Character Award

#### **College of the Canyons Foundation Director: 6 Years**

#### **Newhall School District**

- Wiley Canyon Site Committee, 7 Years
- Measure K Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee



**Hart District Advisory Committee: 3 Years**

**SCV Boys & Girls Club Board: 5 Years**

**SCV Food Pantry Board: 4 Years**

**American Heart Association Board: 2 Years**

**American Cancer Society “I Can Cope” program: 11 Years**

**SCV Rotary Club: 11 Years**

**YMCA Advisory Board: 3 Years**

**LA County, City of Santa Clarita Youth Sports Coach: 23 Years**

**Santa Clarita City Formation Committee**

### **Biography of Rick Patterson**

Richard A. Patterson, more familiarly known as Rick, is a practicing local attorney and dynamic, active, committed volunteer. He is an individual who selflessly gives of his time, talent and expertise to a variety of charitable organizations and worthy causes to further the quality of life within our local community. He has been a driving volunteer force within the Santa Clarita Valley for the past 37 years. Over the years, Rick’s participation and involvement within the community, past and present, has spanned a wide array of activities and interests in notable organizations, where he has given service in a variety of capacities.

Rick has practiced law in Santa Clarita since 1977, and holds the position of the longest-practicing attorney in this area. He is managing partner at Owen, Patterson & Owen, a national law firm, and works hard to build Santa Clarita into a place where its residents – young and old – can have all the benefits of a big city but with a small town charm.

He is a member of the American Bar Association and serves on the ABA Attorney Advisory panel. He is licensed to practice law in California and before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Since 1979, he has served as a panel attorney for the California Association of Realtors. In 1998, he was a Founding Director of the Santa Clarita Valley Facilities Foundation, a nonprofit public benefit corporation, which has been instrumental in developing school sites for public schools, generating millions of dollars in assets for the Hart District’s benefit, and having a positive impact on the lives of thousands of Santa Clarita Valley families.

Perhaps Rick’s favorite charity is the Santa Clarita Valley Committee on Aging, which serves the needs of our most vulnerable and aging population. He serves on its Board of Directors, Executive Committee and has held the position of President for the past two years. He is a genuinely interested member of the community in which he lives,

becoming actively involved in projects that make Santa Clarita a better place to live, work and play.

Rick married his college sweetheart, Ann, whose charitable works, giving and compassion continue to provide inspiration. Ann is a special needs educator in the Newhall School District and shares Rick's passion for philanthropic activities. They have raised eight children and now enjoy the addition of seven grandchildren. Rick spends his free time with his family, going to church, and working with charities with the hope of improving the lives of others.

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## **Mike Quick**

Nominated by Carousel Ranch

### **Providence Holy Cross Foundation: 2006 – 2011**

- Corporate sponsor to support the foundation at Providence Holy Cross

### **Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital Foundation: 2002 – 2007**

- Corporate sponsor to support the foundation at HMNMH and HMNMH 5K Run

### **GNP/ICP Scholarship Golf Classic: 2003 – 2011**

- Co-host of the golf tournament for pharmacy scholarships

### **Carousel Ranch: 2005 – 2010**

- Corporate Sponsor of Heart of the West
- Carousel Ranch Rider Sponsor

### **Soroptimist International of the Americas: 2011**

- Corporate Sponsor

### **Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital: 2003**

- Gift of Life – Tree Lighting Title Sponsorship

### **Valencia Jazz & Blues Concert: 2006 - 2010**

- Corporate Sponsor

### **Crawford-Fleming Breast Cancer Awareness Fund Raising Invitational: 2006**

- Corporate Sponsor

## **Biography of Mike Quick**

Mike Quick, recognized as being a leader in the drug industry, began his career with the former Bergen Brunswig Corporation in August 1963. He enjoyed a history of repeated



awards and business successes. Mike was promoted to Vice President in 1988 and is currently Lead Vice President of Retail Sales for the West Region. He was part of the team that created Good Neighbor Pharmacy at the former Bergen Brunswig Drug Company and is committed to its success.

Mike was named *Honorary Pharmacy Alumnus* at the USC School of Pharmacy in 1997 and received the *Corporate Award for Excellence in Health Care* from Western University School of Health Sciences in 2003. He is a member of the Board of Directors of QSAD Centurion, a support group for the USC School of Pharmacy, a member of the Board of Trustees at Western University and is proud to be a corporate member of the California Pharmacists Association.

Mike is a co-founder of the prestigious annual GNP/ICP Scholarship Golf Tournament held at Robinson Ranch Golf Club that awards ten \$10,000 scholarships to pharmacy students pursuing a career in the community pharmacy industry. Good Neighbor Pharmacy has also supported events with Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Health Foundation, Providence Holy Cross Foundation, Soroptimist International of the Americas, and Carousel Ranch, to name a few. There are three Good Neighbor Pharmacy stores in Santa Clarita: Valencia Pharmacy, Valencia Town Center Pharmacy, and Saugus Drugs. A Santa Clarita resident since 1991, Mike lives in Valencia and enjoys playing golf and skiing in his free time.

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## **Ray Schultz**

Nominated by Friends of Hart Park

### **Friends of Hart Park and Museum (26 years)**

- Pow Wow organizer and volunteer
- Volunteer carpentry for Gift Shop

### **American Legion (32 years)**

- Prepares food for home-cooked meals

### **Girl Scouts of America**

### **Boy Scouts of America**

### **American Youth Soccer Organization**

### **Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society**

### **Biography of Ray Schultz**

Ray was born in Minnesota. He served during the Korean War and it was a pivotal landmark in his life. Being a marine and serving his country made him the man he is.



