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Sally & Bert Posthill

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SALLY & BERT POSTHILL were both born "back east". She in Philadelphia and he in New Rochelle, New York. They each had their basic education in their respective cities of birth. Sally graduated from Germantown High (Philadelphia) while Bert Attended Castle Heights Military Academy (Lebanon, Tenn). Sally matriculated at Temple University and earned a BA in Mathematics. In subsequent years she received a Certificate of Achievement-Paralegal from Madonna College (Livonia, Mich.). Engineering was Bert's forte and he completed Science Bachelor (SB) and Science Master (SM) at M.I.T. During her college years, Sally was a member of Theta Sigma Upsilon Sorority.

Our Posthill duo launched their working careers almost on a simultaneous basis. Sally's career included assignments as a Programmer for research activities in academia and industry. She also functioned as a Paralegal providing services for Legal Services for the Elderly in Ann Arbor, Mich. She retired the first time in 1956, but subsequently worked as a Clerk/Medicare and Insurance Records - Senior Support services (Tustin, CA) and *finally* retired in 2001. Bert left technical impacts and imprints in the Defense Department. NASA, and varied industrial organizations as Project Engineer, Project Manager, Programs Manager, Engineering Manager and V.P. Engineering. He was involved in such diverse areas as minicomputers, reentry space vehicles, IBM systems, Business systems, Bank Equipment and a variety of other electronic applications. After about 40 years he retired in 1986.

Careers did not deter the Posthills from participating in Civic/Community activities. Sally was involved with parent/school organizations, HICAP, California Health Decisions, conducted Advanced Directives for Health Care Workshops, South Coast Senior Services and the League of Women Voters. Bert's interests led him into the Indian Guides Council, Foothill Home Owners Assn., AARP Tax Counselor/Instructor, Co-President of Foothill High PTA, El Toro District Community Advisory Group and post retirement Tax Preparer.

Sally and Bert married in 1952. This union produced two sons and a daughter. The current Posthill clan includes two grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

Work and community service did not constrain the Posthills' travel urges. Over the years they have visited many European countries, Mexico, Alaska and Hawaii.

Leisure World became the focus and home of Bert and Sally in 1986. Both devoted their time and talents to a variety of clubs, political and special interest groups for the benefit of the community - Foreign Policy, Foodies, Project 21, AAUW, PNHP, Audubon, League of Women voters, Toastmasters, Community Civic Assn. - to name but a few. Bert exercised his bent and interest in governance by serving as Director/Treasurer on the United Mutual Board, chairing a variety of committees and serving on many GRF Committees and Subcommittees. Sally also served on a GRF nominating Committee.

Personal satisfaction for Sally is, in her words, "Participating in a happy marriage for 50 years---raising three wonderful children and serving as a sounding board for an activist in Leisure World governance". Bert's take on the same issue includes marriage to Sally, their three children and "Forwarding the interests of the Leisure World community".