

## **Pam Halsan**

Pam was born in Gig Harbor Washington of parents both of whose families are long time Pierce County Pioneers. In 1989 the family received Pioneer certificates for being pioneers before Washington became a state. Her father's family built the first road into Mount Rainier.

One of the favorite stories told about Pam's school days was once in 2nd grade she left her house in such a hurry that she arrived at school with no underpants. The teacher sent her to the kitchen where the ladies fashioned a sort of diaper out of a towel for her to wear.

She met her husband because one time she missed her school bus in the 10th grade and so she hitchhiked. The man who picked her up became her husband 3 years later. Pam married right out of high school and had 4 sons. She kept busy with caring for her family and also building 4 houses in Gig harbor, each one bigger and better than the last. The family ran a dental supply company in Tacoma

After her husband died, Pam formed an Elder Care Business. She was at that time the only one available to care for her mother-in-law who had Alzheimer's. After caring for her for several years, following her death Pam turned the activity into a business which she ran for 16 years. Pam's Elder Care Company centered around providing consulting services for family members of the elderly.

Pam has been a Rotarian for 14 years. She was president in 2001-2002 and has been involved in scheduling club Speakers and Club Administration.

Pam has 7 grandchildren, 2 girls and 5 boys.