

## ROGER C. DONNELLY

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Taken from July 2010 Life Resume by Roger C. Donnelly

Roger was born in Topeka, Kansas and participated in football, wrestling and track while in high school. His high school football team was undefeated and won State Championship. He then attended Baker University in Baldwin, Kansas and Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas majoring in Business Administration. He played football at Baker University and played in first football game televised west of the Mississippi River, Baker vs. William and Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri September 1951. He was drafted into the US Army in October 1953 and served at Fort Riley, Kansas and Fort Carson, Colorado.

Roger has been married to Ina for 55 years with three children, Terry, Brian and Kathy and six grandchildren. Sons Terry and Brian received College Basketball Scholarships. Terry at Michigan State and Brian at the Air force Academy. Terry's team won the NCAA Championship in 1979.

Roger has long work career and has been involved with some innovations that are accepted standards with the financial institutes and US Government. He started with the NCR Corporation (National Cash Register) in 1957 and worked until 1982. During this period, he went from account salesman to Regional Director in Atlanta, Georgia for six states. He sold the first mainframe computer to use one account number for all applications in a financial institution. He worked on the ERMA Project with Bank of America developing MICR, the characters on the bottom of checks and deposits. The US Government then adopted this project as the standard for all US Financial Institutions. He then worked on Committee of OCRA on Bar Coding and it was adopted as the standard by the US Government.

One highlight of his career, and an indicator of his contribution to his professional field, was being honored by the Sales Marketing and Executive Club of Kansas as the Outstanding Salesman of the Year. The award was presented by the Governor of Kansas at the banquet.

But Roger was not through working. He started Donnelly Hamco in Clear Lake in 1982 and which has shipped to all parts of the US for 28 years. His company represents Hamco, NCR, Unisys, Supplies Network, and other vendors.

Roger's community service is as impressive as his work career. His involvements in serving the community are listed as follows:

- Director of Membership Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce where he won outstanding membership sales for 5 years.
- Served on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee Clear Lake Chamber
- Served on Board of Directors Houston Restaurant Association
- President University Green Patio Homeowners Association
- President Junior Chamber of Commerce Topeka, Kansas
- President PTA Dayton, Ohio
- Served on Board of Directors Freeman Library

- Elected to Board of Trustee's Clear Lake City Community Association, three terms – two as University Green Representative and one as Commercial Representative
- Director Clear Lake Country Club
- President of Men's Golf Association Clear Lake Golf Club
- Charter Member of Bay Oaks Country Club. Served on Building and Grounds Committee and the Membership Committee
- Started Booster Club at Parkway North High School in St. Louis, Missouri and was President for two years.
- Director of Khoury League Baseball
- Ran Umpires Association in St. Louis, Missouri holding training camps for umpires and assigning them to leagues in St. Louis.
- Judge Christmas Boat Lane Parade and Santa on the Lead Boat for two years
- Elected to the International Board of Directors on the Business Technology Association. Served two terms and was elected to the Executive Board.
- Founding Member of the Association of Clear Lake Comminutes
- Appointed for Clear Lake City Community Association as liaison to the City of Houston. Worked with Mayors Whitmire, Lenier, Brown and White.
- Honored by Mayor Brown at the Dedication of the Clear Lake Police Station. Spearheaded the building of three fire stations in Clear Lake.
- Started Lunar Rendezvous Golf Tournament
- Started Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament
- Started Oldsmobile Scramble Golf Tournament at Bay Oaks
- Elected Office of American Legion Post 490 in 2010
- Honored by the American Heart Association

#### ROTARY

- Served on Shrimporee Committee 13 Years
- Chairman of Fellowship Committee 4 Years
- Attended 4 District Conferences