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PAT RALSTON: A TERRE HAUTIAN WHO JUST DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE

Pat finished up a thirty-four year career in Government last March. Although this career involved work in the State capital and in Washington, DC, Pat maintained his residence in Terre Haute. "I was born, raised and educated in Terre Haute – It's my home and I just didn't want to leave," explained Ralston who commuted almost daily to Indianapolis while serving in the Cabinets of Governors Bayh, O'Bannon and Kernan. "I had only one wreck in fifteen years," he continued, "and I don't miss that drive at all." Although he totaled his car, he was uninjured.

Pat spent three years in the US Army and served one year in Vietnam in Army Intelligence. After returning, he went to

ISU and was looking for work to help supplement his income. Circuit Court Judge Joe Anderson hired him to be the gate keeper at Dobbs Park. He collected fees, performed maintenance and was allowed to live in the little cottage in the park. Additionally, he drove a school bus. In a sense, he began his government service in Terre Haute prior to graduation. His local service culminated with his position as Superintendent of Parks, Recreation and Cemeteries during the Chalos administration from 1980-89.

Pat served five years on a Congressionally appointed Commission called the Gilmore Commission from 1999-2003. This Commission was chaired by the Governor James Gilmore of

Virginia. The Commissions mission was to assess the United States ability to respond to acts of terrorism using weapons of mass destruction. The commission was somewhat obscure until 9/11 happened, then it became a very high profile commission. Don Rumsfeld who is the Secretary of Defense was one of the members of that commission. One of the commission members was killed at the World Trade Center. Pat received his Bachelor and Master's Degree from Indiana State. He has also attended programs at Harvard, MIT, Duke and the University of Georgia. Away from work Pat has been an active member of Ducks Unlimited for about 25 years as well as other conservation organizations.

JAN AND LOU HARMENING: OUR FIRST ROTARY COUPLE

The year is 1959, the setting DePauw University, two unenthusiastic Sophomores have just been coerced into a blind date set up by their roommates—a date to play Bridge. Who knew that bridge partners would become life partners? Jan and Lou Harmening are celebrating forty-five years of friendship and forty-two

years of marriage.

Jan's roots are in Terre Haute. She graduated from Wiley High School and went to DePauw where she received her bachelor and master degrees (with honors). Eventually she received a doctorate from Indiana University, which prompted her teenage sons to address her as "Dr. J."

Lou, a man of distinction himself, came from Elmhurst, Illinois to attend DePauw where his academic honors consisted of being a three-time letter winner for golf and being the 1960 Midwest Collegiate Badminton Champion in singles and doubles! He received a master's degree from Northern Illinois U, then taught

TAKE NOTE:



Congratulations- Board Members Elected for July 2005 through June 2007:

Sally Stewart
Mike Collins
Bart Colwell
Charlie Williams
Kim Ingalsbe
Chuck Shutt

Kudos: Our Club identified as the 3rd most giving club in the district.

Ralston, continued -

Pat was an avid jogger for twenty-five years and completed four marathon races.

As far as accomplishments are concerned, the thing that Pat is most proud of is his family. He is married to Nancy Price Ralston who also received her degrees from Indiana State and was recently honored as a Distinguished Alumni for 2004 at ISU. She has been in the teaching profession for

Memorial Gifts

A nice way to acknowledge the life of a Rotary Club member or family member is through a donation to the Terre Haute Rotary Foundation. The Club will send a notification to the family that the Foundation is the grateful recipient of a memorial gift honoring the loved one.

Put It On Your Calendar

Rebuilding Terre Haute Service Project Scheduled for May 7, 2005.

Upcoming Programs:

January 18—Ted Lohr of TH Search & Rescue
January 25—Dave Patterson, TH Convention & Visitors
February 8—Mark Bezy, Federal Penitentiary

twenty five years at Lost Creek Elementary School. She still makes clothes for herself and daughter. "She is my life partner and I feel extremely fortunate to have married such a tremendous person who has been a terrific mother to our children," said Pat.

The Ralston's have two children, Kellie who is in Law School at IU in Indianapolis and a son Ryan who is a Computer Engineer with Raytheon Cor-

poration in Tucson AZ.

Pat was in Rotary in the 1980's and says he is very happy to be back in Rotary again, renewing acquaintances and making new friends. Pat currently serves as Vice President of Business & Economic Development and Government Relations at First Financial Bank. Welcome back to Rotary Pat!

JAN & LOU, Cont.

high school English and coached basketball for 9 years before coming to Rose Polytechnic (now Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology).

Collectively, Jan and Lou have 45 years of membership in the Downtown Rotary Club (Lou even remembers when the club met downtown). Lou joined the club in 1976 while working at Rose. He retired in 2001 after 31 years. His last position was as Registrar and Associate Professor of American Literature.

Jan joined the club about the same time she left ISU School of Nursing as chair of the Undergraduate Department to become

Vice President for Patient Care at Union Hospital. She retired in 2002. While Lou has been a Rotarian for more years than Jan, she maintains her "Rotary Pedigree" is better, because her father, John Bloxsome, served as President of the Terre Haute Rotary Club.

