

## Sally Brauer



I worked part-time as a cashier at The Fashion at Northland Center and attended Wayne State University full-time from until September, 1960. At that time, I began full-time work as an analytical lab technician at Wyandotte Chemicals Corporation (WCC) and continued to attend night classes at Wayne. I took a leave of absence in September, 1964, returned full-time to Wayne, and graduated with a BS in Chemistry in June, 1965. Then it was back to WCC as a chemist in the Analytical Research Department. In a few years WCC was purchased by BASF AG, a multinational chemical company based in Ludwigshafen, Germany, and became BASF Wyandotte Corporation and then BASF Corporation ("We don't make the products you buy, we make the products you buy better"). I had the opportunity to work in many areas of Analytical Chemistry and to become the corporate expert in a number of them. As a result, I was able to present papers at a number of local and national conferences. My career came to an end in September, 2002 when my job was eliminated and I took early retirement. A few years after that I moved from downriver to Troy in order to be closer to my sister and now a lot of my time is spent running the streets with her.

Hobbies include multiple needlecrafts and other crafts, baking, and, of course, reading books covering a broad range of subjects. In 1983, I found a Sweet Adelines Chorus just a mile from my home and have been involved with Barbershop singing ever since. Three years ago my very small chorus (16 members) dissolved and I joined Shoreline Sound Chorus (80 members) in Roseville. We took first place in the next regional contest and went to Las Vegas last year for International Competition. When Katrina forced the move for the 2006 International Competition from New Orleans to Detroit, our chorus was asked to be the mike testers for the chorus competition so we got to sing at Cobo Hall.

Dream Come True: An occupation that was interesting, challenging, meaningful, fun, and an opportunity to be creative (even if frustrating at times).

Unfulfilled Dream: To be a space traveler. The closest I have come is in reading science-fiction/fantasy and, during my Brace Elementary days, in creating space voyages from the back seat of the school bus with my brother and my best friend.

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