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### **Louis C. Erste**

In 1950, Louis began his first adventure into entrepreneurship with his then business partner, “Sharpie” his loyal beagle. The two delivered over 350 papers every morning and still made it to school on time.

His early talents with electrical and sheet metal design landed him a tool and die apprenticeship at Chevrolet. From there, he obtained a job as a designer with a West Side tool and die firm. For the next eight years, Louis attended Fenn College in the evenings where he studied engineering. In 1967, he decided to start his own design firm, Fine Line Design Service in the corner of his basement in old Brooklyn. After only a few years, he grew the business to a store front location.

In 1974 he merged his company, which at this time had 35 employees, with Interlock Corporation, a Detroit based manufacturer of electrical components. In 1996, Erste and his partner sold their successful company to an international firm; as “the business had simply gotten too big”.

Today, Louis devotes the majority of his time to civic responsibilities, his church, his wife Betty and their eleven children.

Louis serves as the Secretary/Treasurer for the LSRP Executive Committee.