

ARNOLD L. SARLO
Southwest Florida Community Foundation

A true Florida native, Arnold Sarlo has lived his entire life in Fort Myers, Florida. His father started a manufacturing business in 1935, at which Arnold became an apprentice. Keeping the family tradition, Arnold is now Chairman of the Board and two sons, a daughter-in-law, and two grandsons are involved in daily operations with him. This high wheel mower and trimmer manufacturing business has grown under his leadership, and there are now distributorships in every state.

Besides working at Sarlo Manufacturing, Arnold served with Honors in the U.S. Army's 773AAA Division in the Korean War. He belongs to and is active at St. Cecil's Catholic Community Church as a Eucharistic Minister.

Arnold has always had a strong interest in the Edison-Ford Estates and, as a Boy Scout in 1947, was a guide in the first public walk through the estate. This historical attraction led him to the Ford Museum in Greenfield Village in Detroit many, many times, where he was eventually asked to join the Henry Ford Heritage Association.

As a member of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation since 1984, Arnold Sarlo has held a number of positions including President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer of the Board and now as a Senior Advisor, served on many committees and has been instrumental in the Foundation's growth.

Elsewhere in the community, Arnold has been involved in the following organizations:

- President of the Lee County Pioneer Club, Inc.
- Director and Founding Board member of the Edison-Ford Foundation
- Director and past President of the Historical Museum of Fort Myers
- Past President of Chamber of Commerce
- Past President of the Community of 100
- Past Chairman of Traffic Bureau
- Past Chairman of Harborside Convention Center
- Past Trustee of the St. Francis School Board
- Past Trustee of Father Anglin Academy
- Past Grand Knight of Council 2596 Knights of Columbus
- Former State Secretary of the Knights of Columbus Florida State Council

Arnold and his wife, Helen, have been married fifty plus years and are the parents of four children and ten grandchildren.