



Pat Tiedemann Fore Class of 2011

Pat Fore was born in 1931, and came to Oroville at the age of three. She attended Burbank Elementary School and was exposed to charity work as a child when her father would take her places with him while he was volunteering. Pat graduated from Oroville High School (OHS) in 1949. While attending OHS, she was active in the Girls Athletic Association, the Girls Glee Club and a member of the Cadets. Pat also worked in the school office assisting with answering the phone and helping out wherever needed. Pat tells the story of having her own chair in the school office. In addition to being a “student office assistant”, she helped out in the school cafeteria.

While attending high school, she did volunteer work at Saint Thomas Church and the El Medio Fire Department. She was also employed during her high school years working at Pete’s Market, Table Mountain Tavern and the Blimp Drive-in.

Pat went to the Bay Area where she worked for twelve years and, upon her return to Oroville in 1963, went to work as a traffic control officer. She then spent twenty years working at the Keg Room in Oroville. During this time, she continued to do volunteer work for various Oroville organizations and charities.

In 1971, Pat became even more involved with her charity and volunteer work. In 1977, she began doing volunteer work with the Oroville Eagles Auxiliary and, to this day, is highly involved with their fund raising and charity projects with proceeds going to designated community groups including child abuse charities.

In 1989, Pat started donating her time at the Oroville Police and Fire Department. Former Butte County Sheriff, Perry Reniff, said that he has known Pat for over forty years and is proud to call her a friend. He said, “Pat is an amazing person who is always at the forefront of any volunteer project. Pat has been a volunteer at the Oroville Police Department for over twenty years and has promoted such programs as “Shoes that Fit”, “Blankets for Babes”, and “Shop with a Cop” -- all programs that are designed to help children in need.”

Perry goes on to say, “Pat is also at the forefront when there is a crisis in the community, especially where disrupted families are affected. Pat has united Oroville many times to collect clothing, food, and household articles when families have been left homeless by the effects of fire.”

Cindy Barrett, longtime employee at the Oroville Police Department, said, “Pat is well known for her life-long charity work. Pat regularly helps hand out food to the needy. She also donates to the Oroville Rescue Mission, to Oroville area rest homes, as well as to anyone who calls her needing help. Pat has always helped those in need.....especially children. Pat is a great asset to this community.”

Working with Disabled Veterans has become a favorite charity of Pat’s and on January 3, 2011, she was honored by the National Disabled American Veterans as Bronze Leader with the inscription on her plaque reading **“One of America’s most loyal and generous supporters, who has never forgotten the price paid for freedom. Charity is the greatest gift anyone can give to a community.”** She continues to explore every opportunity to donate time and energy to our veterans.

In 2009, Pat was inducted into the Eagles Hall of Fame and was recently awarded a lifetime membership in the Order of the Moose.

Charity work has been at the heart of Pat's entire being, and she is as involved today as at any time in her life. She credits her father as the most influential person in her life and the one who exposed her to helping others. Today she serves as mentor to her fourteen-year old grandson, Dillion, who loves helping his grandmother and will no doubt carry on the tradition Pat learned from her father.

Pat loves Oroville and has spent the biggest part of her life giving back to her community through her tireless years of helping those in need. In summary, her contributions have been extraordinary! Serving her beloved home town and the less fortunate is not something Pat does on the side; it is who she is!