

FAREWELL AND WELCOME!

The Foundation Board of Directors is saying farewell to Director Jackie Thase-Burch, Alpha Upsilon Chapter, who decided to resign as she retired from teaching. In accordance with the Foundation Bylaws, Article V, Section B, 8, a vacancy occurring on the Board shall be filled by recommendation of the current Board of Directors for the unexpired term or until a successor elected. The Foundation Board of Directors is welcoming Sue Loader, Alpha Psi Chapter, who was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Jackie is a graduate of Celina High School. She came to Troy, Ohio, as the manager of Empire Restaurants where she met her late husband, Paul Thase. Paul encouraged her to follow her dream of being a teacher on a \$300.00 bet that she couldn't get As in her coursework. She left the restaurant world and earned a scholarship to the University of Dayton where she completed both an undergraduate degree and a master's degree in elementary and special education. Troy City Schools needed bus drivers, so she became licensed to drive a school bus. This paid for her education and came in handy even as a teacher when she filled in as needed and could always drive her class on field trips. Jackie taught students with multiple handicaps for three years, first grade for 17 years and third grade for seven years. Adding her time as a bus driver enabled her to retire with 31.4 years of service.

As a bus driver, she was nominated for Driver of the Year, participated in bus rodeos, and earned first place team honors twice. As a teacher, she earned Teacher of the Year, and was on just about every committee possible over the course of her career.

Outside of school, Jackie has been president and vice president of Alpha Upsilon Chapter. She served as chair on her church's preschool board and higher education grant committee as well as serving on other committees. She enjoys attending sporting events, musicals, plays, traveling, and spending time with family and friends. She looks forward to actually having time to read a book!

Jackie currently lives in Casstown on four acres with two cats and her second husband whom she dated in high school. That in itself is another story....

Sue was inducted into Alpha Psi Chapter in September 1998. She served as chapter president during the 2004-06 biennium and is the current chapter treasurer, a position she has held since 2012.

Sue served as chairman of the OSO Nominations Committee during the 2005-2007 biennium. She has served on the OSO Scholarship Committee since 2019. In 2002 Sue received the Annie Webb Blanton scholarship. Sue also received the Aileen Pleasure scholarship given through the Muskingum County Community Foundation. The scholarship is awarded in memory of Aileen Leasure, former Alpha Psi president.

Sue taught science, health, physical education, and special education for 31 years. She also served as an assistant principal for seven years. Sue supervises the toddler room on Sundays at her church and is involved in other church organizations. She also volunteers at Christ's Table. She participates in a golf league and plays pickle ball. Sue tries to walk on a daily basis and likes to read. She enjoys travel and is looking forward to a trip to Jordan, Israel, and Egypt next summer with a group from her church.

Sue is the youngest of four children with twin brothers between her and her oldest sibling. She is a loving mother of two sons, two grandsons, and one granddaughter.