



Lee Birdsall Massey

Lee Birdsall Massey, a lifelong resident of the Borough of Point Pleasant and mother of two, has a long and varied history of commitment to the community. Descended from the Birdsalls, a family long involved in the Borough, she has continued the family tradition of service to others in a variety of ways.

Lee's lifelong journey began by attending St. Peter's Elementary School and St. Rose High School. She continued her education at Georgian Court College, obtaining a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education and attaining membership in the ADK Educational Sorority. She then began a twenty-five year career in teaching with the Point Pleasant School System, where she continues today. In fact, Lee was recognized as "Teacher of the Year" in 1990 and received the Hall of Fame principal award at Nellie Bennett School in 2001.

Lee's dedication to the children of Point Pleasant and beyond did not stop at the classroom door. She continued to be involved with the children by serving as the coordinator for the Borough's recreational soccer league. In addition, she operated the Juvenile Diabetes Hotline for many years and



acted as a spokesperson for the Juvenile Diabetes Organization. She continued this legacy as a member of the "Think Tub" organization, a group that was dedicated to benefiting area youth and families.

Community involvement, at all levels, has been a hallmark of Lee's life. In 1988, she continued her family's tradition of public service by running for a seat on the Borough Council. Victorious in her election bid, being re-elected four additional times, she assumed office in January 1989 and continues to this day as a member of the governing body. Prior to her tenure on Council, Lee served as a member of the Point Pleasant Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Her duties as a public official have been extensive. During her tenure she has acted as chairperson of every Council committee. Additionally, she has served as Council President three times, including her recent selection as Council President for 2003. She has also served as liaison to the Point Pleasant Chamber of Commerce. She was most gratified to be chosen by the Chamber of Commerce to receive their "Lifetime Achievement Award" in 1999.

As a councilperson, she has also served as a member of the Point Pleasant Planning Board and the Point Pleasant Municipal Alliance. Particularly close to Lee's heart was the opportunity to act as chairperson of the Borough's Diamond Jubilee Committee, celebrating the Borough of Point Pleasant's 75th birthday in 1995.

The dedication and commitment Lee has demonstrated to the community extends beyond her 'public persona'. Having waged a lifelong battle with diabetes, she underwent a kidney transplant operation in March of 2000. Her fighting spirit and strength of character served her well as she recovered from the operation and returned to her usual flurry of activity.



Lee Birdsall Massey, a lifelong resident born in the Borough of Point Pleasant, continues to reside today at her family home on Bay Avenue with her husband Bob. She maintains a close relationship with her children Kelly and Ryan and someday hopes to be a "doting" grandmother.
