

# FORT BEND COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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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.