

Remembering the Past and Securing the Future

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ven though Marybeth Anzich Mahoney has traveled extensively, lived in different parts of the world, and relocated more than 14 times, she has never lost sight of where “home” is, or to whom she is first and ultimately thankful for her

wonderful life.

Marybeth grew up in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, as the only child of Mary and Methodius J. Anzich, L’45. She attended a Catholic grade school and the local public high school, but her parents encouraged her to explore life outside of Wisconsin for college. “My dad especially wanted me to have other experiences,” explained Marybeth. “He valued education and instilled in me a sense of what a good education at a good school could do, and so I chose to attend Marymount College in Tarrytown, New York.”

After earning a bachelor’s degree in economics in 1970, Marybeth stayed on the east coast and became a bank examiner for five years with the Comptroller of the Currency. She then was hired by Citibank in New York for assignment to Toronto, Canada. She spent nearly 30 years with Citigroup,

which eventually merged with Travelers and became the largest U.S. bank. Marybeth worked all but five of those years on the international side. The position that she held upon retirement was CFO for the consumer business in Latin America.

In 1983, her parents moved from Sheboygan to North Carolina and then to Naples, Florida in 2000. When Marybeth’s dad passed away in 2001, she relocated to Florida to be close to her mother. They return “home” to the Plymouth area of Wisconsin in the summer where Marybeth enjoys golf, reading, and travel.

Marybeth attributes much of her professional success to the opportunities presented by her parents, which

she believes were made possible by her father’s education at Marquette University Law School. “My father taught me that the most important gift you give your children is a good education,” she said.

Grateful, Marybeth and her mother, Mary, set up a scholarship at Marquette Law School to honor the memory of her father and to keep the tradition of excellent education alive for other generations. The Methodius J., Mary, and Marybeth Anzich Scholarship Fund provides renewable funds to students



in need. The fund will continue to grow through a charitable remainder trust as provided in her will.

“My dad was a wonderful man and was always there for me,” said Marybeth. She tells a brief story of his life: He grew up in Sheboygan and went to the University of Wisconsin—Madison on a basketball scholarship. He finished college as World War II broke out. Though recently married, Methodius decided to enlist, but while receiving his physical discovered he had tuberculosis. He spent one year at Rocky Knoll Sanatorium in Sheboygan. It was during his recovery that he decided to attend law school.

“With little to no money to pay for school, Marquette crafted a special payment arrangement that allowed him to repay after he completed his studies and was legitimately employed,” recounted his daughter.

“Marquette had a special place in his heart. Dad always said to me, ‘Don’t ever forget Marquette.’”

As soon as Methodius graduated from the Law School in 1945, he returned to Sheboygan and was hired by Werner & Clements, where he made partner (the firm then becoming Werner, Clements & Anzich). “He was with the firm for nearly 12 years when he decided to hang out his own shingle,” explained Marybeth. He practiced solo for several decades,



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until deciding to retire in the early 1980s. The Anzichs then moved to North Carolina, because it had plenty of golf courses, four seasons, and reciprocal law licensure.

“Curly (Methodius’s nick name) enjoyed his retirement,” recalled Marybeth, “and never practiced law again.” As the Anzichs approached the next phase of their lives, they decided to move to a retirement village in Naples, Florida, where several of their Sheboygan friends also lived.

Marybeth has very fond memories of her dad and is grateful that she still can spend time with her mom, now 89. She considers her parents her best friends. “My dad always encouraged me to do what I like, to reach for what I wanted, and assured me that it will and can happen,” said Marybeth. “He never suggested I do anything other than that which made me happy, but with the caveat to do it well,” she said. He instilled in her the fundamental belief that with an education she would always be able to fend for herself.

“My inheritance was my education,” Marybeth said. “He told me to treat others well, do my best, and most of all be happy. It is not just about money.”

Through the generosity of his daughter, Methodius Anzich’s beliefs and his passion for higher education will continue to live on. •