

Margaret Hetrick

Peg Hetrick was very involved with Russell Township for over 30 years.

Her contributions and services to the township include:

- Zoning Secretary from 1968 - 1970
- Clerk from 1970 - 1987
- Helped to form the Russell Park District in 1984
- Land Conservancy Trustee from 1988 - 1994
- Historical Society President from 1989 - 1995
- Editor of the Russell Historical Society Newsletter from 1989 - 2010
- Women's Club President from 2003 - 2004

Other services and contributions to the township include:

- One of the original founders of the Historical Society, and was an active member
- Did most of the research and collection of information on Russell and the early pioneers and kept the Historical Society going for many years.
- Set up School Feasibility study for the Save Russell School project
- Organized funding from Historical Society members for the Save Russell School project
- Being a major donor to the Russell School Fund
- Wrote letters to various organizations to survey the school for restoration
- A member of the Women's Club
- The prime contributor to the writing and assembly of the book "A Pictorial History of Russell Township"
- Involved with the Park District for many years and helped in preserving the green and open space in the township
- Writing some of the Townships first computer programs



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Five years ago the Russell Township Historical Society embraced the idea of writing a book that would tell the stories of the people of Russell Township. From pre-history to the current times, this book would hold within its pages how Russell Township began and how it became the community it is today.

It was a daunting undertaking and required a leader with commitment to the task, dedication to its purpose and the perseverance to see it through from beginning to end no matter what it might take. That person is Margaret "Peg" Hetrick, one of our Historical Society's first presidents and founding members.

Peg is a modest soul who did not wish for nor seek special recognition for her extraordinary contributions to the researching, writing and publishing of "The Pictorial History of Russell Township".

We, her fellow Russell Historical Society members, feel that we would be greatly remiss if we did not recognize her as the driving force behind its creation.. To her is owed all the honor due a successful general.

The complexities of producing and publishing a work such as "The Pictorial History of Russell Township" are far too many to list here. Be aware, however, that Peg organized all of our efforts and her own, kept track of each work in progress, motivated us all when needed and brought the entire effort to such a successful conclusion that the completed work is one of her finest triumphs.

Peg Hetrick has a long history of public service. The book is just one of her many contributions to the betterment of our community.

For this we, the members of the Russell Township Historical Society, salute her and say, with heartfelt gratitude: Thank you, Peg

