



# March 18, 1996 Wyandotte Distinguished Graduate Inductee



## Walter F. Bauer Class of 1941

Walter F. Bauer distinguished himself as a research digital computer engineer and founder of Informatics General Corporation.

During World War II, Walter served his country as a weather officer in the United States Air Force. Following his military tour of duty, Walter enrolled in the University of Michigan, and in 1951 earned his Ph.D. in Mathematics. Dr. Bauer established himself

as a pioneer in the use of electronic computers.

In 1954, he joined the Ramo-Wooldrige Corporation where he became Director of the Computation and Data Reduction Center of T.R.W., Inc.

In 1962, Dr. Bauer founded Informatics General Corporation and served as its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer until 1985. The I.G.C. was one of the world's largest independent computer software companies. Before the company was sold in 1985, its revenues were approximately \$200 million dollars, with over 2,800 employees.

Dr. Bauer became Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Delphi Information Systems in 1986. In the years that followed, he also served on the Board of Directors at Alpharel, A.A.C. Corporation, and Caelus. Until 1992, Dr. Bauer served as a director, officer or consultant to nine major computer/electronic companies.

Active in many professional and charitable organizations, Dr. Bauer serves as the founding Chairman of the Southern California Technology Executives Network. He was elected Chairman of the Charles Babbage Foundation, an organization dedicated to the history of computing, and has served on the Advisory Panel of the Institute of Computer Services and Technology of the National Bureau of Standards. Since 1975, Dr. Bauer has been an Underwriting Name at Lloyd's of

London. In 1985, Dr. Bauer received the "Spirit of Life Award" from the City of Hope.

Dr. Bauer has published many papers on management and technical computer subjects, and has addressed numerous groups throughout the country. He was the keynote speaker at the Third World Computing Congress in Copenhagen in 1982 and the Japan Software Convention in Tokyo in 1983.

Dr. Walter F. Bauer lives with his wife, Donna, in Encino, California. They enjoy their three grown sons and their families.