

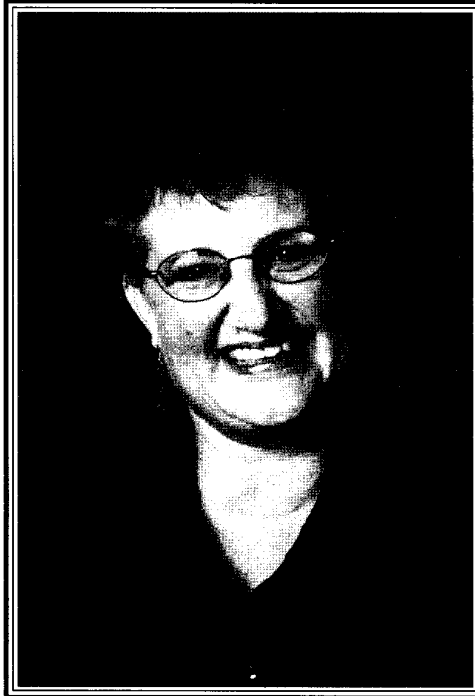
Artfully Done

In gratitude for seven years of service.

It was a different era when Pat Hannon joined the ranks. Pat rolled up her sleeves to sort out the office end of our performing arts ministry in the waning days of the last millennium. She said at the time she had systems analysis skills that may be helpful, and she was keenly interested in supporting a ministry that played such a vital role. We had enough need for both to keep her busy from the start.

Barb Ballenger was still on staff at the time, and three is way more than two when it came to brainstorming, planning, and preparing for board meetings. Pat was very instrumental in helping us sort out marketing and accounting procedures for the sale of Barb's music and patiently guided us through similar challenges in the production of our video. There was a consistency and accuracy on all accounts that made for helpful reports to the board and a simplified task for our auditor at the end of each fiscal year. It was a huge consolation for the performing staff to know that everything else was being attended to in a timely and professional manner.

But Pat's preferred task on her job description was her interaction with clients who were calling to inquire about what Beacon Street is and does and whether their budget could afford our services.



That was her niche of the ministry.

In her seven years with Beacon Street, Pat heard from some clients seven or more times. Familiar voices called from Youngstown, Canton, Toledo, Westlake, Cleveland, or Willowick to check dates for the annual retreat, sacramental day, or school assembly. Pat knew some clients well enough to remember to ask about family or a wedding that was "upcoming" when they had spoken the year before. More than once Pat lamented that it would be wonderful to see the faces that went with the voices. Occasionally, that happened at the Have A Heart dinner. And at a couple of the Youngstown Diocesan Education Conferences, Pat was able to catch up with some of the contacts she had heard from year after year.

Seven years of an eighteen year-old ministry is a long time. Pat saw us through several transitions: changing faces on the board, shifts in the types of programs requested, two new pastors at our office site, and Barb's departure four years ago. Now she is managing her own transition and those in her household. With one daughter in college and another thinking along those lines, she will be sorting out what to do with more spare time and empty spaces. We wish her well.

Pat's departure gives us pause to reflect that one person makes a big difference in a small ministry. Thank you Pat for taking care of people and tasks, one at a time, so that everyone and everything was attended to with care.

Thanks Pat

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR
BEACON STREET'S
TENTH ANNUAL "HAVE A HEART"
DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION
SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY EVENING,
FEBRUARY 10TH AT 6PM AT
ST. NOEL PARTY CENTER
IN WILLOUGHBY HILLS.



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