

Member Spotlight....

Craig & Judy Boegler



Craig was born in Hurdsfield, North Dakota, and as a small child he and his family moved to Houston. When in Jr. High, he got a Cushman Husky so he could deliver papers.

In 1967, after a year of college, he followed in his father's foot steps and joined the Houston Fire Department. In 1971 HFD expanded into the ambulance service and Craig was in the first class of Emergency Medical Technicians. After three years as an EMT, he became one of the first paramedics. On 12-11-71, he became the first HFD paramedic to deliver a set of twins. Craig received an award from the Unity for Service National Exchange club for saving the life of a school teacher that had been shot by her estranged husband in 1972. After 10 years as a paramedic, Craig transferred to Ben Taub Hospital Telemetry, relaying the information from the ambulance to the trauma doctors and then relaying doctor's instructions.

After six years Craig transferred to Dispatch as Jr. Captain. In 1987, he received a Citation of Valor for assisting in saving the life of a child by giving life saving instruction to her father over the phone. Craig retired from the Houston Fire Department on April 15, 1999, at the rank of Captain.

We moved to Pearland and Craig became active in the Pearland Volunteer Fire Department. He and several members of the community started the Pearland

Volunteer Ambulance Service. He was active with the PVAS for about 15 years.

Craig has been a Ham Radio Operator since he was in high school, and Judy has been one for the past ten years. Craig has used his expertise with Ham Radio all his adult life. While living in Pearland he was active with the Pearland Amateur Radio Club. Along with the Ham Radio, PVAS, and City of Pearland Emergency Operations, Craig has been a very busy man!

Judy was born and raised in Lake Jackson Texas. As a young girl, Judy was an avid swimmer and diver and during Jr. High years, swam and dove for the Lake Jackson Swim Team, participating in numerous meets – receiving several ribbons and medals, including a bronze medal in diving at Jr. Olympics.

After graduating from high school, Judy attended business school in Houston. Unable to find room and board at the “Y” and Catholic dorm, her mom refused to let her stay in an apartment, therefore, ended up at the Salvation Army Residence for Women. Her roommate, Terri, was in the same situation and in the same business school. Terri's boyfriend's best friend happened to be Craig Boegler (small world!). Craig and Judy dated for a few months, and were married in November 1968.

Judy began working at M. D. Anderson Cancer Center in 1973, starting as a keypuncher/verifier for Southwest Oncology. When the department lost their funding, she became a secretary until the need for computer techs arose, and in 1994, transferred again and became part of the Information Services. After another year, she became the admin for the Associate Director.

In March 2000, Judy retired after 28 years of service. In the late 70's, Craig and Judy purchased their first bike, a 1976 Gold Wing. In 1980, they upgraded to a 1979 Gold Wing 1100 - did a lot of riding for several years, including a cross country trip from California to North Dakota, then into Canada around the Piece Gardens. But, after a few years, boats and fishing took up more of their free time, not to mention their teenager, so the bike sat in the garage for a year before deciding to sell it.