

Tim Gilmore - Notre Dame Class of '74

I grew up in the far North Chicago neighborhood of Edgebrook and graduated from St. Mary of the Woods grade school in 1970.

Upon graduation from St. Mary's, the clear choice of High School was Notre Dame. While in high school, I was on the Notre Dame swim team under the direction of Bill Casey and David Porterfield. Coach Casey developed my skills as a distance swimmer and I held the school records for the 400 and 500 yard freestyle events on JV and Varsity levels. I'm still in contact with ND swimmers on a regular basis.

I was recruited to the University of Wisconsin graduating in 1978 with a BS in Business Administration. While at University of Wisconsin, I was on the swim team and water polo teams. I continued my distance swimming career for four more years holding the school records in the 500, 1000 and 1650 yard freestyle events while qualifying for the National finals three years.

Upon graduation, I was offered a position in Madison, Wisconsin with Federated Insurance Company, a Minnesota insurance carrier that specialized in writing commercial risks. Federated had plans to expand into the lucrative Texas market and in June of 1982 they shipped five relatively young Midwestern marketing reps to Texas. I was fortunate enough to end up in Austin and fell in love with its charm. In 1990 Federated had plans to expand into California and I was offered an expansion position in Sacramento. I had a love for Texas and was still in touch with many folks in the insurance industry back in Austin. In 1993 I was offered a position with an independent agency in Austin named Capitol City Insurance and have just celebrated 25 years with them.

This January, I'll retire after 40 years in the insurance industry.

I have a lovely wife who was born and raised in Houston and is a University of Texas graduate and a faithful Longhorn fan. Mary spent her career in television broadcasting with Belo, Fox Sports, and the Fox affiliate in Austin, certainly a more interesting career than insurance. Mary retired two years ago.

I have two sons, Patrick and Greg, both married, one living in Austin and one living in New Mexico. We also welcomed our first grandchild, a lovely boy who was born last April.

With Mary and me both soon retired, we plan on continuing our domestic and overseas travels.

I'm an avid car collector and restorer, so I hope to spend more time working on and driving the classics that I've rebuilt. As an active member of the National Corvette Restorers Society I hold the position of judging chairman and with the help of General Motors Historical Records Division, I'm in charge of the validation of the paperwork and history of rare Corvettes to prevent forgery in the classic car marketplace.

