

Patt Rocks

Family is all-important.

Connecting with people is her joy.

Dancing is her passion.

These priorities keep Patt Rocks grounded and actively engaged.

Patt was born in Birmingham, Alabama. One night she accompanied her parents to their club and met her future husband Tom on the dance floor. That event led to "the rest of the story."

After Patt and Tom married, his work took them on fascinating overseas assignments. When they returned to the US, they settled in Spartanburg, SC, where Patt established herself as producer and moderator of a local television channel. Her interviews with visiting celebrities and community event personalities were her lifeblood for over 20 years.

She also contributed time and commitment to her community by serving on boards: Children's Advocacy, Mobile Meals, Upstate Warrior Solution, and Women Giving in Spartanburg (a collective giving group), as well as numerous city event-and policy-driven boards, such as Leadership Spartanburg Board of Regents.

Along the way Patt also stayed active playing bridge and tennis, tending her garden and raising a son and daughter. And then there's dancing. . . .

Dancing ignited Tom and Patt's romance the night they met and has provided them joy and community connection throughout their married life. Being out on the dance floor -- somewhere, anywhere -- means Patt and Tom are in their happy place! Teaching and donating dance lessons at charity fundraisers has enriched their lives. Ask her about their selection as extras in "Dirty Dancing." It's a vivid memory only she can do justice to!

The Rocks moved from their beloved home of Spartanburg two years ago to be closer to children and grandchildren. COVID slowed their assimilation into the Wilmington community. Knowing that Patt needed to establish a connection to interesting local women, daughter (and WIN member) Elise wisely suggested she consider joining WIN. Patt agreed and jumped in to serve on the Grants Committee for Education and Lifelong Learning.

Thank you, Patt, and WELCOME to NHC