In Memoriam – Trustee Melville Pollak

The Board of Trustees sadly announce the passing of Board Trustee - Melville Pollak on September 24, 2016 at age 88. Mel was appointed to the Board of Trustees in 2014. Although his time on the Board may have been short, his impact was large. Mel was a quick learn and became a strong advocate for the Police Officers' and this Plan. Mel's indomitable spirit was reportedly with him to the end.

Mel was born on April 16, 1928, in Mount Vernon, NY, the son of Edward and Caroline Pollak. After attending Davis High School, he pursued a business degree at NYU, where he received a BS in accounting. Following a stint as an Army corporal during the Korean War, Mel set off on a long and varied career in retail merchandising. Not one to retire, Mel spent his "leisure" years developing his passions for photography, politics and world travel. He visited more than 50 countries and every continent, documenting their people and culture in his stunning, award-winning photographs. Between adventures, Mel cherished his role as a civic leader in the community he was proud to call home. He actively served as President of the Hollywood Hills Civic Association (6 years), President of the Hollywood Council of Civic Associations, and a member of CERT. As noted, he was appointed to the Hollywood Police Pension Board by Mayor Peter Bober, and was instrumental in establishing the Johnson Street Festival. In addition to his beloved wife Arlene, Mel is lovingly remembered by his daughters Barbara Mango (Greg) and Joan Pollak (Patrick Cragin), his three grandchildren and one brand-new great grandchild. A memorial service will be held at a later date. If you wish to honor Mel, please make sure to vote. Donations can be made to Doctors Without Borders.

Peace be with Mel and his loving family……….. he will be missed!