



Bill Lynch '59

Has been elected to membership in the

Beta Phi Hall of Honor Class of 2004

In the 1950's, the Beta Phi Chapter was composed of many outstanding athletes, future lawyers, and politicians, all of whom had set very strong personal goals. Brother Bill Lynch took a page from their book and set some ambitious goals for himself. After receiving his BSEE in 1959 from the University of Arizona, he favored attending either Stanford or Harvard for his MBA. The Beta Phi Chapter Brothers helped him achieve many campus honors, which assisted him in gaining admittance to Stanford.

After Bill's 1962 graduation from Stanford, his first job was with Fairchild Semiconductor in Mt. View, California. He began by managing an assembly line of 15 employees, and soon supervised more than 75 workers. Next, he moved into industrial engineering, where he worked designing new assembly lines at Fairchild. After two years at Fairchild, Bill accepted a position with SBC, a subsidiary of IBM Corporation. Later, he moved to Dallas and became the financial marketing representative for the Dallas-Fort Worth office of SBC, where he worked with clients such as banks, brokerage firms, savings banks, credit unions, and mortgage brokers. A few years later, he accepted a position as vice president of a small computer firm in Dallas, providing consulting services to mortgage banking companies and real estate development companies.

In 1970, Bill and his brother, Harry, formed Cimarron Properties Company, to develop a section of land in the Catalina Foothills north of Tucson. Cimarron was later renamed Lynch Properties Company, and they spearheaded the development of shipping centers and office buildings in Texas and New Mexico. In 1989, Bill and Harry purchased trucking company in east Texas which they renamed Fleetwood Transportation Services, Inc., which they still own.

In 1991, Bill and Harry formed Lynch Investment Company, which is run as a vehicle for making private equity investments in small companies. Since it's incorporation, the company has purchased an additional 11 small businesses, and Bill is an investor in each of them. At this time, Bill is also active in oil and gas investments in Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Brother Lynch is a member of the Beta Phi House Committee. He is also an enthusiastic supporter and contributor to the Sigma Chi Foundation.

Brother Lynch credits his parents for their loving assistance and guidance. They set a magnificent example of achievement and civic involvement throughout their lives. He also credits his brother, Harry, who is his lifetime business partner and close friend, with making a substantial contribution to his success. Above all, his patient and loving wife, Sandra, and daughters, Mary Margaret and Katherine, have consistently attempted to understand and encourage Brother Lynch's endeavors.