

City of Buena Park



Stan Ault

Stan Ault has been involved in Buena Park for more than half a century – giving his time to the city, his church, youth and community organizations.

It was 53 years ago that Stan was one of the founding members of the Orangethorpe United Methodist Church, a church in which he continues to be active. In 1964, he was chosen as a church trustee and served a four-year term. He also served as a trustee from 1988 to 1992, and most recently, 2000 to 2008 he served as chairman of the trustees.

Stan was elected president of the church Men's Club four different times, serving in that capacity in 1983, 1992, 2007 and 2008. For 30 years, 1975-2005, he cooked for the monthly Men's Breakfast, and for the past 12 years he has helped cook for the homeless. While checking the line to make sure there's enough food, he says he is touched by the people who have eaten and say "God bless you and thank you."

Stan's church background and his involvement with the Exchange Club led him to the city's annual Prayer Breakfast, an event with which he has been active 28 years, since 1980. From 1983 to 1989 he was chairman. "One year I got UCLA Basketball Coach John Wooden to be a guest speaker," he said.

For 46 years, from 1959 until 2005, Stan coached the church softball team. And, while his sons were involved in scouting, he helped youth as a scoutmaster for five years, pack master for one year and area district commissioner for three years.

Stan was member of the Buena Park Chamber of Commerce from 1985 to 1994, and from 1984 to 1993, he was a part of the Fullerton Airport Noise and Safety Committee. With this group of both Buena Park and Fullerton residents, he worked on a study to change the standards that would reduce noise, a project that was written up in a national aviation magazine.

As a 28-year member of the Masons, he has been involved with a variety of projects, most recently a golf tournament. Proceeds from the tourney provide a barbecue lunch and gifts for veterans in the Long Beach Veterans Administration Hospital. Stan not only played golf, but helped collect prizes. At the hospital, he was among volunteers who took food and gifts up to those who couldn't get downstairs for the party. He is also a member of the Masonic Scottish Rite of Long Beach Valley. The organization, which Stan supports, has an in-house clinic to assist children with language disorders.

For several years, he has also been active in Circle of Friends, a senior group sponsored by West Anaheim Medical Center. With this group he watches movies, dines out and is chairman of golf.

While he has been stable in Buena Park for 53 years, Stan's early life wasn't always that way. As the family moved from city to city with his Methodist minister father, Stan attended eight schools, "changing schools frequently," he said. Although they moved often, "I learned from my dad to get involved in the community," he said.

After graduating from Cedaredge High School in Colorado, he studied pre-med at Grand Junction College also in Colorado. After a semester, he decided to join the U.S. Navy, becoming a fire control technician and maintaining the radar for the guns onboard the U.S.S Higbee, a destroyer.

His duty completed, he went to work for Douglas Aircraft in Long Beach, then worked for Hallamore Electronics, an electrical shop in Anaheim. He later went to work at North American/Rockwell, where he spent 13 years, later leaving engineering to become an agent for Farmers Insurance, a career that spanned 21 years.

Stan, and his wife, Jan, who was a church organist, met when his mother introduced them. Married in 1953, they have two sons: Gary, who lives in Texas with wife, Jan, and Rod, who lives in Menifee, CA, with wife, Terri. He also has six grandchildren.