

MARJORIE BICKNELL-JOHNSON

For me, one of the most difficult tasks is writing an article about an individual that you deeply admire and respect. The major problem is not what you may write but what you may forget to write. When it comes to writing an article about Dr. Marjorie Bicknell-Johnson that task is even harder because of all that she did and continues to do for *The Fibonacci Quarterly* and **The Fibonacci Association** but I will try to do the best that I can. Marjorie, please forgive me if something was not mentioned that should have been.



Marjorie and I first met in December back in the early 1970's while I was visiting with Vern Hoggatt before Vern and I attended the yearly West Coast Number Theory Conference. It wasn't much of a meeting. Marjorie came into Vern's office at his home, was introduced, gave Vern a copy of a manuscript she was working on, picked up the contents of another article and left. Several years later, when I became a member of the Board of Directors and the Editor of the journal we became very good friends. She would pick me up at the airport, let me stay at her house and then take me back to the airport when the Board meetings were done. Oh yes, Marjorie and her husband Frank would also go jogging with me in the morning so that I would not get lost.

When Vern passed away, it was Marjorie that took me to Vern's house to sort through the material in Vern's office. It was her advice that told me in many cases who would be a good referee for a given manuscript and it was her assistance that helped me determine what articles Vern had that needed to be refereed. Without the help of Marjorie, it would have been impossible for me to do what I did as the Editor.

The earliest recording I have of Marjorie being on the Editorial Board is April of 1965. Furthermore, the records show her as being the Secretary from 1965 until 2010, yes, 45 years, when she turned the job of secretary over to another member of the Board. However, she is still an active member of the Board of Directors and this is a good thing because she knows more about *The Fibonacci Quarterly* and **The Fibonacci Association** than any other person on the Board.

As a referee, Marjorie does a fantastic job. In particular, if the submitted article was written by a student and should be published then Marjorie would go out of the way to make sure that it was well written and ready to be published before returning it to the author. At the Board meetings, you can be assured that Marjorie would do what was best for the Association and the Quarterly.

Marjorie, I want to personally thank you very much for all you did for me and will continue to do for all of the Editors of the journal as well as for all that you do for the journal as a member of the Board and for being my friend.