

Becky Belcher

Interview by Sherry Kennedy

Becky Belcher is one of those rare people in this world that will always be there to lend a helping hand, no matter what the circumstances are. She's probably one of the most generous and kind people I have met. Becky continuously puts her heart and soul into all of the work that she does for our chapter. She has served a President twice and held other various positions over the 23 years that she has been a member. Becky is a great friend and I always enjoy being greeted with her beautiful smile and warm hug...she always brings a positive thought and feeling to the room.



Where are you from?

I was born in Nashville, Tennessee and have 2 brothers and 4 sisters, third from the oldest. We are all spread out across the country from Washington State, California, North Carolina, Alabama, to Florida.

Please, tell me a little about your family.

I have been married to my husband, Byron for 34 years. We have two cats named Leo and Cleo and they are 15 years old. We found them on my father-in-law's farm.

What are some of your greatest accomplishments?

My greatest accomplishment is being able to do something to better someone else's life.

What are some highlights of your life?

I have had some of the best moments being the ABWA President (2 terms), helping our chapter win the bid for hosting the Spring Conference here in 2000, being an aerobic instructor for 5 and a half years and attending all of the fitness meetings. I've also enjoyed being the President of the Emerald Coast Concert Association.

What are your hobbies or things you enjoy doing while you're not working?

I enjoy doing any type of craft, sewing (I've sewed anything from dresses, bedspreads, to slippers), painting, reading, boating/sailing, listening to live music, and spending time with my friends. I treasure what little time I get to spend doing these activities as I have much free time.

Are you a collector of anything?

I collect items that I can refurbish and sometimes give them away as gifts.

Tell me about the positions that you held before becoming a CAD Technician? Tell me about your current position.

My first job was a camp counselor where I worked with kids and taught crafts. I then moved into being a telephone operator, which was my first real job. While working with the phone company, I got a job in the Engineering Department doing drafting work. It was all done by hand on paper. This is where I met my husband Byron as I was assigned to do drafting for him, the Engineer.

Currently, I work with Choctaw Engineering, Inc. as a Computer Aided Design (CAD) Technician. I work on surveys/drafting for subdivisions, condos, boundaries, and topography maps. A lot of our work is for real estate developers and builders.

When did you join ABWA? Who introduced you to it?

I joined ABWA over 23 years ago (in September) and Martie Borts was my sponsor. The first meeting that I went to, the ladies had forgotten the door prize tickets, so I brought out my scissors and paper and created tickets for them. I've been doing things for ABWA ever since then.

How has ABWA affected your life?

ABWA has allowed me to grow personally. Before I joined ABWA, I had a difficult time standing up and talking in front of a group. By getting involved and putting myself in front of people, it has made me more at ease with public speaking and leading groups. I've made my most treasured friends at ABWA.

Are you a member of any other business clubs or groups?

I am a member of Emerald Coast Concert Association (ECCA) and the Women's Investment Network. I've been trying to cut back on the number of clubs I am involved with since I am the President of the ECCA and it requires a lot of my time.

What would you consider as your greatest challenge?

My greatest challenge is too many things to do with such little time. I've been trying to slow down and make more time to do work around my own home.

What drives, inspires, and motivates you?

What drives me is doing things for others and working with groups to make events go smoothly and ensure that everyone has a good time.

Finish this statement: "Each week I look forward to..."

4:30 p.m. on Friday, especially if I don't have to be somewhere and can just relax at home.

Likes: I like spending time with friends, my husband and cats.

Who would you consider as your role model?

My role model is Johnnie Carlson, Sharon Adams' (ABWA member) mother. Her and her husband were the original owners of Choctaw Engineering, Inc.

Best Asset: My best asset is being a positive person all of the time.

Favorite Color: Silver (accented with black, turquoise, greens, and purple)

What is the phrase or saying that you live by day to day?

"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take but by the moments that take our breath away."

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