

SPOTLIGHT *Cathy Jackson*

In early November, Cathy Jackson and I got to know each other better over lunch at The Vineyard Café. Cathy joined the Heathrow Women's Club a couple of years ago and serves on the Public Relations Committee. She supports the HWC charitable events and has met many very interesting ladies through the Club.

Cathy was born and grew up in the small town of Batesville, Mississippi (south of Memphis) with her older sister and younger brother. Growing up, she was a bit of a "tomboy" playing football as a child and playing flag football in college. She was also a high school cheerleader. Cathy attended the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) and completed her accounting degree at the Mississippi University for Women (MUW). While at Ole Miss she was a member of the Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority and was President of the Silhouettes Social Club at MUW.



After graduation, she worked for a CPA and had a 25-year career in banking, specializing in commercial real estate lending. She worked for the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta and was a bank examiner stationed in Tampa, FL. In Cathy's case, work led to romance when she met her husband, Ed, who was also working for the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta and was stationed in Orlando. After marrying, Cathy moved to Orlando and worked for several banks. Cathy and Ed built their home in Regency Green in 1988. A couple of years ago, Cathy wanted to do something more personally meaningful and became the publisher of *Heathrow Living* magazine. She has grown the publication and graciously gives the Heathrow Women's Club a feature story every month.

Cathy and Ed like to live it up by traveling. They go to Las Vegas every year with two other couples and have traveled to Hawaii, New Orleans, South Beach, and to the wine country in Napa and Sonoma valleys. Picking up on her sporting upbringing, Cathy and Ed are fans of Ole Miss, the Florida Gators, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and Orlando City soccer. You can often find them at Duffy's Sports Grill watching the games and having fun. And, they get their exercise by walking to and from Duffy's!

During quiet times, Cathy supports her favorite author and fellow Mississippian, John Grisham. Cathy's mother still lives in Batesville and she makes regular pilgrimages "back home." Cathy is a fine addition to the HWC and looks forward to participating in our upcoming activities.

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