

HONORLITE 2017 - GARY POGUE AND GERRY MARNIEN

In 2017 there were clearly two members that contribute so much to the ILLUMINATORS and they both deserved to be awarded the TED EGGER'S honorlite award- the highest award that is given to an ILLUMINATOR that has not gone through the officer chairs. Congratulations to Gary Pogue and Gerry Marnien!



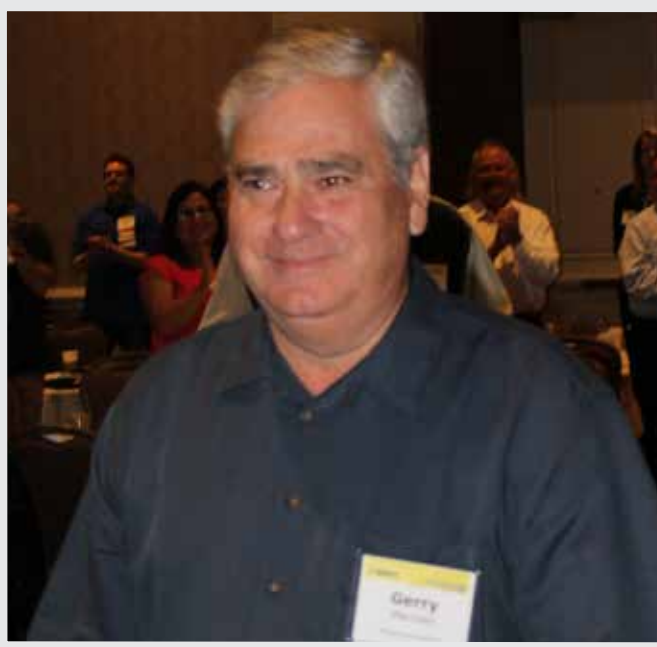
Gary has been in the Food Industry for over 50 years dating back to 1964, when he delivered his first loaf for Sunbeam Bread. He joined the Marine Corps in 1969 and returned to the Food Industry in 1972 starting with a small french bread company in Fresno. During Gary's career, he advanced to several high management positions over this time, and finally the Director of Business Development with the Roman Meal Company calling on account headquarters and bakeries all over the domestic US.

Gary is Past President of the Sales Managers Club of Northern California from 2013, has been an Illuminator for over 14 years, is currently an Illuminator Board Advisor, and has worked on the Illuminator Supply Committee for over 12 years serving as chair for eight of those years.

Gary strongly believes in Honor, Loyalty, Integrity, and Love of Family. Being in the Food Industry for such a long time makes him want to "give back", because the food industry has treated him so well. Gary states that "I do what I do because I love it. I enjoy the comradery and the focus on educational scholarships for future generations".

GARY POGUE

Illuminator's 32nd Honorlite 2017



I was born and grew up in the Philadelphia area and moved to California between my junior and senior year of high school. I started my career with the Los Angeles Times in 1977 as sales representative responsible for managing sales and collections. Within a few months I was asked to join the team of a new department charged with the creating a manufacturing facility capable of designing and producing our news racks and retail display equipment. I became Assistant Manager in 1980 and promoted to Manager in 1986 through 2011. Over time our business grew by leaps and bounds. We were recognized by Edison for pioneering "Clean Air" technology and was twice awarded "The Publisher's Award."

As a result of our efforts with the design of retail displays, I had the fortunate opportunity to work with my good friend and mentor Bob Paul who introduced me to the Illuminator organization. It was through Bob's efforts to get me involved on committees and spreading the "Lite of Good Fellowship" that I realized the Illuminators were a great organization. Their support for their industry and commitment to education through the IEF was unsurpassed to anything I had been involved with in my career.

I am humbled and grateful to receive this year's Honorlite award and honored to be a co-recipient with my good friend Gary Pogue. It is truly the highlight of my professional career.

GERRY MARNIEN

Illuminator's 32nd Honorlite 2017