

Northridge Hospital Foundation

The Golf Classic “Flights” are Named in Memory of Three Outstanding Board Members

Norris Flight



Darell Forest Norris
1928-2020

Darell Norris was a talented athlete in high school and college and received a football scholarship to the University of Kansas where he majored in Journalism and played in the 1948 Orange Bowl. After college he enlisted in the Air Force

and graduated from the Aviation Cadet Program. He flew B25's, B29's, and the KC-97's that were used for air refueling missions. He also had an 18 month stint as a commercial pilot for TWA, but ultimately found his passion in business with Farmers Insurance Group with a career that spanned 35 years before reaching his final position as Senior Vice President.

Darell was a long standing Board member with the Northridge Hospital Foundation and for many years served as the Chairperson of the Golf Committee.

Gloisten Flight



Donald Gerard Gloisten
1927-2019

Don Gloisten was the owner of GBS Financial Corporation, a full service Broker Dealer and NASD member. Don won many awards for financial achievement including the prestigious Stock Broker Hall of Fame Award

in 1996. Don had a voracious passion for knowledge and was a real student of life. He tried to help the younger generation understand the dangers and allure of drugs. He coined the phrase “Say No to Dope, Say Cool to School” and introduced a musical/poetry contest to the local schools encouraging young kids to express and better understand the losses associated with drugs and alcohol addiction.

Don served as the Chairperson of the Foundation's Finance & Investment Committee for many years as well as an active participant in our annual Golf Classic.

Benning Flight



Frederic “Fritz” Benning
1934-2016

Frederic “Fritz” Benning is remembered by many as the Chief Umpire at the Northridge National Little League, and a volunteer leader and Board member at numerous non-profit organizations in the San Fernando Valley. Fritz's

professional career included working at Spectrolab where he was one of the engineers responsible for the creation of the Nightsun (most likely the searchlight you have seen over the years on police and emergency helicopters). Fritz also worked at several aerospace companies including Hughes Aircraft, Rockwell, and Boeing, where he worked on various high-energy laser projects. Fritz was very effective in sharing his ample life experiences to mentor young men growing in faith and tackling the challenges of life.

Fritz was a very active and generous Board member who also served on our Golf Committee.