

Patricia Smith Robinson

Pat Robinson graduated Coleman High School in 1957. Some of you may fondly remember the 1929 Model A Ford she drove to school. Her Model A made the yearbook because it was a common prank for the young men to pick it up and place it on the school lawn. To everyone's amusement, the announcement would come over the PA, "Pat, get the Patty Wagon off the lawn!"

Leaving all of the shenanigans behind after graduating high school, Pat immediately began her career in the business world in Abilene, Texas, where she went to work for Choate Enterprises.

Pat's experience at Choate gave her the opportunity to establish a bookkeeping service. In 1972, she was hired for a secretarial position by ABCO Industries, Inc., a boiler manufacturer. Twenty-four years later when her employment ended, she held the position of Vice President of ABCO and President of its sister company, Global Boiler and Mechanical, Inc. These companies shipped industrial boiler units all over the United States.

In 1997, Pat co-founded Rentech Boiler Services, Inc. which employed over 200 employees. While at Rentech Boiler, she served on the Advisory Board of Directors for the National Petrochemical and Refineries Association, a world-wide organization headquartered in Washington D.C. which represented all of the major oil and gas companies in the world. Before leaving Rentech, she had been appointed by Gov. Rick Perry as the first woman to serve on the State of Texas Boiler Board.

During this time, Pat was active in the Republican Party establishing PACs and speaking at forums in Texas to defeat the proposed socialized health care program. She received recognition from Gov. Ann Richards and became friends with Marilyn Quayle, wife of Vice President Dan Quayle.

In 2007, Pat thought it was time to slow down, so she left Rentech and started a new company, RSI Inspection LLC, which performs industrial radiography. Pat and her two children began the company with one truck and two employees and has grown to currently operate ten trucks and 23 employees.

Pat has been selected as an Honored Member of "Who's Who in U.S. Executives" and recognized as one of "2,000 Notable American Women" in recognition of past achievements and outstanding service in her community, state and nation." Pat's

community activities include, but are not limited to, serving on the board of West Texas Fair and Rodeo; Western Heritage Classic; and Fund Chairman of Ben Richie Boys Ranch, Muscular Dystrophy Association, and March of Dimes. She also served as the 1991 President of the Taylor County Sheriff's Posse.

Her business affiliates include: Charter member of Texas Business Council; Texas Association of Businesses; and the National Association of Female Executives. She served as President and Board Member of TXANS, which grew from approximately 100 members to a membership of over 1,000 businesses under her leadership. Pat also served on the board of Texas State Technical Institute and has lectured in the college for various classes.

In 2007, Abilene Mayor Norm Archibald, proclaimed "*November 20, 2007 as Ms. Pat Robinson Day to honor one of Abilene's finest by applauding her lasting contributions.*"