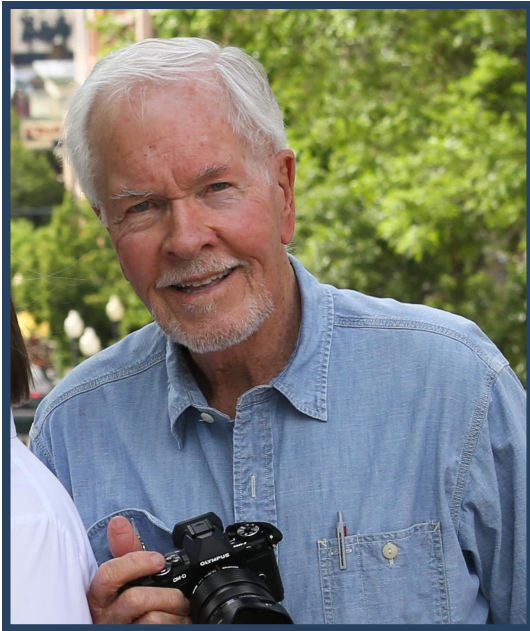




Golden Landmarks Association

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2019 LIVING LANDMARK AWARD

Dave Powers

Dave Powers has over fifty years of experience in college administration and fundraising for major educational institutions. After leaving the army in 1958, Dave began his career at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York as the Associate Director of Admissions. While at St. Lawrence he also served as Assistant to the Vice President for Development and Administrative Assistant to two Presidents.

In 1971 he left Canton for Concord, New Hampshire where he served as the Director of Development for St. Paul's School. While there, he doubled annual giving and developed a public relations media presentation for NAIS (National Association of Independent Schools) and CASE (Council for the Advancement and Support of Education) conferences. In addition, he

1973 found him still in New Hampshire, but now in New London at Colby-Sawyer College serving as Vice President for Development and External Relations. During his tenure, he directed a major capital gifts effort and established the college's first planned giving program. He increased annual giving by nearly 200 percent and significantly increased alumni participation. In 1984 he accepted the position of Associate Vice President and Campaign Director at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania managing their \$86.5M capital campaign and ultimately raised \$90M.

Dave and his wife Runie moved to Golden in 1988, where Dave took the position of Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Colorado School of Mines. At CSM, Dave presided over a five year \$60M capital campaign which yielded nearly \$73M. At CSM, Dave also developed an institutional communications plan for the school.

Grenzebach Glier + Associates, Inc, an international consulting firm for philanthropic management, became his last professional home in 1995. He served there as Senior Consulting Vice President. His clients included: Denver Botanic Gardens, University of Southern Mississippi College of Science and Technology, University of Wyoming, and Western State University. In addition, he worked on project teams for universities across the country.

Dave has lent his skills to many non-profit boards including the National Easter Seal Telethon, The Governor's Academy, Eastern Union County United Fund, and the boards of the Foothills Art Center, Golden Visitor's Center, and the Golden Civic Foundation. Dave's other Golden based volunteer activities include work for the Buffalo Bill Museum and Grave, Clear Creek History Park, and Brown Bag University. He's also contributed to CSM and Jefferson County Symphony task forces. Dave is the 2008 recipient of the Golden Rotary's Service Above Self Award.

His family's move to Golden fulfilled a life long fascination for the West which began at age eight when he saw Tom Mix in person. Dave has been a member and/or participated with the Clear Creek Historic Park, Cripple Creek Old West Showdown, Cowboy Action Shooting, Denver Symposium on Custer and the Plains Indian Wars, Buffalo Bill Museum and Grave, Order of the Indian Wars, Custer Battlefield Preservation Committee, Honorary Colonel-115th Engineer Regiment, Little Big Horn Associates, 7th US Memorial Cavalry, and the Ten Most Wanted.

He has been, and remains, a passionate photographer with a show scheduled at the Golden Public Library this coming August. Last, but not least, he's a musician. He began playing the clarinet in 1949, then switched to tenor sax. Nine years ago,