



## Hal Bartholomew's Biography

It is fitting tribute that the CSD's first year-round outdoor sports complex be named for third-generation Elk Grove native, Hal D. Bartholomew.

If not for his selfless work and dedication, youth and adult sports would not enjoy the high regard in which they are held throughout Elk Grove today. Nor would Elk Grove families have the opportunities offered by a CSD park system that has grown to 86 parks, the Hal Bartholomew Sports Park being the 86<sup>th</sup>.

Hal's support of athletics dates back to his youth in Elk Grove, and includes 19 years of elected service on the then-Elk Grove Community Services District (CSD) Board of Directors, and the Elk Grove Recreation & Park District Board prior to that.

Hal's first foray onto the public sports scene was with his creation in 1973 of the volunteer Elk Grove Recreation Association to promote adult recreation programs. In 1976, Hal was appointed to the Elk Grove Recreation & Park District Board, where he served until 1985 when the park district merged with the Elk Grove Fire Protection District to form the CSD.

He served on the CSD Board from its inception until stepping down at the end of 1994. During his tenure he was a leading force in the establishment of a Master Plan for park development in Elk Grove and creation of the Landscape & Lighting Districts that to this day help support the CSD park system.

Hal served as Commissioner of the Elk Grove Softball Association for 18 years, still plays slow-pitch softball in the Sacramento area Rotary league, was Commissioner of the Elk Grove Basketball Association for 12 years and was president of Home Field Advantage, which raised funds for youth sports in Elk Grove.

Since leaving office in 1994, Hal, a Certified Family Law Specialist and senior partner of Bartholomew & Wasznicky LLP, a six attorney Sacramento family law firm, has been active in many professional organizations including being elected as a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and as the founding President of both Collaborative Practice California and the Sacramento Collaborative Practice Group. Hal received his Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctor degrees at the University of California, Davis, in 1968 and 1971, respectively.

Hal served was named Elk Grove Citizen of the Year in 1997 and served as President of Elk Grove Incorporation 2000 that resulted in the City of Elk Grove.

Hal and his wife, Beverly Brautigam, have three children – Marla, Blake & Bret – and a grandson Wesley Nunn.

Hal's parents, Amy and Alvin Bartholomew, also have a park named in their honor, Bartholomew Park located south of the Laguna Town Hall.

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