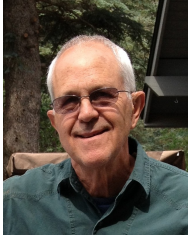


Lester (Les) Fenter



After graduating Burges, I grabbed an “Opportunity Award” scholarship to Texas A&M. When I got there I learned it was called the “Poor Boy Scholarship.” Clearly it wasn’t given because of my academic prowess or sports skills. But it paid about a third of my college expenses. So I continued to have multiple jobs, including waiting tables, carrying newspapers, selling subscriptions and washing glassware for a Bio-Chemistry lab. Oh yes, and I *tried* selling cutlery – didn’t sell many knives, but I found a wife.

Growing up in El Paso, I hated the humid heat with no A/C in the dorm and being so far away from my friends and home. I recall being so homesick and walking across campus in the pouring rain. I would tell myself, “hang in there, when you graduate, you can get a job and make up to \$500 a month.” Well, I managed to survive the Cadet Corps and the classes. Marrying Pat Edgar after my Junior year helped tremendously. And when I graduated, I was lucky enough to get an Assistantship there in Computer Science. They actually paid me a salary to do research and write my thesis.

When I finished that, IBM offered me a job in Houston. In 1993, I completed a 25-year career with them. That career included Management Information Systems customer support, management, project management, consulting, and training...all in Texas. We have lived in College Station, Houston, San Antonio and Flower Mound. We moved to Marble Falls in July of 1993 as I started my management consulting/training practice. And Pat became a teller at Marble Falls National Bank (her first full-time employment in 25 years...she had been a mother, and foster mother to 60 infants).

I’ve enjoyed camping, backpacking, hiking, woodcarving, and serving in numerous capacities in our churches, including running a community parenting program for ten years. Since we retired, we have been fortunate to see most of the USA in our campers. We have two children. Cheryl, married with two daughters, lives in Marble Falls and helps her husband run his Real Estate company. Mark, living in Georgetown, is married with two sons. He is a partner in a networking solutions firm.



Looking forward to seeing our '63 Mustangs at the 50th. And we'd love to see you in the Texas Hill Country when you're nearby.

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