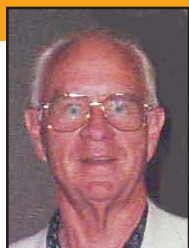


# The Propeller Club of the United States Port of Los Angeles/Long Beach

December 2009

## PAST PRESIDENT'S

## *Spotlight*



**Ted Johnson**  
*President 1970-1971*

Ted spent 35 years with First Interstate Bank in its International Division, rising to Vice President and International Regional Manager of several overseas areas.

Upon retirement in 1990, Ted was asked to join Pacific Bank where he spent 6 years as Senior Vice President and Manager. He retired (again!) in 1996 and did some international trade consulting. He was a recipient of the Stanley Olafson International award for his efforts related to international trade in Southern California. He was President and Chairman of the Export Manager organization for over five years.

After retiring, Ted and his wife Barbara traveled around the world on cruises and land tours and spent time in their various timeshares. They now enjoy time with their two children and three grandchildren who are all in Southern California.

Ted continues to enjoy his award winning stamp collection. He was Treasurer for the International Hungarian Philatelic Society for 10 years and traveled to Hungary on several occasions on stamp excursions.

He and Barbara lived in Santa Monica for 40 years before moving to their penthouse condo in Brentwood in 2008.



**Warren Penland**  
*President 1975-1976*



*Propeller Club of LA/LB Past Presidents. Seated L to R : Deborah Shey Harding, Gerry Fisher, Manny Aschemeyer. Standing L to R: Lee Hill, Don Hiniker, Ted Johnson, Robert Hudson, Barry Baldwin and Lew Coppersmith*

...continued on next page

*...continued from page one*



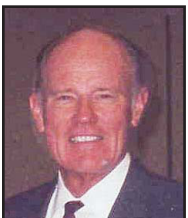
## **Robert Hudson**

*President 1977-1978*

Robert Hudson retired from the Port of Los Angeles after a lengthy career in the industry where he started in shipboard service and advanced to senior level marketing and sales responsibilities. He sailed with Matson Navigation prior to World War II, spent four years during the war as a U.S. Navy Lieutenant Commander in marine terminal operations and after the war, in 1947, took charge of Pacific Lines' marketing program. He transferred to L.A. in 1950, then to San Francisco where he was a sales engineer for Hyster company. He returned to Matson as Chief Purser on its passenger vessels and transferred to L.A. once more as Regional Manager of the Freight Department.

He joined the L.A. Harbor Department in 1960 and served in a variety of roles and retired as Assistant Manager of Traffic and Trade Development.

Bob is also past president of the Foreign Trade Association, past Director of the British American Chamber of Commerce, a trustee of the California-Brazil Trade Association and was active in trade and maritime related affairs of the L.A. Chamber of Commerce.



## **Lew Coppersmith**

*President 1978-1979*

## **Richard Jacobsen**

*President 1979-1980*



## **Manny Aschemeyer**

*President 1982-1983*

Born in Maryland in August, 1941, Manny was a first generation German-American. His birth name is Manfred Horst Kenneth Aschemeyer, so it's clear why he's affectionately known as "Manny".

He attended California Maritime Academy and graduated with honors in 1963, with a B.S.

*...continued on next page*

*...continued from page 2*

Degree in Nautical Sciences and Maritime Transportation, a U.S. Naval Reserve Officer's Commission, and a federal license to sail as Third Mate. After five years, he rose from Third Mate to Master (Captain) at the age of 28.

While making the intercoastal run between the east and west coast (passing through the Panama Canal about every 45 days), Manny met his soul mate, Floy Ann. After a two year long-distance courtship, Manny decided to "swallow the anchor" and marry his sweetheart. They will celebrate their 40th anniversary this year, and boast 10 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Manny served as Port Captain/Operations Manager, Freight Traffic Manager, Fleet Manager and District Director for several major steamship companies. He's been Vice President of Sales, Marketing & Public Affairs for one of the largest stevedoring and terminal operating companies in America and recently retired after 15 years as Executive Director of the Marine Exchange of Southern California. Manny was responsible for monitoring and facilitating all ship traffic that moves in and out of the ports of Los Angeles, Long Beach, San Diego, Santa Monica Bay, Santa Catalina Island, and Oxnard Harbor (Port Hueneme).

Manny and Floy Ann have retired to their little "ranch" located in the remote section of NE San Diego County (near Warner Springs), and are enjoying life there. "Cap'n Manny" is far from idle, however, and has started up a new maritime consulting service, "Cap'n Manny & Associates", and is actively serving in that capacity for several firms.



### **Jerry Aspland**

*1985-1986*

First person report from Jerry: "It just seems like I finished with my tour as President at the Los Angeles-Long Beach Propeller Club, however, when you're having fun time flies. In 1995, I retired from ARCO Marine, Inc. It was a great experience with much satisfaction.

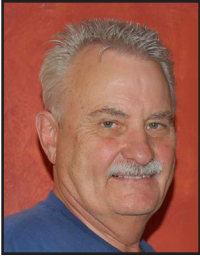
I could only sit still for about 9 months when I was given the opportunity to return to my alma mater, The California Maritime Academy, to lead it through its integration into the California State University. This was a fun and fulfilling 5 years. In 2001, I returned to semi-retirement and am now an advisor to many marine companies leaving time for travel and family.

