

Douglas * and Ruth Helmick Lier

“We love Los Alamos” say Ruth and Doug, and their volunteer efforts touch every aspect of Los Alamos life.

After obtaining a MS Degree in Microbiology, Ruth came to Los Alamos to teach science and in 1955 organized the first science fair. Doug was a LASL staff member in J Division when they were married in 1957. With the birth of their two children, the Liers’ community activities reflected their interests.

Doug was scout master of troop 193 and is still involved with scouting. President of the ski club in 1959-60, Doug helped with the move from Sawyer’s Hill to Pajarito Mountain and was instrumental in creating and maintaining the East Park and Barranca Pools. He and Bill Hudson originated the popular mini-triathlon.

With her daughter’s Girl Scout troop, Ruth created the Quemazon Trail. Ruth originated the 4th of July Parade in 1965, is a 6-term member of the Art in Public Places Board and is a charter member of the local P.E.O. supporting women with scholarships and loans.

Doug created SARA to connect faculty and senior students at Service Academies with Lab scientists.

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