

# THE WALTOS GROUP

## Quiet Achiever Award

**Beginning in 2006,** The Waltos Group has awarded our “Quiet Achiever” honor to a deserving individual in the community. For many years, Northwestern Mutual has been known as the “Quiet Company,” and we took our lead from that to create a special recognition award honoring an individual in our community whose quiet and sincere efforts have enhanced the lives of people here.

### **Some of the past recipients include:**

- Dale Dykema
- Jack Shaw
- Paul Motenko
- Joe Ames
- Artyn and Max Gardner



**Hank Adler** has been an active participant in the Orange County community since he and his wife Marcia moved to Irvine in 1972. While often in the public spotlight because of the missions undertaken, Hank is uncomfortable with the very concept of public recognition for service he believes is part of what successful people owe their communities. Tonight, we beg to differ with Hank and have named him our “Quiet Achiever” for his many contributions to our Orange County community.

Marcia and Hank moved to Orange County from Los Angeles to start their family and to help Deloitte and Touche, a large national accounting firm that he joined after completing his MBA at UCLA, expand their local footprint. While the family expansion did not begin for several years, Marcia and Hank immediately began to participate in their community. Marcia launched herself into the Orange County Junior League, where she eventually became president while Hank journeyed into the early days of turning the City of Irvine into a sustainable enterprise. Hank was an early chairman of the Irvine Planning Commission and then later the first chairman of the Irvine Finance Commission. A few years later, Hank found himself chairing the Irvine Finance Commission for a second time and helping the City create a long term finance plan which remains in place thirty years later.

After or while serving on the Red Cross Board of Directors chairing their Emergency Services operation and helping New Directions for Women fund their first homes in Costa Mesa, Hank began what became a lifelong relationship with Hoag Hospital. Hank spent twelve years on Hoag’s Board of Directors serving as its Treasurer, Audit Committee Chair and an Executive Committee member. And additionally for Hoag, he took on the cause of a struggling Hoag Classic golf tournament. Hank became the chairman of the Hoag Classic in 1993 and helped it morph first into the Taco Bell Classic and then morph again into the Toshiba Classic. The Toshiba Classic today is the preeminent event on the Champions Tour in terms of its resulting charitable contribution. With Hank and his friends at the helm, between 1999 and 2008, the Toshiba Classic contributed over \$10 million to Hoag Hospital. Today, he is the chairman emeritus.

While serving on the Hoag Board, Hank was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Irvine Unified School District where he was elected its president in his fourth and final year on the board. Always lucky in his timing, Orange County went bankrupt at 4 PM accompanied by his taking his oath of office at 6 PM. Hank is credited with helping the District survive the bankruptcy without having the current students’ education impacted.

Hank retired from Deloitte & Touche eight years ago and joined the full time faculty at Chapman University where he is teaching various accounting and tax classes, sitting as a member of the Board of Counselors and advising the accounting society. While there, Hank has written two books, including his recent well reviewed novel about the 2012 election, From Three to Five. Recently, he has joined the Board of Healthy Smiles, a non-profit entity providing dental services to the needy.

Of course, Hank describes his current status as simply retired, teaching a bit and spending time with Marcia, their two daughters and their two grandsons.

**Congratulations to Hank Adler, the 2011 Quiet Achiever honoree.**