

WHY DO WE CALL IT THE WHITING CENTER?

The Whiting Community Center is a lasting memorial to Sam J. Whiting, a prominent California attorney who played an integral part in the planning and development of Bear Valley Springs.

Mr. Whiting was one of this state's leading specialists in real estate law and was also instrumental in the formation of Western Developers Council.

Dart Resorts, a division of Dart Industries Inc., chose to honor Mr. Whiting's contributions to this community as well as the real estate industry through the official dedication of this building on Saturday, July 24th, 1976. Mr. Whiting was elected as the first President of the Bear Valley Springs Property Owners Association in 1971, and still held that office in 1973 when he and his wife, Mary Ann, were tragically killed in a plane crash.

Mr. Whiting served as outside legal counsel to Dart Resorts for both Bear Valley Springs and its Tahoe Donner community development near Truckee. He was responsible for writing and adopting the "Covenants and Restrictions" for both projects, while also working with county and state agencies in developing the concepts for these communities.

Mr. Whiting helped form the Western Developers Council in 1970 and prepared its 'Code of Ethics,' a document which served as an important guideline for companies accepted into that industry group. The western Developers Council has since established a scholarship in his memory at the Stanford Law School.