

Gerald (Jerry) Arai '55
"ARTIST, HUMANITARIAN, AND
COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER"

Nominated by Mimi Schlosstein James

Jerry is a 1955 Garfield graduate and 1968 graduate of the University of Washington School of Architecture. In 1970, he partnered with Cliff Jackson and formed the Arai/Jackson Architects and Planners. At its peak the firm employed over 70 staff, many of them from diverse backgrounds to better represent the needs of Seattle communities. Lead by Arai, the firm designed local libraries, fire stations, substations, community centers, police stations and city halls.

Two of his firm's most outstanding projects are like jewels in the community. The first was the Uwajimaya Village, in Seattle's International District, which is mixed retail and apartments. The second Arai/Jackson marvel is the Indian Cultural Center Daybreak Star Building in Discovery Park. Jerry was chosen by the renowned Bernie Whitebear to deliver a contemporary design with Native American artwork and motifs. The design has been referred to as a "work of art" and Arai received the "Eagle Award" for his work with Native Americans.

Jerry is known as an avid volunteer in enhancing many community projects, over the years. He retired in 2003, but has continued to contribute volunteer work to multiple projects in the Seattle Area, especially in the International District. Some of his volunteer work has included: 1) contributing to the Seattle Keiro Nursing Home remodel, 2) donating a floor-to-ceiling art piece to the Japanese Cultural and Community Center, 3) donating the design for the stained glass cross the entrance of the Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church and a large metal cross design at the entrance, 4) continuing to donate as a "Friends of Minidoka" Board member supporting eleven pilgrimages to the former Idaho WWII Minidoka American Concentration camp for Japanese-Americans, where he and his parents were incarcerated during WWII, and 5) volunteering as a fundraiser for the restoration of the 26-foot tall Seward Park Japanese Torii entrance and donating two poetry-inscribed benches in honor of his father, Kichio A. Arai, and of Ike Ikeda, who helped all minorities through his work at the Atlantic Street Center.

Jerry is an innovative architect and community servant who follows the example of Ikeda. He, like Russell Wilson, always asks, "why not?" and "why not us?"

Jon Bridge '68
"BUSINESSMAN, EDUCATIONAL
SUPPORTER, AND COMMUNITY
ACTIVIST"

Nominated by Dr. Carol Simmons

Jon Bridge is Chairman and Counsel Emeritus of Ben Bridge Jewelry, Inc., a Seattle based retail firm with over 80 stores in 10 states and the Province of British Columbia. He is a native of Seattle and a 1968 graduate of Garfield High School. He graduated Magna Cum Laude with an Honors Degree in Economics from the University of Washington in 1972. He earned his Juris Doctor from the UW Law School in 1976.

Jon is a huge friend and proponent and supporter of equity at all levels of education. For example, he is a past Chair of the Alliance for Education and is currently on their Executive board, and sits on the Ambassador Board of the UW College of Education. Jon is a founder, generous donor, advisor and prominent board member of the UW Alumni Association Multicultural Alumni Partnership that annually awards scholarships to a group of disadvantaged, multicultural scholars.

As a dedicated community activist, he's on the board of Jewelers Mutual Insurance Company, Jewelers of America Political Action Committee, the Metropolitan Seattle Urban League (where he is a past Chair), the Center for Children and Youth Justice, MOHAI, and the Washington State Courts Historical Society. He's Chair of the local Navy Recruiting District Assistance Council as well as a retired Navy Captain in the JAG Corps. Jon is past Chair of the LAMP Section of the Washington State Bar Association, past Chair of the Military Lawyers Committee of the GP/Solo Division of the American Bar Association, past Co-Chair of the United Way of King County's Annual Campaign and former President of the Washington State Chapter of the American Jewish Committee. He is also a member of the Seattle Rotary and on their Foundation Board, the Pacific Northwest Council of the New Israel Fund, the Board of Visitors of the National Judicial College, the Board of Counselors of Equal Justice Works and the Board of the Pacific NW Anti-Defamation League. He has recently been appointed to the Washington State Salary Commission.

Herb Schoenfeld '56

"BUSINESSMAN, COMMUNITY LEADER, AND ACTIVE VOLUNTEER"

**Nominated by Barney Hilliard, supported
by several other classmates**

Herb Schoenfeld graduated from Garfield High School in 1956. He attended Whitman College in 1956 and '57, where he was freshman class president. He then came to the University of Washington and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology. Herb also studied at the New York School of Interior Design and Served in the US Coast Guard.

Herb Schoenfeld is a Garfield Golden Grad that we know as a very successful businessman. He operated his family furniture store in Tacoma, Washington for 35 years and was Chairman of the Board of Schoenfeld Travel Partners (Travel Agency) for four years. He may be less well known as a licensed charity auctioneer who has led charity auctions for over 30 years. In this capacity he volunteered to lead auctions to raise funds for Garfield.

Herb has served as board president and/or on the board of directors for a number of business associations including The Downtown Tacoma Association, Northwest Home Furnishings Association and the Pierce County Furniture Association. He was selected for Time Magazine's Pierce County Leadership Recognition Award.

Herb has been a tireless volunteer in Tacoma community activities. He is president of the Schoenfeld Gardener Foundation that supports over 60 charities annually, has served as a board member for the Tacoma Salvation Army, Mary Bridge Children's Hospital, Pantages Performing Arts Center, Washington Women's Employment and Education, Daffodil Festival, Northwest Cascade Inc., Corporate Council for the Arts, Lion's Club, Tacoma Rescue Mission and Operation Night Watch.

Herb is an active participant in reunions of the class of 1956, and his regular attendance at the annual GGG luncheons is an example of his continuing commitment and dedication to Garfield. He has also been a donor to support Garfield grads and has helped homeless students and families at a local elementary school as a community service project.