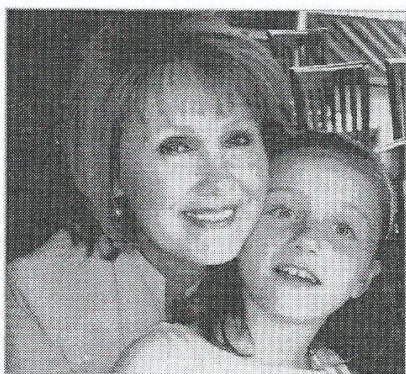


The Women of the Gamma Phi Beta
Tulsa Alumnae Chapter
Proudly Congratulate

PATTI SMITH



our 2015 Woman of the Year

GAMMA PHI BETA PATTI GRAVETT SMITH



Patti is a native Tulsan. She graduated from Central High School and attended the University of Oklahoma, where she pledged Gamma Phi Beta.

In the house, in addition to her other activities, she participated in University Sing, directed the Gamma Phi/Kappa Sigma act in the Engineers' Show and was a semi-finalist in the Miss OU Pageant during her senior year.

She earned a bachelor's degree then began a 29-year career in teaching. She taught junior high school and high school English and high school world literature. She decided she loved teaching 7th-graders the most and finished her career at Wilson Middle School. Along the way, she earned a master's degree in guidance and counseling.

She was active in the Tulsa Classroom Teachers Association and led its lobby team in the state legislature to pass House Bill 1017, which greatly improved school funding. She was an original member of the staff development committee, which oversaw continuing education programs for employees. She was instrumental in moving from the junior high concept to the middle school concept in the district.

Patti has been a member of the Boston Avenue Methodist Church for 45 years and is a member of the administrative board and altar guild. She is a weekly "reading buddy" at Burroughs Elementary, which has been adopted by Boston Avenue.

She is a member of the Tulsa Boys Home Women's Association executive board and has been nominated to serve as its next president. The director of the Tulsa Boys Home appointed Patti to the 12-member endowment steering committee, which has a goal to raise \$25 million to assure future funding for the nonprofit. A highlight of the year for Patti and her husband, Gary, was sponsoring the Thanksgiving dinner for about 40 boys, who did not have family with whom to spend the holiday.

Patti and Gary have two grown children and a cat, Tinker, who is kind enough to share his home with them. Their son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter live in Kansas City, and their daughter and her husband live in London.

Patti is so proud to be a Gamma Phi Beta. As soon as summer rush parties began in Tulsa after her senior year, she knew Gamma Phi was the sorority she wanted to pledge. Last November, she received her pin for 50 years of membership. She is honored and grateful to her sisters for selecting her as their Woman of the Year.