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Drexel University Class of 1961



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After graduation from Drexel, I earned an M.S. in Engineering at M.I.T. before joining The Dow Chemical Company. The following 32 years involved progressively larger jobs in Michigan, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Texas, Ohio, Michigan again, and finally, Florida. It was very exciting and rewarding career that provided a lifetime of memories.

We have three children: Sally, Mark, and Stephen. They are scattered across the United States – victims or beneficiaries of our “corporate gypsy” life. Four grandchildren, the oldest already a college graduate.

Unfortunately, my wife Margie (nee McGeehan of Drexel Triangle Court Jester fame during her own Drexel years) now suffers from Dementia and is in an Assisted Living Facility.

Today, I enjoy taking care of my one acre garden where I raise orchids, bromeliads, and tropical fruit. It really is fun to pick your own citrus for breakfast! Miami has a fantastic tropical botanic garden. I volunteer as a tram guide, Master Gardener and am one of the leaders of a program for Alzheimer patients and their caregivers. Everyone loves it.

Certainly, all of this was possible of our Drexel education and experiences. While there, both Margie and I received a great education and many enduring friendships.

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My fondest memories of years at Drexel include the close associations I have had with my fraternity brothers at Theta Chi, the opportunity to participate in Drexel football and Drexel wrestling. The most significant event has been meeting, dating and marrying Roemehl Schubart, a Home Economics major. I graduated in 1961 with a BS in Business Administration. Roemehl and I were married in Dec. 1961. We are, likewise celebrating our 50th anniversary this year.

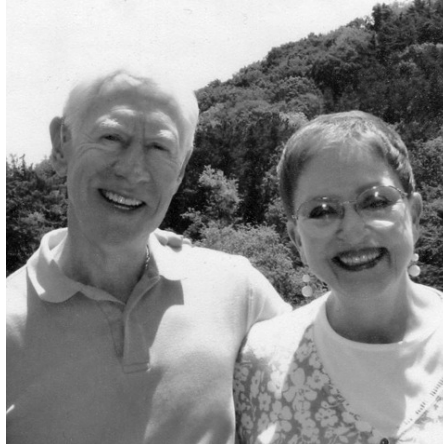
In January 1961, I entered the US Navy Officer Candidate School, in Newport RI and was commissioned in 1962. I retired from active duty in 1988. During my service, I served on various Destroyers and Guided Missile Cruisers in the engineering department and eventual Chief Engineer on a couple of those ships. In my subspecialty of Management and Training, I was Director of various schools and Executive Officer of the Naval Technical Training Center, Pensacola, FL, along with other staff positions. I received a Master of Business Administration from Bryant University, Smithfield RI and Master of Education Leadership, Pensacola FL.

Following my retirement from the Navy, in 1988, I accepted a position with Lockheed Engineering and Sciences, in Houston TX, as Business Development Manager for Weapon System Testing and Training Ranges Services and continued in that role with Lockheed Martin. I retired from Lockheed Martin in 2005 to devote myself to Roemehl and our family.

We are particularly proud of our two daughters and families: Kirsten Palmer (47) and her three children and Andrea Grubbs (41) and her three children. Both families live in Dallas TX, so we have become relocated Texans.

ANNE NEERING TESSARO

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After graduating from Women's Medical College in 1961 and completing an internship at Philadelphia General Hospital I married Ed Tessaro (Jackie Tessaro's brother). During the next four years I completed a residency in radiology at the Montefiore Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA and had four children. After taking additional training in angiography, my subsequent years were spent in Pittsburgh at the North Hills Passavant Hospital from which I retired in 1995.

Our children have pursued careers in teaching, engineering, clothing design and music and one is an author. Three are living in the Pittsburgh area and one resides in Los Angeles. We have been blessed with 6 grandchildren ranging in age from 8-22.

Since retirement, my husband and I are fortunate to have spent much time traveling with several short trips and two three month cruises which have taken us from the Arctic, to the Antarctic, from the British Isles and through Europe to the Middle East, Africa, Asia and New Zealand.

We resided in Sedona, AZ for a few years and then in San Diego, CA. for six years. In 2005 we moved to a retirement community here in Pittsburgh and living in a community such as this, teaches us not to take time for granted therefore I have delighted in doing many of the things which were not possible during the years practicing medicine and raising a family. A patient cautioned me to "get up every day and put your trousers on and get out of the house when you retire" and I have followed that advice with great relish!

In addition to travel I have enjoyed photography and dancing - ballroom with my husband and before that, I spent several years taking ballet in the evenings after work while my daughters were taking their ballet lessons.

My husband and I enjoy participating in several volunteer activities both here at the retirement community and the community at- large. Family, travel and community activities keep our lives full and filled with joy.

MARIANNE SOPONIS

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My experiences at Drexel laid a firm foundation for my future careers, which were varied in nature, as was my college life. Aside from the rigors of academia, I also worked in the dormitory dining room, was a cheerleader, reporter for the Triangle, held class office, enjoyed sorority life and was in the “Pi Kap Show”. A lasting learning was that balance between work and personal life can be achieved as long as one gets enough sleep!

After graduating with a BS degree in Home Economics Education, I worked as an Admissions Counselor at Drexel, educating high school students in the surrounding states about the benefits of our academic and co-op programs. After my enjoyable tenure there, I traveled to Germany to work as a civilian in Army Special Services, organizing tours, sports competitions, entertainment, etc., for the USA soldiers when they had free time. It was a growing experience (my first assignment was near the Dachau concentration camp) that opened my eyes to a larger world. I also bought a VW bug and had fabulous adventures touring Europe.

I returned to the USA in 1966 and, emphasizing my home economics knowledge, was hired by Marriott International Lodging as a menu planner. The company had four hotels and was growing. When I left 43 years later, the company had exploded into over 2,000 hotel products all over the world. Some of my contributions included managing opening training for hotels here and abroad; establishing standards and processes; introducing the Marriott philosophy of “take care of the employees and they will take care of the guest” (sometimes in parts of the world where this was anathema!); and, both developing and facilitating management training classes. All this while staying at top notch hotels and eating top notch food. How lucky can one be?!

I am recently retired and live in Washington, D.C. with my sister. We enthusiastically explore all those things people do in retirement – taking advantage of the museums, theater and educational opportunities so abundant here. Travel and snow skiing and eating pomegranates are among my favorite pastimes. I look forward to seeing – and recognizing – classmates at our reunion in May!