

SHEILA B. HYMAN

Sheila Hyman was another of our Association's key organizers of CAPRCBM, as she was a distinguished Park and Recreation Commissioner of the City of Pacifica Parks, Recreation, and Beaches. Pacifica is a beautiful coastal city in San Mateo County, located just south of San Francisco.

Sheila, along with Dick Teague, Bob Banes, and Everett Greenberg of Temple City worked collegially, planning, organizing, and creating our Association in 1968.

As a founder and charter member, Sheila's vision to organize, train, and unite Commissioners and Board Members throughout California was a main motivation for her commitment and dedicated work towards these ends. Sheila, Bob Banes, and Dick Teague had a strong working relationship and were truly the founders of CAPRCBM.

Sheila served as our Association's third President from 1972-1973 and she initiated several new and meaningful programs.

The California and Pacific Southwest Conference held in San Francisco in 1972 saw a well-attended banquet for commissioners and board members at the Hilton Hotel where Sheila was inducted as Association President. During her speech to those in attendance, Sheila described her goals for the coming year.

Sheila was very active in her own Pacifica Parks, Recreation, and Beaches Commission and developed a strong and positive reputation for her commitment and innovations. She was also very involved in the San Francisco Bay Area Parks and Recreation Commissioners and Board Members Association, an organization that included nine San Francisco Bay Area Counties.

Sheila did not plan to move to Pacifica. The San Francisco native headed down the Coast with a friend who was interested in buying one of the new and very popular Oddstad homes.

She stated that "My friend and her husband didn't buy the home," Hyman recalled with a laugh. "But my husband and I did buy an that home. It was our first Pacifica home. We bought it in August and moved in when it was finished in October. It was 1954. I have lived here since." Hyman met her husband, the late Bernard Hyman, at a dance in December of 1953. He was just home from the Korean War and still serving in the Marine Corps Reserve. They married in April and were Pacifica residents six months later. The daughter of Dr. and Mrs. (Rose) Irving Berke, Hyman was the eldest of three siblings.

In the early 2000s, Sheila was honored by her city as the honoree and inducted in the Pacifica "Hall of Fame."

A few years ago, Sheila was a "Special Guest" at our Association's Awards Banquet in Sacramento where she was honored for her life-long service; especially her continual support of our Scholarship program.

Our Association has been most fortunate to have strong leaders of vision such as Sheila Berke Hyman.