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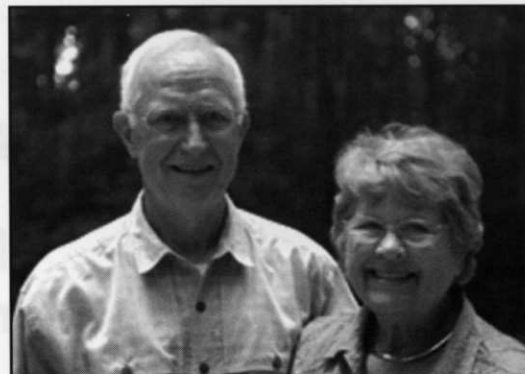
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An interview with Bill and Jackie Lockwood

By Becky Smith

Bill and Jackie Lockwood have been married for 52 years and have three grown children and four grandchildren. Bill is the founder of LJB Engineers and Architects and CON/SPAN Bridge Systems. He is currently Senior Vice President of CONTECH Bridge Solutions, where he is partially retired. Jackie served as the Director of Marketing and Public Relations for the Dayton Opera from 1963 to 1988, and from 1989 to 2002 she was the Vice President of Marketing for CON/SPAN Bridge Systems. Currently Jackie serves on the boards of the Muse Machine and Dayton Opera. Bill is on the Governing Board for the Engineering & Science Foundation, the Board of Trustees for the National Composite Center, and the Advisory Board for the University of Cincinnati, Department of Civil Engineering. Bill is one of only eleven Fellows of the Engineers Club (see list at left) and holds several U.S. and foreign patents related to structural engineering and composites.



Bill and Jackie Lockwood

• **When did you join the Engineer's Club?**

Bill: Thirty-four years ago—in 1974.

• **What attracted you?**

Bill: During the years we were building our businesses, the professional environment of the Club provided our firms with an ideal setting for lunch meetings with clients, staff meeting, and meetings with business associates. The Club was also useful when we sponsored seminar meetings; we were able to hold the meetings in the auditorium, and we brought in nationally recognized experts as speakers. These seminars were attended by our staff, clients, and open to the local engineering community. This was an effective marketing and professional development tool for our growing engineering firm and provided an appreciated forum to discuss technical issues relevant to our local area.

We have also used the Club for conferences with the international network of our bridge firm. One significant event, in particular, was an elaborate network banquet which included a licensee contract-signing ceremony for a Japanese firm. It was a shining evening for the Club.

• **What kind of involvement have you had with the club over the years? Have either of you served in any offices at the Club?**

Jackie: Bill is currently serving on the Engineers Club Foundation Board and the Building and Grounds Committee. In 1991, he had the high honor of being elected as Fellow.

Bill: Jackie served two terms as member of the Board of Governors. As Chair of the Marketing Committee, she organized focus groups geared to growing the membership. She recruited local marketing directors of professional organizations to form a committee to identify potential Club members and to better serve existing members. Some of the results from the committee were an updated membership roster, a new look for the newsletter, a membership brochure, and the formation of corporate memberships.

• **And personally?**

Jackie: The Club has been a source of many treasured friendships. It also offers the opportunity to meet and work with a wide variety of interesting people. Just being at the Club reminds us of the great legacy left to us by others.

Bill: The Barn Gang programs and presentations of a wide variety of technical achievements are enriching experiences and highlight the purpose of the Club.

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• **What about the Club do you find most appealing?**

Jackie: The historical aspect of the Club appeals to all the members of our family. It is an incredible facility – each room with its own history. Attending programs, hosting programs, or just having lunch or dinner at the Club with our family has made it an integral part of our lives. It is where we all feel at home.

Each of our three children chose to have some aspect of their wedding celebration at the Club. Most recently, our family held a December celebration for our youngest son's marriage. Even though the Club was officially closed for the holidays, the staff graciously offered to reopen for our party. We have always experienced

amazing cooperation from the staff to help us make any event what we hoped it would be. They make us, and our guests, feel special.

Bill: We have hosted many professionals from other countries at the Club—including representatives from Japan, Korea, and the Ethiopian Ambassador to the United States. All of our guests find the history of the Club and the story of Dayton remarkable. We have also introduced numerous opera stars to the Club. During Jackie's tenure as marketing director for Dayton Opera, she used the Club for frequent meetings. We were both able to continue meetings long past the lunch hour.

ASTRONAUT AND COMPANY During his second visit to the Engineers Club within a year, Col. Greg Johnson on Aug. 7 fascinated young and old talking of his experience piloting the space shuttle Endeavour's mission that ended with a March 26 landing at Kennedy Space Center, Fla. In addition to discussing and sharing photographs of his 16-day mission to the International Space Station, he told of his upcoming mission to train the Hubble Space Telescope's rescue crew, posed for photographs with members and guests, and chatted before and after his presentation. (Photos by Paul Farrier)



JOHNSON WITH MEMBERS
Posing with Col. Johnson are (left to right) Debbie Desch Anderson, daughter of World War II code breaker Joe Desch; Amanda Wright Lane, great-grandniece of Orville and Wilbur Wright; past president Harry Seifert, and his grandson Tanner.