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ILR Memory Book Series

From time to time, on-line memory books are made available on the web site of Cornell University's ILR School as a way for past students, colleagues, and friends to post their recollections of faculty and distinguished staff members.

This series collects the comments left by visitors to these memory books.

Patsy Sellen

Patsy Sellen has worked at Cornell for 30 years and is saying "it is time to go" on January 3, 2007.

Patsy started in Dairy Herd Records in 1976, from there moving to the Hotel School in 1979, Human Ecology in 1987, and finally ILR. She has worked in Students Services since February 2001 and says ILR has been a perfect place to end her Cornell career.

Patsy will have her retirement filled with gardening, grandchildren and volunteering – and maybe working some time in to travel with her husband.

The following submissions were made by visitors to the memory book from December 11, 2006 to December 18, 2006.

Dear Patti, Best of luck to you. I will miss bumping into you at lunch time. Keep walking and stay healthy. Wishing you the best retirement! Angie

- Angie Wagner, Dec 11 2006

Patsy, It has been such a pleasure knowing you. I hope you enjoy your retirement to its fullest. Please make sure to keep monitoring your blood pressure. I'm sure once you're retired and relaxed, the numbers will be great! Barb

- Barbara McPherson, ILR Fiscal Dec 11 2006

Hi Patsy, We are going to miss you a whole lot... it is your very kind presence that I think of most - I also think of your candy basket!!!! But it has always been great to have you at the helm of the student service ship, you will always help if you are able, you always see that a message is delivered and I know that you are thoughtful and caring in your dealings with students. I also think of our school luncheons and the laughs we have had. Hope you enjoy your retirement and please know that I, in particular, will miss you a great deal. Let's get thin! Best to you always, Mary

- Mary Van Arsdale, 216 Ives Hall Dec 11 2006

Dear Patsy, It has been my pleasure to know and to work with you. I will certainly miss you. Thank you for being my friend and being so helpful in the "Coffee Room," coffee making and clean up detail. I know you will find plenty to do in your retirement. I wish you much happiness and the best of health in the coming years. Fran

- Fran Secord, ILR Library Dec 11 2006

It's been great to have you as part of the ILR family. You have always been so personal and professional. Your service to the students and others will be missed! You'll have more leisure for walks and travel now...so ENJOY! Best wishes!

- Joan Roberts, Dec 11 2006

Patsy - It has been great knowing you and working with you. I have no doubt that you will enjoy your retirement -- gardening - grandchildren - volunteering -- what more could one ask! Enjoy those things and more! We will miss you (and envy you)!

- Claudia Strednak, Extension Div. Dec 11 2006

Pat, It's been a pleasure working with you. I wish you all the best, and hope you enjoy retirement! Regards, Anu

- Anu Lyons, Ithaca, NY Dec 11 2006

Patsy, Congratulations on your retirement! I wish you all the best in the future. Best Regards, Brad

- Brad Bell, Ithaca Dec 11 2006

Hello Patsy, I consider myself very fortunate to start my working career with your guidance and to have been able to share memories over lunches the past couple of years too. Please do keep in touch. I wish you and Dale great retirement years - doing all the things you want to do. Keep on taking care of yourself too!! Lill

- Lill B., Dec 12 2006

Patsy, Although we only worked together for a couple years I can honestly say it was a pleasure working with you. I wish you the best on your retirement and hope you have the opportunity to do things you were not able to do while working. You will be greatly missed...Bonnie

- Bonnie Hockenberry, Newfield Dec 12 2006

Patsy, It has been a pleasure to work with you. I hope your retirement brings you many years of enjoyment and happiness. Keep on walking! And most of all stay healthy! You sure will be missed! Cheryl

- Cheryl Noble, Owego Dec 12 2006

Patsy, Congratulations on your retirement and good luck to you in whatever you decide to do in the future. It must be exciting to know that you do not have to trudge through the snow this Winter or miss out on any beautiful days in the summer now. It was nice getting to know you, you will be missed! Renee

- Renee Orak, Fiscal Office Dec 12 2006

Hi Patsy, I want to wish you much happiness in your retirement. It will be nice to have the time to do the things you love. I will miss your kindness, you are always so cheerful. And who is going to protect me now when I take Admissions folders to the OSS staff to read? Have fun! Karen

- Karen Brand, 216 Ives Hall Dec 12 2006

Patsy, I'll miss your bright smile and fun loving attitude. Enjoy your retirement.