*...continued on next page*

*...continued from page 3*

All three of my boys are married to lovely ladies and there are 6 grandchildren. Michael lives in Salinas; Kurt in Bel Air, Maryland; and, Brent in Santa Monica. This year our eldest granddaughter, Stephanie entered Westmont College.

Carol and I enjoy good health, live in the same home and keep busy with our volunteer activities.”



## **Lee Hill**

*President 1986-1988*

Lee held various management and executive positions with the Ports of L.A. and Long Beach for 25 years. He has been an active member of the community throughout his professional life.

After retiring from his maritime career, Lee joined Ameriprise Financial Services where he was a senior financial advisor for over 15 years. He retired in October of this year and remains active as a retained consultant to the practice.

Lee married Susan Hatchard, also a maritime industry icon, in 2007. His son Brandon attends California State University, Long Beach.

Lee earned his Bachelor's Degree from Southern Illinois University, a MA from CSULB and an MBA from Pepperdine University. He has been active in civic activities and served on the board of the Downtown Kiwanis Club of Long Beach, is past chairman of Little Company of Mary Medical Center Foundation and past board member of Peninsula Montessori School.

Lee is enjoying his retirement with time spent entertaining family and friends, traveling, reading, volunteering in the community, exercising regularly and generally trying to keep up with his bride, Susan.



## **Glenn Hughes**

*President 1988-1990*

After retiring from the government, community and international relations division of the Port of Los Angeles in 1986, Glenn spent the next five years as a consultant in International Relations with both the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. Foreign travel included remote destinations in Brazil's rain forest, Borneo and Indonesia's string of island interiors and many of Los Angeles' and Long Beach's sister cities in Asia, Europe and Africa. Prior to

*...continued on next page*

*...continued from page 4*

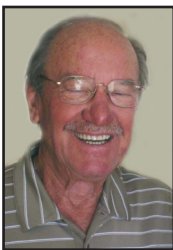
his employment with the Ports, Glenn held a variety of positions, including production and administrative roles in television, films, radio and theater, wrote and produced several musicals, founded a record company, is an ASCAP songwriter, and had a hit record as a singer in 1960.

Glenn served as Executive Director of Los Angeles' Sister Cities Association under Mayor Tom Bradley, and as a member of the Board of Sister Cities International. He has traveled in about a hundred countries, and in 1996, the U.S State Department's Executive Service Corps sent him to Panama to write its Public Information Plan for the transfer of the canal from the U.S. back to Panama.

Glenn plans on celebrating his 90th birthday in June 2010. Although he will be only 83 on that birthday, he feels he may not feel like celebrating it when it comes around. Glenn served in the U.S. Army at the end of World War II, attended college at U.C. Berkeley, Pasadena Playhouse School of the Theater, and UCLA.

Married for twenty-some years, divorced for about the same time, he has three sons and a daughter (from his one and only marriage), and seven grandchildren.

Interested in the spiritual most of his life, Glenn became a Dharma Teacher in Buddhism's Mahayana tradition, receiving an ordination as Anagarika Vimalakirti ten years ago. He conducts classes at several churches in the Conejo Valley, where he now lives, and teaches practical Buddhism and its psychology both in the United States and Asia. Currently, he is president of the American Buddhist Congress, writes a column for the Thousand Oaks Star newspaper and writes a monthly blog and newsletter via his website, [www.BuddhismTeacher.com](http://www.BuddhismTeacher.com).



### **Don Hiniker**

*President 1990-1992*

Don's first experience at sea was as a passenger on the S.S. Yale from L.A. to San Francisco in 1934. The sea must have agreed with him. He then worked as a waiter on the APL S.S. Marine Lynx on an around the world cruise in 1947 and made it home in time for his 18th birthday.

Over the next few years, Don was an office boy/chauffeur and worked on various vessels. He served in the U.S. Army then returned to the sea as a purser again. Don settled in Long Beach and was a purchasing agent/port purser for PFEL and Coastwise Line. He then joined CMI in San Pedro as a stevedore superintendent and later Crescent Wharf and Warehouse (San Diego & L.A.) in the same capacity. Seattle Stevedoring

*...continued on next page*

*...continued from page 5*

purchased Crescent and Don became Vice President in 1982, a job he held for 25 years. (Crescent later became SSA.)

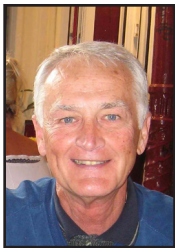
Don retired in 2007 at the age of 77 after a 60-year career in the maritime industry. He and his wife Vicki travel often and take two extended trips or cruises a year in addition to his three or four hunting and fishing trips to Canada and Mexico, etc. He plays golf near their home near Tehachapi and also at their second home in Henderson, NV. Winter takes them to their timeshare in Puerto Vallarta.

