

# Albert B. Frowiss, Class of 1957

## Science/Medicine/Philanthropy

At the age of 22, divorced with a young son, Albert B. Frowiss noticed a brightly colored book while passing through a Safeway checkout stand. He paid 25 cents for the book and it changed his life.

The book was titled “Think and Grow Rich,” authored by Napoleon Hill. With the words imprinted in his mind, Mr. Frowiss created a 10-year achievement plan and set goals for himself.

Working as a salesman and living out of suitcases, Mr. Frowiss lived in Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia before returning to San Diego in 1966 where, at 26, he co-founded an electronics instrument company.

Through his company, Mr. Frowiss developed, produced and marketed the first electronic digital thermometer for industrial processes. His company became instantly successful, and in 1974 he sold it to Emerson Electric, a Fortune 500 company.

Using the knowledge from that 25-cent book, Mr. Frowiss retired to Rancho Santa Fe at the age of 34.

After taking up skiing in Aspen, Colorado and salt water fly

fishing, Mr. Frowiss found a new interest at age 67 when he took on a challenging mission: helping cancer victims of the nuclear weapon-producing Manhattan Project gain financial entitlement awards.

To date, he has won awards totaling over \$400 million for persons radiated as part of this four-year project.

Mr. Frowiss is a fourth-generation San Diegan, descended from Austrian roots, whose family settled in San Diego in 1905. His father, a master goldsmith, opened the F. J. Frowiss & Sons Manufacturing Jewelers at 1244 Fifth Avenue in downtown San Diego designing and producing jewelry for other local merchants.

While a student at Point Loma High School, Mr. Frowiss was a member of California Scholarship Federation (CSF).

He has worked in the political arena, both locally and nationally, to support conservative candidates including Ronald Reagan. Recently he has become a political and land use consultant.

He continues to live quietly in Rancho Santa Fe with his wife Paris. He has two previous children.