



FENWICK HIGH SCHOOL



Fenwick Hall of Fame Tracy Q. Brooker

There are many important firsts in Fenwick High School's history. Among the most significant in modern times is the appointment of the first female and non-alumnus Fenwick Board of Directors Chairperson **Mrs. Tracy Q. Brooker**.

Mrs. Brooker's Fenwick affection began with her father **Ed Quinn '53** and was forever forged when she married **Tom Brooker '76**. As the wife of an alumnus and mother to **Tom Brooker '02**, **Colleen Brooker Bogue '04** and **Matthew Brooker '07** she recognized the remarkable developmental impact the school has on its students, families, friends and the community. Her ascension to serving as the board's chairperson and later as the president of the Fenwick Foundation began simple enough—as the chairperson of the Fenwick Raffle. She then served as president of Mother's Club, as a member of the Board of Directors where she served on every board committee, chairperson of the Principal Search, chairperson of the Leadership Commission for Fenwick and secretary of the Board.

Her leadership at Fenwick guided the school through new by-laws, and a new management model. As chairperson, she oversaw the purchase of the condos and car wash property that allowed Fenwick to build its new parking structure and help usher the school into its second century.

Though never a student, Mrs. Brooker's trajectory was influenced by everyone she came into contact with at Fenwick. Most notably **Fr. Richard LaPata, O.P. '50** who as Fenwick's president invited her to join the Board of Directors. Advice from Dr. Jerry Lordan, O.P. guided her through her work with the school.

Mrs. Brooker has volunteered her time with an array of community organizations. As an Ascension parishioner, she reestablished the Altar & Rosary Society and rebranded it as the Ascension Women's Club where she also served as its president and later as president of the Ascension Home & School. As a member of the Park District of Oak Park Citizens Committee, she developed the PACT program, which is the park district's facility use and allocation management program.

Of special significance is Mrs. Brooker's work with the not-for-profit Catholic organization Friends of Chipata, which helped raise funds for the digging of a borehole and the building of a clinic that today serves 5,000 people in the Chipata diocese of Zambia. To date, the Kaperya clinic has birthed 175 children and provides care to those in the surrounding villages. She has also given her talents to the Literacy Volunteers of Western Cook County where she is a certified ESL tutor, and the Hephzibah Children's Association where she helped establish the auxiliary board and served as treasurer and co-chair of the 100 Year Celebration. Recently, she chaired the Catalyst Circle Rock School campaign that led to the Kehrein Center for the Arts. Mrs. Brooker is also involved with the Ascension St. Vincent de Paul Society, and serves on the Chicago Jesuit Academy College Persistence Committee.

Mrs. Brooker attended St. Mary's College in Winona, Minnesota and Rosary College in River Forest where she earned her Bachelor of Arts in English Literature. She counts all of us among her Fenwick family as well as several members of Brooker lineage beyond her immediate family. They are **Glenn Brooker '46** (father-in-law), **Bill Brooker '72** (brother-in-law), **Dan Fischer '73** (brother-in-law), **Jack Brooker '86** (brother-in-law) and **John Wagner '20** (nephew) as well as her brother-in-law, Girls' Water Polo Coach Jack Wagner.

In her downtime, Mrs. Brooker enjoys traveling, skiing, playing golf, sharpening her mind in book clubs and being a wife to Tom, mother to Tom and his wife Chelsea, Colleen and her husband Matt, and Matthew, and grandmother to four grandchildren.