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Abstract: Patricia Louise Pickler Hebert

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Pat Hebert, born on her father's birthday in 1941, provides an in-depth review of her life as an only child with loving parents and grandparents; always being the new kid on the block with each move due to her father's job. She was very shy until attending the University of Texas in Austin where she found her voice. During her junior year, she met and married in 1962 Robert "Bob" Hebert, who was in the Navy stationed in Hawaii.

Pat and Bob raised 3 daughters while becoming more involved in their community in Alief including starting a volunteer fire department, a community newspaper and a homeowners association, serving as officers. In 1973, they started a water district management company. They sold their house to fund the business later called Eco Resources. Pat discusses in intricacy of hiring, training and growing the company.

After selling their companies, Bob was elected county judge and Pat became involved in various charities including creating unique quilts as a fundraiser. In 2014, Pat earned a bachelor degree in education from the University of Houston. She continues to be involved on the board of directors for the North Fort Bend Water Authority since its inception in 2005. She is also active with the Fort Bend County Museum serving on its board.

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Interview Summary

People (in order mentioned in interview)

O.L. & Louise Pickler – parents
 Otha Levi & Mary Pickler – paternal grandparents
 Leon & Margaret Kennedy – maternal grandparents
 Robert “Bob” Hebert – spouse
 Patsey Hebert – daughter
 Bev Carter – friend & newspaper owner
 Shelly Hebert – daughter
 Cindy Hebert – daughter
 Bill Archer – congressman
 Jim Adolphus – county judge
 Michael Moore – museum executive director
 Roy Cordes – county attorney
 Joe Bonham – museum board member
 Melody Hess – museum board member
 Bill Zemanek – museum board member
 Charles Scholler – museum board member

Places / Businesses

Tennessee
 Alabama
 Arkansas
 Texas
 Ball High School
 Bellaire High School
 University of Texas
 Southwest Star
 Allstate
 Xerox
 Alief Volunteer Fire Dept
 Boone Elementary
 Girl Scouts
 University of Houston
 Eco Resources
 Southwest Water
 Town of Arcola
 City of Rosenberg
 Brazos River Authority
 OakBend Medical Center

Places / Businesses cont.

North Fort Bend Water Authority
 City of Fulshear
 City of Houston
 West Harris County Water Authority
 North Harris County Water Authority
 East Harris County Water Authority
 City of Richmond
 Fort Bend County Museum
 George Ranch
 Moore Home

Events

Patricia Pickler was born in 1941 on her dad’s birthday. She and her family moved around to several states before settling in Houston.

Pat and her husband Bob met at the University of Texas and married in 1962.

They raised 3 daughters in the Houston area and became actively involved in school, volunteer fire department, water management district and many, many charities.

They started and sold two companies. Pat and Bob are both active in water management and subsidence issues. Bob served as county judge of Fort Bend for 16 years while Pat continues to serve on various water districts and the museum.

They enjoy their life in the country with their daughters, son in laws and grandchildren.