

Peter Peckham, Class of 1944

Academics (Business/Philanthropy)

Peter Peckham was successful in every one of the many interests he had in life, beginning with his time at PLHS. As a Pointer, Mr. Peckham was captain of the football team and also lettered in baseball, basketball and track.

At age 17, he joined the U.S. Navy and served aboard the aircraft carrier Casablanca during World War II. After the war, Mr. Peckham entered Stanford University where he earned a degree in business and joined Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

He returned to San Diego and began his professional career with the Percy H. Goodwin Co. before opening his own firm, Investcal Realty. As President of his firm, Mr. Peckham was involved with the management of several hotels, industrial parks and retail centers before becoming a partner in the Kona Marine Anchorage.

Sailing was another of Mr. Peckham's passions, dating to his teenage years at the San Diego Yacht Club. He won three world championships in the PC class of sailboats, sailed

in the 5.5 meter Olympic trials and was President of the Columbia 4.4 Meter Racing Association.

Mr. Peckham and his wife Nancy were major, but low-profile, donors to numerous philanthropies including Children's Hospital, the San Diego Zoo, the USS Midway Museum, the Volcan Mountain Preserve and Liberty Station. The girls softball field at PLHS was constructed with funds provided by the Peckham family and now bears their name.

Mr. Peckham was part of a 15-person group that owned the San Diego Padres from 1990-1994.

Peter Peckham died in June, 2006 at the age of 79 from injuries suffered in a car accident.