



VERONICA LING CHEN

Veronica Ling Chen (née Koo) was born in Shanghai, China (1940) and raised in Hong Kong. She graduated from Maryknoll and earned Lower Level Certifications from the University of Hong Kong and the University of London. To strengthen her practical and business skills, she completed a program at Maryknoll Commercial School and began her career as a secretary at Pfizer International Corporation.

Veronica later received a full scholarship to Marymount College in Tarrytown, New York, where she majored in History and Political Science. After marrying her husband, Shium Andrew Chen, the couple moved to Emporia, Kansas, where she completed both her B.A. in History and Political Science and M.S. in Library Administration.

After dedicating thirteen years to raising their three children, Veronica resumed her professional career as a librarian and went on to serve as Director of Library Services at Butler County Community College. Over a distinguished fifteen-year career, she was an active leader in her field, serving ten times on the Middle States Accreditation Team and being appointed a Pennsylvania Library Commissioner.

A strong advocate for early childhood education, Veronica studied the Montessori method for children and earned certification from St. Nicholas Training Center and Cleveland State University. She is a committed proponent of interpretive reading and has been both a leader and participant in Great Books discussions.

Veronica is dedicated to lifelong learning, having completed an additional thirty-four academic credits beyond her master's degree across a range of disciplines. She has a deep appreciation for the arts and a lasting belief in the power of words.