During leave, his eye was caught by a young woman dancing a Native-American dance. He and Mary Lina have been married for 53 years with their three children at the center of their lives.

After his military service, he worked at Hughes Aircraft, in charge of Chemical Fire Containment. He retired from Hughes after 37 years, and with their children grown, both he and Mary Lina devote themselves to volunteering.

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## **Steve Sturgeon**

Nominated by SCV Child & Family Center Foundation

### **SCV Child & Family Center Foundation: 2003 - 2011**

- Foundation Board, 2003 - 2011
- Chair, 2009
- Vice Chair, 2006
- Golf Tournament, 2009
- Taste of the Town, 2009
- Board Development, Corporate Sponsorship, Finance, Guardians of Hope
- Center Governing Board, 2005 - 2010

### **Sulphur Springs School District: 1991 - 1997**

- Past President, Board of Trustees
- Site Council, Sulphur Springs Elementary



### **Hart High School District Board of Trustees: 1999 - 2011**

- President, 2003-04, 2009-2010
- High School Reform Task Force
- School Construction Task Force
- Instructional Time Task Force
- Saugus/Hart JPA for CFD, 2004 -05

### **SCV Bank Advisory Board: 2007 - 2011**

### **SCV Theatre Group Advisory Board: 2006 - 2010**

### **AYSO/Hart Pony Baseball: 12 Years**

- Coach, referee and umpire

### **Michael Hoefflin Advisory Board: 1995 - 2004**

### **High School Reform Task Force, 2005 - 09**

### **Rotary Club: 1976-1986, 2009-2011**

- District Conference Chair

**Volunteer and Member:** • Michael Hoefflin Foundation • Safe Rides • Senior Center • Boys & Girls Club • COC Foundation • The Betty Ferguson Foundation • SCV Sheriff's Foundation

### **Biography of Steve Sturgeon**

Steve and his wife Julie settled into Santa Clarita in 1980. Seeking an environment where family and community was the guiding force, Santa Clarita proved to be the place to stay. From his early years in Scouting, volunteering was the “normal” way of getting things done for others. His father led him into Rotary International where he served in many capacities over a 10-year term. His service to Rotary began again in 2009 and continues today. His first nonprofit board role was with the San Fernando Valley Girl Scout Council, long before he had a daughter of his own.

Having children made Steve busy with outdoor activities. He coached, refereed, umpired and served Santa Clarita Parks & Rec, AYSO and Hart Pony Baseball for over 12 years. Donating time, resources and energies to children who might otherwise not be able to participate in travel programs, tournaments or weekly club schedules became a natural part of Steve's daily schedule.

Beginning with Site Council for Sulphur Springs Elementary, Steve was appointed to the Sulphur Springs School Board in 1994. Reelected in 1995 and 1997, Steve was then elected in 1999 to the William S. Hart Union High School Board of Trustees. Steve is now in his 16<sup>th</sup> year serving local school districts and State committees in a number of roles.

Engaging the needs of the children in this valley broadened into support for several nonprofit organizations including the SCV Child & Family Center Foundation, the Michael Hoefflin Foundation, Safe Rides, the Senior Center, SCV Boys & Girls Club, COC Foundation, COC President's Circle, Betty Ferguson Foundation, SCV Theatre Group and more recently, the SCV Sheriff's Foundation.

Guided by the knowledge that life is what God intends for us to experience and share with others, Steve can't imagine being in a place that doesn't put giving of oneself at the top of the list.

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### **Leon Worden**

Nominated by SCV Historical Society

#### **Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society**

- President
- Historical Research

#### **Newhall Redevelopment Committee**

- Chairman

#### **Friends of Mentryville**

- Founding Director





### **LA County Small Business Commission**

- Founding Member

### **SCV Sheriffs Station Haunted Jailhouse**

- Co-creator

### **LA Co. Ad-Hoc Committee on Homeless Services**

#### **4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Committee**

### **Biography of Leon Worden**

Leon Worden is president and CEO of SCVTV, the Santa Clarita Valley's only local television channel (Time Warner Cable 20, AT&T U-verse 99, SCVTV.com), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides free services to the SCV's 120 other nonprofit agencies and is overseen by the City of Santa Clarita, William S. Hart Union High School District, Saugus Union School District, Newhall School District, Castaic Union School District and Sulphur Springs Union School District.

A Santa Clarita Valley resident since 1970, UCLA graduate and award-winning journalist (Associated Press, California Newspaper Publishers Association, National Newspaper Association, Numismatic Literary Guild awards for investigative reporting, business writing, opinion pages, websites), Leon was Senior Editor of The Signal newspaper until 2007 and continues to serve on its editorial board. He has produced local television programming since 2002 and has served as president of the SCV Historical Society, chairman of the City of Santa Clarita's Newhall Redevelopment Committee, founding director of the Friends of Mentryville, founding member of the Los Angeles County Small Business Commission and the county's Ad-Hoc Committee on Homeless Services (SCV), and co-creator of the SCV Sheriff Station's first Haunted Jailhouse.

Leon continues to serve as chairman of the Santa Clarita Valley Fourth of July Parade; publisher of the Old Town Newhall Gazette; manager of SCVTV.com, SCV History In Pictures (scvhistory.com) and other local websites; member of the Newhall Redevelopment Committee; and is a contributing writer for COINage, the largest U.S. numismatic monthly. He has won consecutive Numismatic Literary Guild awards for best coin article in a U.S. coin magazine (2006, 2007), and in 2008 he won the NLG's top journalism award for best numismatic article in any medium, worldwide.