It is with deep sorrow that we inform you of the passing of Frank P. Greinke. Frank, the son of the founder of Southern Counties Oil Co., Frank H. Greinke, and the much beloved owner of SC Fuels will be missed greatly.

After assuming the position of president of Southern Counties Oil Co. in 1987, Frank grew the company to over 900 team members with operations in 10 western states. His kind leadership and gentle disposition guided SC Fuels growth while still maintaining the family owned company values established by Frank’s father.

Frank served on SIGMA’s board of directors from 1993 to 2014 and as SIGMA’s President from 2010-2012. Always passionate about his SIGMA involvement, Frank was a true visionary. With his ambition, drive, and dedication, he helped grow SIGMA’s membership and introduced new programs to the association. In 2014, Frank was delighted to lead SIGMA’s International Study Tour to the Republic of Georgia and Turkey. Frank was a member with SIGMA for 35 years and continued to be a strong supporter of the association until his passing. His philosophy of “adapt and change” fit perfectly with the spirit of SIGMA in an industry that continues to see change on an ongoing basis.

Additionally, Frank served as Chairman of the Southern California Chapter of Young Presidents Organization (YPO), he was founding director of The New Majority Committee; an Orange County based Republican Party organization, and former Finance Chairman of the Orange County Republican Party. He was also on the Advisory Board for Solis Capital Partners and served on the Board of the Bank of Hemet and was a founding member of the Board of Directors for Pacific Ethanol Inc.

Frank was also a strong supporter of CIOMA (CFCA) and its programs for decades, believing in the concept that a united community industry would be a stronger one.

Frank’s professional accomplishments paled in comparison to how he felt about giving back to the community. He was a director of the Tustin Boys and Girls Club, served on the Dean’s Advisory Board for Cal State Fullerton’s College of Business and Economics and the Advisory Board for Chapman University’s President’s Cabinet. He strongly supported community programs such as Mary’s Kitchen to help feed the homeless, supported employee blood drives, and set up programs within SC Fuels to encourage our team to participate in community programs.

Frank’s passion for business and community did not end at home, he had a deeply held passion for the Republic of Georgia. SC Fuels had the distinction of being the first company from the United States to do business in the Republic of Georgia. In 1992, Southern Counties Oil opened the first western-style gas station in the capital city of Tbilisi, just after Georgia became the first former Soviet Republic to become independent. Frank served as Counsel General [Hon.] for the U.S. West Coast for the Republic of Georgia.

Frank instilled the belief in us that a company is a family and he treated everyone at SC Fuels with honor and respect. He earned the love of the SC team and he will be missed by all of us.
Details regarding the family's wishes for a memorial service are not yet available.