

BIOGRAPHY

Lambda Alpha International

Orange County, California Chapter

Under William L. Waldren's leadership, the Organizing Committee for the Orange County Chapter of Lambda Alpha was formed in June 1991. The committee consisted of the following Lambda Alpha members, all from the Los Angeles Chapter:

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| James Beam | John G. Rohring |
| John Ballew | William L. Waldren |
| James S. Carlson | Roland C. Wedemeyer |
| Alfred J. Gobar | Wayne D. Wedin |

The first of many early morning weekly meetings of the committee was held at the Doubletree Hotel in Orange, California on June 17, 1991. The new Chapter received its charter on September 26, 1991 at a Chartering Banquet and initiation of new members held at Le Meridian Hotel in Newport Beach, California.

Roy W. Potter, President, Lambda Alpha International, Chicago, presented the Charter to the Orange County Chapter. Peter H. Ulrich, President of the Los Angeles Chapter, was the Initiating Officer for the 47 new initiates to the Orange County Chapter.

The first officers and Directors of the new Orange County Chapter were:

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| President | James S. Carlson |
| Vice President (Membership) | Wayne D. Wedin |
| Vice President (Programs) | Alfred J. Gobar |
| Secretary | Ron Molendyk |
| Treasurer | James Beam |
| Scribe | Larry W. Heglar |
| Historian | Roland C. Wedemeyer |

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| Directors: | John Ballew |
| | Christine B. Coman |
| | Margueretta Gulati |
| | Jane Glenn Haas |
| | Roger C. Hobbs |
| | William L. Waldren |

The Chapter was instituted with 32 transferees from the Los Angeles Chapter and 47 new initiates for a total of 79 members.

The Orange County Lambda Alpha Chapter was formed as a result of these 32 transferees spinning off from the Los Angeles Chapter, to avoid the long commute to the Los

Angeles meetings. At the first induction meeting of the newly formed Orange County Chapter, it was a grand black tie affair, held at the old Le Meridian Hotel, in Newport Beach. The second year inductions were also a black tie affair and were held at the Center Club. Since then, all meetings have been held at the Pacific Club and, due to scheduling difficulties, expenses, etc. there have been no more black tie affairs for the induction of new members.

Presidents
Orange County Chapter of Lambda Alpha International

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| 1992 | James S. Carlson |
| 1993 | Wayne D. Wedin |
| 1994 | Lyle Parks, Jr. |
| 1995 | Larry W. Heglar |
| 1996 | Wayne W. Silzel |
| 1997 | Dr. Rocky A. Tarantello |
| 1998 | Dr. Rocky A. Tarantello |
| 1999 | Dr. Alfred J. Gobar |
| 2000 | Kent Roberts |
| 2001 | J. Craig Williams |
| 2002 | Joseph W. DeCarlo |
| 2003 | Joseph W. DeCarlo |
| 2004 | Lisa L. Chester |
| 2005 | Lisa L. Chester |

Roland C. Wedemeyer, is the Club Historian, and has presented this information. Prominent Members have included three mayors- Todd Ridgeway - Newport Beach, Wayne Silzel - Villa Park, and Jim Beam - Orange; as well as Patricia Neal (Fanny Mae), Dr. Rocky Tarantello, and Dr. Alfred Gobar.

Philosophies or practices unique to the chapter: We like to think of ourselves as being a multi-disciplined group of real estate experts, with significant experience and credentials for analytical services to the community, a source of information for community projects, and a repository of useful data for real estate transactions with civic and private groups.

Part of what this Chapter does is link up with the real estate community and act as an excellent networking organization that has proven its value time and again, over the years. Long Range planning has been an underlying theme with a number of the members over the years and has often been a topic of discussion. The chapter has completed a series of white papers by members on the subject of real estate.

The Geographic representation of this Chapter is primarily Orange County. The main reason they spun-off from the Los Angeles Chapter was because of the number of members located in Orange County, and commute to the LA Chapter meetings was turning into an all day affair.

Prominent Members of the past and Charter members: Al Gobar, now retired, is one of the foremost real estate economists for professionals in the business. Mr. Gobar's company has provided these services across the nation to help forecast planning for cities regarding the percentages of commercial, industrial, and residential properties that are optimal. He has also provided revenue forecasts based on industry type as well as highest and best use land analysis. Other LAI OC members have this type of leading expertise on the west coast, like Dr. Rocky Tarantelo, and Wayne Wedin. Rocky even convinced Al Gobar to dress up as Santa Claus for one of the December Chapter meetings. Al has never lived it down! Though Al has repaid the favor by once presenting a totally "made up" economic projection, which members and attendees dutifully took copious notes upon. Lyle Parks was also very involved with Lambda Alpha International. Other elected officials with the Chapter have included Sally Ann Miller (Irvine) and Wayne Wedin (Brea).

The OC Chapter has linked up with local colleges and universities to encourage students of Real Estate to become involved with the club and frequently hold joint meetings with The Los Angeles Chapter and other related organizations. The chapter has made efforts to stimulate student activities and involvement.