

## TRINI GARZA

Stan Golden Men of Action Award

- Civic Leader and Businessman
- First Elected Hispanic Member of the DISD Board of Trustees, 1969
- Retired as Deputy Regional Director of U.S. Department of Education in President Clinton's Administration



*As a fun way for us to learn about you, please answer these questions.*

Q. What is one thing on your bucket list?

**A. To live to be 100**

Q. What is the last book you read?

**A. *Aging and Ministry in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* by Richard H Gentzler Jr.**

Q. What is the last movie you saw?

**A. Rocket Man**

Q. What is your favorite hobby?

**A. First, reading. Second, watching news talk programs on Sunday morning. Third, saving clippings of news articles of interest.**

Q. Tell us one thing people would be surprised to know about you?

**A. I raised my younger brother and sisters after my mother passed away when I was 12 and my father passed away when I was 17.**

Q. Do you like Star Wars or Star Trek?

**A. Star Trek, who wouldn't want to explore new horizons and travel to the unknown?**

Q. Your favorite meal?

**A. Huevos Rancheros con nopalitos. Eggs over easy in hot sauce with cactus on the side.**

Q. What was your first job?

**A. My first job was thinning sweet beets as a migrant farm worker, with my family, through the Midwest.**

Q. What is your favorite animal?

**A. I personally do not have a favorite animal, but if I had to choose one, it would be La Garza, a flamingo, which my daughters have adopted as a family mascot.**

Q. What was your favorite career job?

**A. As an Instrumental Engineer, traveling the country testing prototype naval aircrafts.**

Q. What made you laugh the most?

**A. While at Universal Studios with the family, watching a "Human Gold Statue" come to life as someone went to touch the statue.**

Q. What is your proudest accomplishment?

**A. Being elected as the first Hispanic trustee to the Dallas Independent School District board in 1970.**