

Pat Hopper

This beautiful baby is our Volunteer of the Year. Pat Hopper was born in New York, Syracuse as a matter of fact.



PATRICIA BROWN
*"Correct with spirit, eloquent with ease,
Intent to reason, or polite to please."*
Everyone's friend . . . always willing to
help . . . initiative combined with ambi-
tion . . .
Activities: Latin Club 1, 2, President 2;
Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Commercial Club
1, 2; French Club 2, 3, 4; Biology Club 4;
PROFILE 4.

When she was 2 years old her family moved to Richmond Hill, N.Y. She graduated from Glen Cove High School

Pat attended The State University of New York at New Paltz.



There she studied Elementary Education and while working behind the scenes sewing for school plays.



This is Pat sewing costumes for the Plays.



That is where she met Ernie Hopper. He was also working behind the scenes building sets for the plays.

On July 10, 1954 they were married and settled in Jericho, Long Island, N.Y.



They both took jobs teaching on Long Island.

Pat taught first grade in East Meadow. On July 8, 1955 they welcomed their first child, Donald Jay.



A few years later, they moved to Tilson, N.Y. because Ernie had taken a job as principal of Tilson Elementary School. On June 11, 1959, they welcomed their second child, Deborah Lynn.



Pat's Mom and Dad Emma and Clinton, Debbie and Don. Pat son Don and Debbie.



Don and Debbie with Skippy and some of may remember the 1960 Chevrolet.



This is Pat, son Don and Debbie at Don's Fraternity

Pat went back to work in 1963 as a school librarian at Tilson Elementary School. She worked there for several years and then transferred within the school district to Meagher Elementary School to serve as their librarian until her retirement in June 1987.





After retirement, Pat & Ernie traveled during the winter months. They enjoyed traveling in their R.V. and seeing the sights in our beautiful country. One of the areas they particularly enjoyed was the central Florida area.



Sunset by the gate may be one of the reasons why!!

After spending time there they began looking around and found The Great Outdoors.



It did not take them long to decide to buy property within the park and start a new life in the winter months.

At the Great Outdoors they have and continued to enjoy their great friends and all the park has to offer. Of course, Pat & Ernie got involved right away as members of the Activities Committee.



Pat served as President of the Activities Committee. In addition to serving as President she was responsible for purchasing hot dogs, buns, soda and snacks for bingo and other functions. She would not only purchase these items but she would unload them herself. Under the Activities Showcase Committee she would travel to various shows in central Florida and choose talent for the concerts. She has set up and directed the T.G.O. Variety Show for many years.

October of 1993 Ernie and Pat Hopper began publishing the "Happenings".

You may not know that the Church services were held in the Plantation Manor every Sunday. November 21, 1993 Pat Hopper put in a request asking people to join the Choir.



Once the church was built she conducted the choir. Ernie was her sound man. Pat is also very involved with The Great Outdoors Church. She serves as volunteer

Choir Director. She also directs the Easter and Christmas Cantatas that we all enjoy. Pat is responsible for concerts and the suppers at the church.

Pat and Ernie have 5 grandchildren. They include, Tom and Emily Hopper (Don & Rose) and Sara, Kevin and Chris Drain (Debbie & Brian).



She also has 3 great grandchildren, Lilly, Maddy and Ben (Tom & Meighan Hopper).

Her grandchildren have grown up and enjoy spending time with their “Gram”.



She loves spending time with her family in the summer at her lake house in the Adirondacks, Pat & Ernie bought the camp in 1967 and after many years of hard work and elbow grease, built it into the beautiful summer home it is today.

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Please congratulate this “unsung hero” Pat Hopper the 2014-2015 Volunteer of the Year.