- Jean, 615 Ives Hall Dec 12 2006

Pat: Great to see you last weekend...now you'll be joining the ranks of "us old folks" who are retired. I know that you and I have some happy memories from the old Statler and from the school days of our kids. Best wishes to you, Dale and the family. Enjoy--get some rest---and just do as you darn well please, when you want to do it. ml

- Mary Lou Graf, Genoa Dec 12 2006

Patsy - You are such a dear, sweet person who I am going to miss around here very much. I just know you are going to enjoy that beautiful new home of yours, and those beautiful grandchildren so very much. I wish you and Dale all the best. Please keep in touch. Much love.

- Jackie, Candor Dec 12 2006

Dear Patsy - My sincerest best wishes to you on this exciting new adventure!! It's been great knowing you and working with you - ever since you were "across the street". I know you've been a huge asset to ILR and that you will be missed. I wish you the absolutely best retirement with good health, family, and new experiences - Congratulations!! Sharon

- Sharon VanCampen, EDI Dec 12 2006

Wow--30 years of dedicated service! Enjoy your well-deserved retirement. Best Wishes, Dottie

- Dottie Carlson, ILR Career Services Dec 13 2006

Patsy, You will be deeply missed here at the ILR School. I will miss your smile and all of your help. Have a wonderful retirement and Happy Holidays. Jo

- Jo Hagin, Ithaca, NY Dec 13 2006

Hi Patsy, It has been a pleasure knowing you at ILR. Best of luck with your future endeavors and leisure!

- Susan LaCette, Trumansburg Dec 14 2006

Hi Pat, CONGRATULATIONS! I'm so happy for you as you start this long awaited next chapter, how exciting. I will miss our chats, but, will always remember the chats and laughs from our commute 'not so long ago'. I'm sure we'll see each other out and about, and I look forward to all the tales of relaxation and fun. Best wishes for health and happiness! Enjoy every minute. Marcia

- Marcia Clark, Dec 14 2006

Hi Patsy, What a wonderful resource, and friend, you were when I first came to ILR. We sure had our share of fun times tracking the many past and present scholarship recipients, following up on student thank you letters and spending the special alumni gifts didn't we :) It's only appropriate that I made my move to Executive Education before you left as it simply wouldn't have been the same without you! I send with you my very best wishes for an amazing retirement... you deserve it! Fondly, Christine

- Christine Cotton, Executive Education (previously with AA&D) Dec 14 2006

Dear Patsy, I will miss you and your great charm. You always gave 150% and I know the times you and I worked together were wonderful. Graduation just won't be the same without you here to give us direction and keep us on the correct path. Think of us with a smile and wish us luck as we will need it without your presence. I wish you Godspeed with this new chapter in your book of life. I am sure you and your husband will add some great tales to this Chapter. Do take care and have an absolute ball! Blessings, Ann

- Ann Herson, Ithaca, NY Dec 15 2006

Dear Patsy, I will miss seeing you at ILR. I enjoyed our time together being on the staff organization. Your efforts were appreciated. I sincerely hope you have a happy and healthy retirement. I know you will have fun with your grandchildren. Hugs, Helen

- Helen Hamilton, ILR Library Dec 18 2006

Pat-- You have been a GREAT addition to the ILR "family" over the past five-plus years. As a matter of fact, it's hard to imagine OSS without you! Enjoy retirement--as you know, I'm jealous..... --Ileen

- Ileen DeVault, Ives Hall! Dec 18 2006