



LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBERS

Suzanne and Doyle Powell

Married for nearly 47 years, Suzanne and Doyle Powell have built a lifetime of memories together. They met in Long Beach when Doyle, a recent civil engineering graduate of the University of Missouri at Rolla, moved to Long Beach to take on his first job. Suzanne, a California native, had earned her degree at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and was working as an elementary teacher. In the years that followed, they would live in a number of California cities—wherever Doyle’s jobs took him. In time, he would form his own company, Powell Constructors, Inc. Then in 2007, they would come full circle by relocating in Long Beach.

Suzanne never let any grass grow under her feet. As a working mother, she still found time to earn her real estate license and work in that industry for six years. It was when she attended a fundraiser for the Assistance League® Covina Valley that she took notice of the Assisteens and decided it would be a wonderful group for her daughter to join. However, for her daughter to be part of Assisteens Suzanne would need to be a member of the chapter, and so she joined in 1989. She went on to serve in many positions, including Assisteens Coordinator and eventually President-Elect and President. When the family moved to Upland years later, Suzanne knew that joining the Assistance League® Foothill Communities would be a wonderful way to meet people. As a proven leader, she soon found herself on the board and working in various positions, including fundraising and property management.

It was fortuitous for Assistance League of Long Beach that the Powells moved back to this city in 2006. Suzanne quickly became an active chapter member, taking on different roles with the culmination being the presidency in 2015-16. She continues to be involved in many areas of the organization. In the community, she is also a member of Steel Magnolias and Dramatic Allied Arts Guild.

Doyle passed through the chairs of the Southern California Contractors Association and still sits on the board today. His construction company is now run by their son Michael and continues to be a major force in southern California in building roads and freeways. Several jobs have been here in Long Beach and include the bikewalk along the beach and the bridgewalk which will connect the Convention Center to the exhibit halls.

The Powells stay active. They enjoy golf and are members of Virginia Country Club. At one time, Suzanne was a director of the Women's Southern California Golf Association, promoting women's golf. Doyle and Suzanne are also members of Long Beach Yacht Club and enjoy the activities of the Anglers. They often participate in the travel trip this group offers annually. This year it is Scotland and Ireland. Their favorite time, however, is spent with their six grandchildren. Their son Michael and his wife have three little girls under the age of 7. Their daughter Michelle and her husband have three small boys, age 6 and identical twins, age 2 ½, who Suzanne says they still have trouble telling apart. Imagine the fun when they all get together!

Doyle and Suzanne have reached a point in their lives when they want to do more for others. At Doyle's alma mater, they have established two needs-based civil engineering scholarships, as well as constructing a meeting room in the school of engineering. Here at home they chose Assistance League of Long Beach as their main focus of giving. They recently provided an endowment to help fund future scholarships at both CSULB and LBCC through Assistance League of Long Beach. "We like to contribute annually," Suzanne says, "to support philanthropic programs, particularly those which may not receive grant funding. For us it is all about making a difference in the life of a child or young adult so that they may be able to follow their dreams." She adds, "Assistance League of Long Beach strives *to meet essential needs in our community so that families can flourish*. What better quote than our own vision statement. Doyle and I appreciate the management and structure of this organization and know that each dollar donated is well spent."

If you are interested in learning more about Assistance League of Long Beach's Endowment Program or Legacy Society membership, please contact Annette Kashiwabara, Executive Director, at (562) 627-5650.