A very spry (and active) Don Hiniker celebrated his 80th birthday this fall. He is on a cruise in the Caribbean as this is being written. While he misses his many friends in the business, he's truly enjoying his retirement. He wishes he could attend the holiday lunch on December 9, but he'll be busy hunting!



**Tony Stapleton**

*President 1992-1994*



**Barry Baldwin**

*President 1994-1996*

Barry retired from Foss Maritime in March 2003 having started in 1983 as the vice president-sales manager for the Pacific Southwest region. In 2001 he was named Director of Business Development, a position he held until he retired. He is a founding director of the International

Seafarers Center.

Barry and his wife Ginny stay active and enjoy a great deal of international travel and are looking forward to spending January 2010 in Australia and New Zealand. They've become involved with winemaking over the past 3 years with a group of friends and particularly enjoy sampling the product! Barry and Ginny celebrated their 45th anniversary Brussels in June 2009.

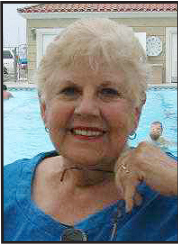
Barry is a mediator a few days a week in Orange County Superior Court and plays golf often. He and Ginny enjoy spending time with their family which now numbers seventeen!

...continued from page 6



## **Gerry Fisher**

*President 1996-1998*



## **Deborah Shey Harding**

*President 1998-2000*

Deborah Shey Harding was the Human Resources Manager for Sea-Land covering the Western Region, a busy and delightful job for 26 years. While her primary (and favorite) assignment was in Long Beach, she also relocated with the company to Oakland, Seattle and Tacoma. She completed her undergraduate and graduate degrees at the University of San Francisco.

After an early retirement in 1990, she consulted for Sea-Land and taught graduate and undergraduate level business courses at Cal State Long Beach. She also started her worldwide transportation executive recruitment firm with her wonderful husband Michael Harding who passed away in January of 2009. The successful business was taken over by Sue (Propeller Club Board Member) and Jeff Dvonch in 2005 and she remains extremely active in the business behind the scenes.

Debby lives in Seal Beach and enjoys the beautiful roses in her garden, planted and nurtured by Michael. She spends time with her wonderful family including her adoring grandchildren Lauren and Katie (Sue & Jeff), daughter Meg, son Joe and his wife Samantha. Michael's lovely English children, grandchildren, sister and nieces visit often and spend cherished time in Seal Beach. She also boasts five grand dogs, compliments of Meg, Sue and Jeff and Joe and Sam. She stays active swimming and going to the gym several times a week and enjoys monthly outings with her best girlfriends, the "Black Panthers" (a tribute to the attire they coincidentally wear on these outings!).



## **Chris Minus**

*President 2001-2004*

Chris Minus was born in Loilum, Burma (now Myanmar) and lived in Burma, India, Karachi and England where his dad worked for the British Foreign Service. Chris' family immigrated into the US when he was 7 years old. The family moved to Portland, Oregon where Chris went to grade school, high school and graduated from Portland State University in 1971 with a BS in Economics.

...continued on next page

*...continued from page 7*

Chris entered the maritime industry in 1971 working for Williams Diamond and in 1973 for Matson Agencies, where he held the position of Marine Operations Manager in Portland and Los Angeles. In 1988 Chris joined SSA Marine in business Development working with NYK to coordinate their move into SSA Marine's Indies terminal and later in 1994 to form a joint venture between NYK and SSA Marine called Centennial Stevedoring Services.

Chris returned to SSA Marine in 1996 and was involved with various projects including, creating a joint venture with Matson Navigation to take over all Matson Terminal work on the West Coast under the SSAT brand. In 2000 Chris began working with the federal government to establish SSA Marine as a significant contractor to the USDA and USAID.

In addition to his years of service at SSA Marine, Chris has served on the Board of Directors of the Propeller Club and was president, chairman and executive committee board member from the International Propeller Club in Washington D.C. In 2006 Chris received the "Maritimer of the Year" award from the Propeller Club LA/LB. Chris also served on the board of Directors for the Marine Exchange of LA/LB.

Chris is married to the love of his life, Terri, a published author, radio talk show host and wonderful mother. Chris has two lovely daughters, Molly and Meagan.



## **Hud Warren**

*President 2005-2008*

Prior to co-founding China West LLC, Hud Warren, a 30-year veteran in the logistics arena, served as Vice President of Global Distribution & Transportation at a multi-billion dollar multinational corporation where he successfully built a global network to serve the company's distributors in over 60 countries. Other executive responsibilities included overseeing the Company's global customs compliance and operations and playing a leadership role in the company's global operations team. Hud's experience included COO and CEO positions at world class global and regional container operators.

Hud graduated from The Massachusetts Maritime Academy and served as a deck officer onboard various container ships and tankers. He has held various senior positions in many supply chain disciplines, has traveled extensively and resided in a number of locations outside the United States.

Hud is Chairman of the Propeller Club of Los Angeles-Long Beach, Chairman of The Foreign Trade Association and is Vice President of the International Visitors Council of Los Angeles County, sits on various boards, including that of ITEP and the Board of Advisors at California State University, Dominguez Hills.

Hud & his wife Meihua reside in Pasadena, CA.