



FRANKE TOBEY JONES

Meet Residents Phil and Gwen Phibbs

Gwen grew up in Montana and moved to Walla Walla where she went to high school and then attended Washington State College.

Phil was born in Minnesota. At the start of World War II, his family moved to Tacoma where he graduated from Sumner High School, then Washington State College where he applied for and won a Fellowship to study at Cambridge University after graduation.

Gwen and Phil met at college, got engaged and married. In 1954, they moved to Chicago where Phil had earned a Fellowship at the University of Chicago to continue work toward a Ph.D. and Gwen worked in the University's PR department. Phil won a post doctorate Fellowship which enabled him to work in Congress for a year and obtain experience in politics. While there, they had their first child.

After a year in Washington, D.C., Phil was called to duty with the Air Force. Stationed in England, he was in charge of a program to improve relations between bases and the communities in which they were located. During that time their second child was born.

The family moved in 1961 when Phil became a Professor at Wellesley College in Massachusetts, and in 1968 he was appointed Executive Vice President of the College. There, two more daughters were born. In 1973 the couple returned to Tacoma when Phil became the President of the University of Puget Sound where he served for nineteen years.

As a founder of the Museum of Glass, Phil has had a rewarding and busy retirement, but he and Gwen always make time for their grand children, travel and the cultural life of the Pacific Northwest.

Phil and Gwen moved to FTJ in 2009. Phil continues his philanthropic work recently agreeing to be the Chairperson of the FTJ Capital Campaign which will be kicked off this fall. The capital campaign will help support the construction of the new FTJ Health Care/Memory Care building scheduled to open in early 2019. We are grateful for his help as we look to the future and our work toward the FTJ mission to enrich and extend the quality of life for seniors in our community.



"After a fulfilling career, we are enjoying retirement as we continue to serve the Tacoma community in our various cultural areas of interest, spend time with our grandchildren and live a nice life at Franke Tobey Jones."