Jan and Lou are a somewhat unusual couple in that they enjoy many activities together as partners. They still play bridge, golf (although Jan says she plays "so I won't be left at home"), and mixed doubles (tennis). In their athletic prime, which Jan says was "many years ago", they were Terre Haute Tennis Club mixed doubles

champions for several years.

"Lou gave me the nickname of "Killer", says Jan. However, she is quick to point out, "It is because of my tennis serve and not because of anything related to my nursing profession!"

They are both avid readers—Jan prefers murder mysteries and historical fiction, and one of Lou's favorite books is All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten.

They boast they have "two terrific sons", who also graduated from DePauw and married DePauw women. They enjoy travel and visits from the grandchildren.

Board Meeting Notes

New members approved at the December and January Board meetings were:

Verlyn Schuler, Chief Development Officer at SMWC
 James Dave Myers, President of Myers Engineering, Inc.
 John P. Wooden, VP of Construction Consultants, Inc.
 Dan Weber, CEO and President of Growers LLC.

Medical Leave granted to Richard Schultz.

Resignation Received: Rod Crider.

Happy Jar Collection to date equals \$1216. Recommendations for a designated project to be discussed at the February Board meeting.

Centennial Project Committee reported a visit to the Wabash Valley Senior Center as one of the possible projects our club might undertake to honor the 100 years of Rotary.



INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION—
 CHICAGO, JUNE 2005

Rotary International Accepting Tsunami Contributions

To assist Rotarians in supporting longer term recovery efforts in communities in South Asia that have been hit by the deadly tsunami, The Rotary Foundation will accept contributions earmarked for Solidarity in South Asia.

This decision was made on December 29 in consultation with RI President Glen Estess Sr., Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Carlo Ravizza and RI General Secretary Ed Futa.

Individuals may make an on-line contribution using a credit card. Those who wish to send a check may send it to The Rotary Foundation PO Box 75133, Chicago IL 60675-5133

Suggestions for a club contribution will be discussed in the February board meeting to be held at the Goodwill Industries offices on Monday, February 7th at noon. Any member may attend. Lunch is \$5.

January Birthdays

- 1 Charles Clark
- 5 Lisa Pepperworth
- 8 Ed Niemeyer
- 10 Jack Newman
- Steve Songer
- Steve Williams
- 13 Bob Wiemuth
- 16 Barbara Passmore
- 22 Dale McKee
- 23 Lea Shaw
- 28 Curt Pendergast
- 29 Vern Fellows
- Mike Farr



Terre Haute Club Committees

Club Service.....Joyce Keenan
 Bulletin.....Ray Brauer & Joyce Keenan
 Fellowship.....Sally Stewart
 Program..... Bill Tromble & Rodger McHargue
 Public Relations..... Dave Piker
 Web Site.....Bill Tennis
 Invocations.....Richard Schultz
Community Service.....Gary Wagner
 Interact.....Janice Adkins, Marty Woods
 Environmental Protection.....Todd Pepperworth
 Blood Drive.....Rick Kohr
 Christmas in April.....Sally Stewart
 Habitat for Humanity.....John Adkins

Goodwill Drive.....Bill Aubin
 Salvation Army.....JoEllen Orndorf
Foundation/Paul Harris.....Craig McKee
 Ten for one club.....Craig McKee
 Paul Harris Awards.....Stephanie Welsh
 Community Grants.....David Bolk
International Service.....Jean Williams
Membership.....Tom Dever/Sally Stewart
 Classifications.....Tom Dever
 Orientation.....Lee Ann Crooks
Vocational Service.....Jeff Pittman

2004-2005 Officers and Board Members

President.....Lisa Pepperworth
 President-elect.....Steve Songer
 Vice-President.....Tom Dever
 Secretary.....Stephanie Welsh
 Treasurer.....Linda Stanley
 Attendance.....Kim Ingalsbe
 Past President.....Mike Hopper
 Sergeant-at-Arms.....Mike Collins

2003-2005
 LeaAnn Crooks
 Pat O'Leary
 Craig McKee
 Sally Stewart
 Mike Eldred
 Barbara Passmore

2004-2006
 Bill Aubin
 David Bolk
 Lee Akers
 Joyce Keenan
 Brian Miller
 Alice Shagley

MISSED MEETINGS are easy to make up by attending another club's meeting; coming to a board meeting (first Monday of each month at the Goodwill Offices); doing a service project; attending a committee meeting; or going on-line, reading an interesting article about Rotary and answering a question or two.

Make-up Locations

Monday:

Paris Noon Cafe` France
 Princeton Noon Gibson
 General Hospital

Tuesday:

Marshall 6:45 am Family

Casey Noon Richards Farm
 Indianapolis Noon Athletic Club
 Sullivan Noon Sullivan Elks Club

Wednesday:

Rockville 7:15 am Terre Vin Winery
 Brazil Noon Elks Club

Greencastle Noon Walden Inn
 Linton Noon Elks Club

Plainfield Noon Kristy's Club

Thursday:

Terre Haute 7:00 am Holiday Inn

ON LINE MAKEUPS AT:

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