



## *the First Section*

### **Know Your Emeritus Member: Frank (Fritz) Alexander**



Frank received a BS in Bacteriology and Chemistry from the U of Illinois and an MBA from Northwestern.

He started at Armour and Co. in Chicago as a Bacteriologist and worked on various projects including the irradiation of meat resulting in a patent which was turned over to the U.S. Army.

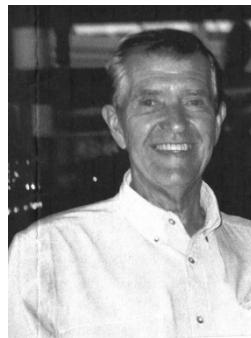
He then moved to Kraft in Glenview where he worked in Basic Research on different problems and his work on disc assays was included in Standard Methods for the Analysis of Dairy Products. Later he moved to Helene Curtis as Laboratory Administrator. He was responsible for all the office functions, R&D Library, budgets, etc. He converted product formulas so they would be compatible with computer systems. [He also helped with the introduction of Magic Secret Wrinkle Remover (contained fractionated bovine albumin from Armour). The FDA recalled the product and several months later apologized because they could not find anything wrong with the product as a "cosmetic". ]

Frank then went to the Jewel Companies in Barrington and held a variety of positions - Plant Superintendent, Manager of Building Maintenance, Technical Director (Product Development, Quality Control, Engineering, etc.), Manager of Manufacturing Planning (designed and built a dry detergent plant and a pharmaceutical packaging plant) and Manager of Pharmaceutical Manufacturing.

He left Jewel and went to Curtis Candy (Standard Brands) as Manager of Quality Systems - Baby Ruth and Butterfinger were the principle brands.

He later moved to Swift and Co. in Quality Assurance as Program Manager for Grocery, Dairy Products and Poultry Specialties. This position led to Group Manager of QA Processed Meats. As time went on, the corporations changed and businesses were organized and reorganized and Swift became part of Armour Swift Eckrich which was part of ConAgra. Frank retired in 1997 as Corporate Manager of Quality Systems.

Frank has been a member of IFT (Director of QA Division), and other professional societies: ACS (Emeritus), Candy Technology, and Cosmetic Chemistry. He also was a Director of the Chicago Jaycees and Director of the Youth Orchestra of Greater Chicago.



Frank has been married for 56 years to Valerie (she was a member of IFT years ago) whom he met at Armour. She was the Home Economist in R&D. He has two sons and seven grand kids. He is a member of a couple of committees of the Rob Roy Condo Association. In his spare time he likes to work in soft pastels (art).