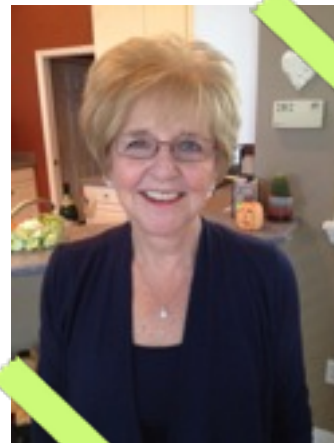


# SPOTLIGHT

## Lynn Edwards

Arriving before the lunch crowd at Luigino's, I spotted Lynn in a quiet corner, wearing a beautiful royal blue top and cardigan. When we introduced ourselves, and I noticed her intelligent, merry blue eyes, I understood why she had chosen the blue top! Lynn is currently having quite the run as a local mini-celebrity as she and her husband Ken were featured in the March/April 2014 edition of Lake Mary Life magazine in an article entitled—"Half-Centuries of Happiness" about couples married for 50+ years. Not wanting to duplicate that article, our discussion focused on her children, her real estate career, and her contributions to the Heathrow Women's Club. The Lake Mary Life article can be found on page 39 at: <http://www.lakemarylifemagazine.com/magazine/lake-mary/>



Lynn was born, raised, worked, married, and raised children in New Jersey. Lynn and Ken married while in college, Lynn majoring in English and Psychology. After graduation, Lynn worked for New Jersey Bell and Ken began his career as a successful insurance agent. Children quickly came along for the couple—four, spaced out every two years! Lynn is very proud of her children, three daughter and a son.

Lynn and Ken are now the proud grandparents of 7 grandchildren. Her oldest child is son Bob, with a law degree, who lives in Denver and is married with two children, one a new born. The second is Kathy, who lives in Lake Mary, with two boys, where both she and her husband work for ATT. Lynn's third child, Susie, lives in Chicago working in sales/marketing, with two children and married to a Brazilian microbiologist. Lynn's youngest, Carolyn, lives in Winter Garden with her five year old son and works in Marketing/IT for a local hospitality company. Lynn is grateful that all her children and grandchildren are in close contact, and especially that two of them live in the local area!

When Lynn's oldest went to college, Lynn re-entered the workforce and had a successful 20-year practice as a real estate agent. She was able to put that psychology background to work, matching up the buyers with their perfect new homes! When it was time for Lynn and Ken to retire, they decided to move to Lake Mary in 2004, as their daughter Kathy and family already lived here. Lynn confided that she had trepidation about the move, leaving everything and everyone she had known throughout her life. And, being very honest, the first couple of years were difficult as Lynn said she was lonely and had difficulty finding social connections. But, Lynn discovered Heathrow Women's Club and that significantly changed things for her (and us)!

Lynn has served on the HWC Board as the co-chair or chair of the Charitable Endeavors and the Hospitality Committees. She told me that HWC brought her a network of intelligent, wonderful women who actually do give back to the community while having a great time. Lynn plays bunko and canasta with some of the groups and continues to contribute to our charitable efforts.

As we were leaving the restaurant, I discovered that not only did I love her royal blue top, but that Lynn was quite the fashion plate overall, clad in white stove-pipe pants and the most adorable blue plaid ballet flats, with just the right amount of bling! I will not be surprised to see Lynn on the runway at the next HWC fashion show!

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