

Dear Friends:

I have spent most of my life in Germantown and Schnitzelburg and decided it's time to join the Community Council.

My parents moved to 842 Milton in 1929 (from Owensboro, Ky.) where I was born. I have lived in homes on Fetter St. Clarks Lane, Ardmore Drive, and my present home at 916 Minoma. I have also lived at Donard Park, Leigh Lane and on Mellwood Drive in New Albany where I was forced to move when I became Exec. V.P. of New Albany Chamber of Commerce where I retired in 1984 and moved back to Louisville.

I went to Emerson Elementary School with George Hauck as my classmate. We played dainty together many times on Germantown streets. I got my haircuts at Bowman's barbershop, bought my pastries at Heitzman and my ice cream at Dairy Del.

I graduated from High School at Manual, went to Spencerian Commercial College, worked at L&N RR for 22 years (Secy to V.P.) Louisville Area Chamber of Commerce 6 years (Dir. of Special Events) and New Albany Chamber of Commerce (Exec. V.P. and CEO) then retired.

I announced play-by-play football at Manual Stadium for fifty years (1946 until 1996). Was inducted into their Hall of Fame in 2006. Also into Athletic Directors Hall of Fame in 2008.

My father (W.D. Martin - builder and contractor) built almost 100 homes in Germantown and Schnitzelburg areas. He was a very successful self-made man, having quit school after 5th grade to work on the family farm in Owensboro. (Most all kids had to do that in those days). His first home was built in 1929 at the bottom of the hill on Lydia (south side), and purchased by the Hasty family for \$3,000. He made \$500 on the deal and built two more next to it. And this was in the middle of the great depression.

I served in the Navy during World War II. George Hauck served too and the last time I have seen him was in Washington, DC when we both were on the Ky. Bluegrass Honor Flight. A happy reunion for us both.

There's much more, but I've said enough. I would serve on your Board, but I am too old (90) and I spend a couple of months in Florida in the winter. My wife and I just celebrated 70 years of married life on May 24th. We have been blessed.

Very truly yours,
ED Martin
Edward Bruce Martin

PS. George knows me by

"Bruce" the name I used until I got to college. Now "ED"