

# Alumni Award

Peter J. Lee

Class of 1965

It is a pleasure to honor Peter J. Lee with this 2010 Alumni Award for service to Ohio Wesleyan as an exemplary volunteer and for his lifelong dedication to his alma mater.

Peter Joshua Lee graduated with a B.A. in History. At OWU Pete was active in Men's Glee Club, Men's Lacrosse, the OWU "W" Association, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon. He served as chairman of the OWU Men's Intramural Council and also as Intramural Chairman of Sigma Alpha Epsilon from 1964-1965. With Pete at the helm, SAE won the All-Intramural Sports Trophy for the 1964-1965 academic year.

After Ohio Wesleyan, Pete earned an M.A. in Special Education from California State University at Sacramento. Pete spent several years working in human services in New York City and California before he began a 34-year career with the Sacramento County Office of Education. He retired in 2005 from his position as Deputy Superintendent for Administration and Programs.

Pete is active in his community working with B.J. Jordan Child Care Programs, Inc. and serving as a member of the Foothill High School Booster Club, where he has been assistant and head soccer coach. Pete's passion for lacrosse led him to co-found the Sacramento Lacrosse Club in 1976, which is still active today. He also served as founding chairman for the Sacramento Valley Lacrosse Foundation and the founding head coach for the Foothill High School Boys Varsity Lacrosse Club.

Ohio Wesleyan alumni know Pete for his dedication to lacrosse and the glee club. He has been a member of the OWU Alumni Glee Club Reunion Planning Committee since 1998. Pete helped to establish the Professor Gordon M. Almstead Memorial Scholarship Fund in 1998. He also compiled information for the book *Brothers Sing On! A History of the Ohio Wesleyan Men's Glee Club, 1876-1952, and the Glee Club and Glee-ettes, 1953-1975*, which was printed by OWU in 2009.

On the lacrosse front, Pete coordinated the establishment of the Fred Myers Memorial Lacrosse Fund in 2003; plays both Grand Masters and Super Grand Masters for the OWU Legends lacrosse teams; served as co-chair for the Committee on Excellence in OWU Men's Lacrosse to support Team OWU; served as chairman for the OWU Lacrosse Alumni Association; and co-edited the book, *Ohio Wesleyan University, The History of Men's Varsity Lacrosse, "Pride and Tradition" Celebrating the First 50 Years: from Humble Beginnings to National Power, 1958-2007*, which was printed by Ohio Wesleyan in 2006.

Today, we join Pete's reunioning classmates and his wife, Joette, in saluting, thanking, and applauding him for decades of devoted service to Ohio Wesleyan University and as a valued member of the Ohio Wesleyan community.

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