



**DON ALDERMAN**

**DON ALDERMAN GREW UP IN A SMALL TOWN NEAR NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. HIS FATHER WAS A FAMILY DOCTOR, ONE OF TWO DOCTORS IN THE TOWN. AN ONLY CHILD, HE WAS SENT TO A PRIVATE SCHOOL, WHERE HE PLAYED SEVERAL SPORTS AND GRADUATED FIRST IN HIS CLASS. FROM THERE HE WENT ON TO YALE UNIVERSITY AND THEN TO MEDICAL SCHOOL AT UPSTATE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY IN SYRACUSE, NEW YORK.**

**TAKING SOME TIME OFF IN THE SIXTIES, HE TRAVELLED TO EUROPE, WHERE HE MET HIS FIRST WIFE, HEIDI. SHE WAS AN ENGLISH GIRL, WORKING AS AN AU PAIR IN A GERMAN FAMILY. ONE NIGHT, DON AND A FRIEND WENT TO “RESI”, A FAMOUS BERLIN NIGHT CLUB, WHERE EACH TABLE HAD A TELEPHONE SO YOU COULD CALL OTHER TABLES. HE CALLED HEIDI, THEY STARTED DATING, AND EVENTUALLY MARRIED AND HAD TWO DAUGHTERS. AFTER 24 YEARS TOGETHER THEY DIVORCED AND DON IS NOW REMARRIED TO RHONDA, A LONG TIME FRIEND.**

**AS AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST, DON WORKED FOR MANY YEARS AT KAWEAH DELTA HOSPITAL IN VISALIA AND WROTE A CHAPTER IN AN INTRODUCTORY ANESTHESIA TEXTBOOK. IT WAS IN VISALIA THAT HE STARTED FLYING LESSONS IN 2003 AND BOUGHT A PLANE IN 2006. HE JOINED THE” FLYING SAMARITANS” AND SPENT ONE WEEKEND A MONTH VOLUNTEERING AS AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST AT THE BAJA CLINIC IN SAN QUITIN, MEXICO. ALTHOUGH HE RECENTLY SOLD HIS PLANE, HE IS STILL ON THE BOARD OF THE “FLYING SAMARITANS”.**

**DON MOVED TO ARROYO GRANDE IN 2005 AND RETIRED IN 2014. HE HAD BEEN PLAYING TENNIS SINCE THE AGE OF TWELVE SO JOINED THE AVILA BAY TENNIS CLUB. THERE HE MET JACK PHIRMAN WHO BECAME HIS TENNIS PARTNER. THEY DECIDED TO JOIN A LOCAL BRIDGE CLUB TO IMPROVE THEIR BRIDGE AND ARE NOW ENJOYING BOTH TENNIS AND BRIDGE AS PARTNERS.**

**IF YOU COME EARLY TO PLAY, AT EITHER SAN LUIS OBISPO OR THE FIVE CITIES BRIDGE CLUB, YOU WILL FIND DON HARD AT WORK, SETTING UP AND PREPARING THE TABLES, AS WELL AS PUTTING THEM AWAY AFTER THE GAME. HE IS ON THE BOARD OF THE SAN LUIS OBISPO BRIDGE CLUB WHERE HIS WILLING SPIRIT TO HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

