

## ***First Generation***

**Bruce Bauer opened his company in Medford, Oregon in 1938. After doing some building in the San Mateo County area in 1946, he saw the need for a lumber yard and opened his second store in San Carlos, CA.**



**Bruce Bauer**

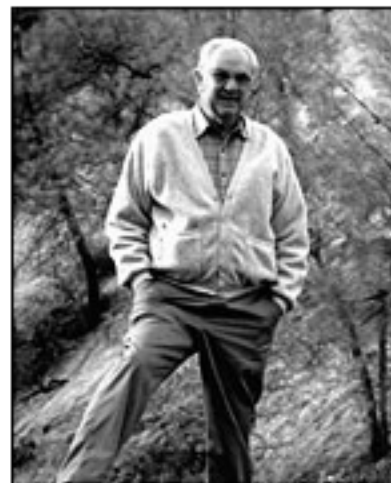


**Medford, Oregon 1945**

**Originally opened as a contractor lumber yard, over the years we developed into a do-it-yourself home center with strong emphasis on practical advice to home owners as a part of our value added service and quality merchandise.**

## ***Second Generation***

**Don Thom bought the lumber yard from his father-in-law, Bruce Bauer in 1966. In 1971, he bought out Bickell Brothers Lumber at San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. A family owned business, Don Thom had two of his sons, David and Darryl, working with him. They had to learn from the bottom up and became familiar with all phases of building including home construction.**



**Don Thom**

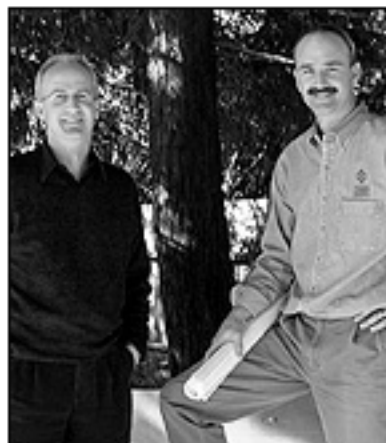


San Carlos, CA 1991

**Bruce Bauer then expanded its inventory to include basic plumbing and electrical supplies, to round out its home improvement materials and services inventory. Bruce Bauer also has a senior citizen discount program.**

## ***Third Generation***

**Don Thom retired in 1989 and the business was passed on to Darryl and David. In 1991, the San Carlos store was forced to close due to railroad expansion. In 1993, an award winning Andersen Window Showroom was added to the Mountain View location.**



David and Darryl Thom

## ***Fourth Generation***



Mountain View, CA 2001

**The family owned store has been in the present location since 1971. "As a family owned business we are close to our customers, this enables us to recognize change in the marketplace and react quickly, for example the demand for "Green Products." We are in a highly educated consumer market. Our customers understand and appreciate the value of quality products and the added value of our outstanding customer services."**



Joel, Don and Darryl Thom

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- **Habitat For Humanity**
- **KAIROS Outside (Prison Ministry)**
- **Rebuilding Together (formerly Christmas In April)**
- **Second Harvest Food Bank**
- **Momentum for Mental Health**
- **Job Train**
- **Mountain View Library Foundation**
- **Mountain View/Los Altos Pony Baseball**
- **Mountain View/Los Altos Aquatic Swim Club**
- **Mountain View/Los Altos High School Foundation**
- **Palo Alto Bobby Sox**
- **LAEF Los Altos Mt View Education Fund**
- **YMCA**
- **Mountain View Educational Foundation**
- **San Carlos Chamber of Commerce**
- **Eagle Scouts**
- **Hurricane Katrina Re-building**
- **LACN**
- **NARI**
- **Los Altos Little League**
- **Fraternal Order of Eagles**
- **Blue Star Mom's**