



RICHARD T. BLAKE

COMMUNITY INDUCTEE

Richard T. Blake was born and raised in West Orange, NJ, and graduated from high school there in 1957. He attended Rutgers University, graduating with a B.S. in 1962 and went on to earn an M.A. in Administration and Supervision from Seton Hall University in 1966.

Dick began his career of dedication to young people

in 1962 as an eighth grade social studies teacher in Orange, NJ. In 1966, he and his wife, the former Mary Lou Fennelly, moved to Point Pleasant where he taught English and social studies in the middle school and history in the high school for eighteen years. He then spent nine years as vice principal in the middle school and the high school. Dick served as principal of the high school for the final nine years of his career, until his retirement in 1999. He was an active member of the Point Pleasant Teachers Association, the NJ Education Association, and the NJ Principals' and Supervisors' Association. Dick is a long time member of the Point Pleasant Recreation Commission, and is currently in his third term as a member of the Board of Education.

Dick and Mary Lou have two children, Susan Byington and Brian Blake, who are graduates of Point Pleasant schools. Both are married and live in the Boro with their respective spouses, Mike and Candy, and their families. Mr. Blake's five grandchildren, Brian, Abby and Megan Byington and Shea and Casey Blake, all currently attend Point Pleasant schools. Mr. Blake is extremely proud of both the community he has served and the family he has raised in it. When asked to sum up his thoughts, Dick said, "Living and raising a family in the same town where I worked with such dedicated colleagues, capable students, and supportive parents have provided me with a gratifying career and a truly wonderful life."