

W. Daniel Larsen, Class of 1945

Professional/Community Service

W. Daniel Larsen operated a successful contracting business from 1961 to 1996. But before and afterwards, he has been a major business and organizational leader.

Following his graduation from Point Loma High School, Mr. Larsen served in the Navy Air Corps from 1945-1948.

After the war, Mr. Larsen obtained his degree in Civil Engineering from University of California, Berkeley in 1951.

For 10 years, he worked at B. O. Larsen, General Contractor. In 1961, he began his own business. The business, W. Daniel Larsen, General Contractor, had two lives. It's run from 1961 to 1999 was interrupted from 1968-1974 when Mr. Larsen served as Vice President and General Manager of the F. E. Young Construction Co.

A lengthy list of associations and honors earned by Mr. Larsen:

Honorary Danish Consul 1964-1968; Consular Corps 1964-1998 (Dean from 1988-1998); President of Associated General Contractors 1968; Contractors State License Board 1968-1976; University Club President 1968; San Diego Taxpayers Association 1971-1978; San Diego Opera Board

1978-1981; Chamber of Commerce Vice President 1980; Small Business Advisory Council 1980-1994; County Grand Jury 1983-1984; Port Commissioner 1985-1993; Economic Development Board 1994-1998; Sharp Health Care Board 1979-2003; Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church Ruling Elder; Downtown Lions Club 1974-present; St. Paul's Senior Services 2006-2012; St. Paul's PACE Board of Directors since 2013; Boys and Girls Foundation Board Member 2008-present.

Mr. Larsen has also received honors including Denmark's Knight First Class of the Royal Order of Dannebrog for service to the Danish Consul in 1983; National Conference of Christians and Jews 1978; Meals on Wheels (along with his wife) 1993; St. Paul's Loving Heart (with his wife), 2004, Sharp Health Care, the James C. Haugh Distinguished Service Award, 2004.

Mr. Larsen lives in the Bayfront area with his wife Yvonne. They have two children and three grandchildren.