



MARY NEAL

MARY NEAL WAS BORN IN A THEN SMALL TOWN CALLED HOLLYWOOD. AS A CHILD, SHE LIVED CLOSE TO THE OLYMPIC GAMES COLISEUM AND LEARNED TO SWIM IN THE OLYMPIC POOL. AFTER SWIMMING, SHE WOULD GO TO THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM.

LATER, HER FAMILY MOVED TO THE INGLEWOOD AREA WHERE SHE ATTENDED HIGH SCHOOL. AFTER SCHOOL, SHE WORKED FOR THE TELEPHONE COMPANY AND PUT IN TWO SUMMERS FOR THEM FULL-TIME.

MARY MET HER HUSBAND, BOB NEAL, WHILE THEY WERE STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL. AFTER GRADUATING, BOB ATTENDED CAL POLY ON A FOOTBALL AND BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIP AND MARY MOVED TO TEMPLETON TO WORK FOR THE BANK OF AMERICA. THEY WERE MARRIED IN 1953. IF YOU DO THE MATH, THEY CELEBRATED THEIR 60TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2013.

AFTER THEIR MARRIAGE, MARY TRANSFERRED TO THE SAN LUIS BRANCH OF THE BANK AND PUT HER HUSBAND THROUGH CAL POLY. THEY HAVE THREE CHILDREN, ALL LIVING IN SAN LUIS OBISPO.

IN THE 1950'S, THE NEALS BOUGHT A SMALL INSURANCE AGENCY, WHICH HAS NOW GROWN TO A LARGE AGENCY. THEY SOLD THEIR BUSINESS TO THEIR YOUNGEST SON WHEN THEY RETIRED OVER 15 YEARS AGO. THE NEAL-TRUESDALE AGENCY STILL FLOURISHES AT 1400 MADONNA ROAD AND LOS OSOS VALLEY ROAD. FOR 25 YEARS, MARY ALSO DID ALL THE BUSINESS BOOKKEEPING FOR HER SON WHEN HE OWNED SANDY'S LIQUOR AND DELI. THEIR DAUGHTER WENT TO LAW SCHOOL AND, AFTER GRADUATION, BECAME A SUCCESSFUL REAL ESTATE BROKER WITH REMAX.

AS FOR MARY'S BRIDGE PASSION, SHE PLAYED PARTY BRIDGE FOR ABOUT A YEAR AND THEN WALKED INTO THE SENIOR CENTER AND ASKED TO PLAY. SHE SAYS " IT WAS A LONG TIME AGO." MARY'S TALENTS WERE SOON NOTED AND SHE WAS ELECTED TO THE BOARD OF THE CLUB WHERE SHE HAS SERVED AS TREASURER EVER SINCE.

EVER FULL OF ENERGY, SHE AND HER HUSBAND MAINTAIN OUR TABLES, CLEAN THE COFFEE POTS AND CLEAN AND ORGANIZE OUR CUPBOARDS. MARY HAS PREPARED ALL THE SALADS FOR OUR LAST EVENTS, INCLUDING OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY.

NOW A SILVER LIFE MASTER, MARY CONTINUES TO ENJOY THE GAME AND THE PEOPLE SHE HAS MET. WHEN SHE NEEDS QUIET TIME, SHE READS AND DOES JIGSAW PUZZLES.

MARY AND BOB, WE THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO.