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In 2018, HMWC CPAs & Business Advisors celebrates 50 years of service to businesses and individuals in and around the city of Tustin, California as well as to many in the further reaches of Orange County, California and beyond. Over the next several months, we will commemorate the history of this golden anniversary journey, one decade at a time.

1968 was a time that was ripe for a new CPA firm that had the smarts and foresight to capitalize on the emerging business opportunities that would lead Orange County to widespread prominence over the upcoming decades. The real estate industry was burgeoning and a new law brought the potential of incorporation to physicians and other professionals. Recognizing the importance of accurate recordkeeping, and the benefits of creative tax planning and structuring, to the success of developers and their investors, HMWC rose to the challenge, beginning its fifty year presence in Tustin. The Firm helped clients cultivate efficient business practices while devising strategies to best manage and minimize their tax burden.

HMWC prospered along with its clients, growing from a sole CPA practice in 1968 to a firm today with a staff of over 80. The firm is highly respected and stands among the largest independently owned accounting firms in Orange County, and has been recognized nationally as one of the “best managed” accounting firms in the USA.

HMWC acknowledged the vital role the community played in the firm’s success over the years, by its participation in local organizations, such as the Tustin Community Foundation and Tustin Chamber of Commerce, while also having an active presence in neighborhood houses of faith, like Tustin Presbyterian Church and Congregation B’nai Israel. Staff and Partners can be seen rolling up their sleeves in support of a variety of charitable endeavors, including Family Promise, #HashtagLunchbag, Sunday Supper program at Tustin’s St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, and the Blind Children’s Learning Center, among others.

As the Firm and the County grew, HMWC and its clients began expanding beyond Southern California. Committed to providing a depth and breadth of expertise whenever and wherever needs arose, HMWC, in the mid-1990’s, became a founding member of Integra International. An association of independent accounting firms with

thirteen original members, Integra multiplied to currently over 120 versatile firms throughout the world. HMWC partners have taken an active role in Integra, serving as officers and Global Board members.

Another factor in the long term success of the firm is the high degree of loyalty and trust among Partners and staff. One way this strong camaraderie has grown over the years has been through a forty year tradition affectionately known as the Death March. Each summer, Partners, staff, clients, family and friends are invited to participate in a several day team building adventure to a place of dramatic scenic beauty in the West. Destinations have included hiking and rafting in Yosemite, Sequoia, Grand Canyon, the High Sierra, Canadian Rockies, Kauai, Crater Lake and others. Along the way, life-long bonds of friendship, and appreciation of the natural world and our dependency on each other, continue to grow and flourish.

That is just a sampling of the factors that have helped shape HMWC through the years. Join us over the next several months, as we take a stroll down memory lane, showcasing highlights from each of the firm's past five decades.

