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OF
PATRICIA D. LECH

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BEGINNINGS

She started her job October 7, 1946 in IRE for having been asked, "Any relations to Pat O'Brien?"
"I am Pat O'Brien!"
"Funny, you look different on the screen."

But recognition didn't elude Pat for long. In 1948, Societies and Groups (then the Professional Group System) was formed. But how to process all those additional, optional memberships?! Pat had her first big break. She worked up a little number she called the two-step shuffle.

Membership cards stacked 52 cards to a pile, sat on each worker's desk. The worker, with one hand, flexed the cards outward letting go slowly. Cards fluttered here, there, everywhere. Cards landing on the desk were processed; the others picked up and circularly filed. Stating the optional society the Member received was the second step called "Eenie, meanie, miney, mo". Pat had begun her rise to the top.

Little Known Fact: The popular game 52-Card Pick-Up originated here.
YES, YOUNG LADY. I AM GOING TO MAKE YOU THE QUEEN BEE OF EDP!
RISEING TO THE TOP

1962. IRE JOINS AIEE. Excitement abounds. So does work. Pat combines the memberships through a colorful, dual Rolodex system. Everyone begs for tickets to see the desk-size Rolodex system in action.

1964. A big break. Pat lands major role in "Data Processing." Wonder flourishes. How will this move turn out?

1967. Pat shows off her new Rolodex computer storage system's performance. Strategic strobe lighting and psychedelic rock drive the Members wild. The audiences ooh; the critics rave. "Like, wow man!" exclaims one Member.

1970. Practice, practice and more practice. Pat practices being at work by 5 a.m. She practices side-stepping Members' complaints with elusive grace. Pat thinks practice makes perfect. She's right.

1974. Pat moves from her cramped New York City lodgings to a palatial country estate in Piscataway, New Jersey.

1979. The crowning glory! Pat lands lead role in, FIELD SERVICES, playing Staff Director.
AS MOTHER USE TO SAY, "WE EARNED OUR BREAD TODAY".

MRS. LECH HAS BEEN A MAJOR ASSET IN...BRINGING IN NEW CUSTOMERS..........................B. KEYES 1973
Bright, warm, professional describes talented Patricia D. Lech's performance as Staff Director in FIELD SERVICES. Striking the right chord in each scenario, she inveigles, unwinds, casts off the crises placed in her path. As Staff Director she faces chaos being emotive without gushing, strong yet yielding. A terrific supporting cast enhances her performance brilliantly. It's the role Patricia has waited for, her crowning glory. And she handles it beautifully. A must see is Patricia D. Lech as Staff Director in Field Services. ****

* Real Bummer
** Insomniacs Only
*** Hey, Not Bad.
**** Crème de la Crème

PAT AS STAFF DIRECTOR IN, "FIELD SERVICES," LISTENS IN HORROR TO THE L.A. COUNCIL PLEA FOR MORE.
I GUESS MR. HERZ WAS LEFT ON "HOLD" TOO LONG.
COMING NEXT...........TRUE CONFESSIONS!

So read on and find out:

WHERE FREDERICK G. SUFFIELD, THE LEADING MAN IN PAT'S LIFE, SPENDS HIS DAYS.

HOW THESE TRENDSSETS SELECTED THE DATE.

WHEN PAT KNEW HE MEANT "BUSINESS".

...AND MORE.
IS THERE A CLOUD 599?

Everyone has been questioning whether cloud 599 exists. Most of these inquiries have been coming in from people that have been viewing the hottest romance since Gable & Lombard called the Lech & Suffield romance.

Patricia D. Lech has been walking around in a tizzy since this new romance first began, and Frederick G. Suffield’s fingers shake so much these days that he can’t type his Director’s reports without typos.

Pat never gave us a reason for her ailment, but Fred says, “I too am in the CLOUDS!”

Editor's Note: Some of the information has been changed to protect the innocent.
A BLAST TO THE FUTURE

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WHEN THE WEDDING VOWS ARE SPOKEN ON THE 4TH OF JULY BETWEEN PAT LECH AND FRED SUFFIELD, FIREWORKS WILL START OFF THEIR NEW LIFE TOGETHER.

ALTHOUGH A PERSONAL INTERVIEW WITH FRED SUFFIELD REVEALED THAT THE REASON THE 4TH WAS SELECTED AS THE DATE FOR THE WEDDING WAS BECAUSE OF HIS FORGETFULNESS, IT IS CONSSENSUS THAT PAT AND FRED WANTED TO START A NEW TREND.

HOWEVER, ONE THING WE KNOW FOR SURE IS THAT EVERY ANNIVERSARY THEY WILL REMEMBER WHEN THEY GAVE UP THEIR INDEPENDENCE!

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AND YOU SAID IT WAS A BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IN SAN DIEGO!
They met in Palo Alto, CA in August, 1980. Patricia Lehner, Staff Director and Frederick Suffield, Vice Chairman of Region D, Not Until Director Orientation in December of the same year, did they meet once again. Fred felt that Pat was wonderful and Pat felt the same. Reason for Pat’s feelings was that some-thing was missing. So they proceeded to try to woo Pat. Then Fred asked Pat to go to dinner with him. To Pat’s surprise he picked the check up. Pat thought, “This is not a run of the mill man. And he did not smoke one cigar.” He then sent Pat roses at the NJ office & all those present when they arrived. Of course, they were being quite bright. Knew that something was happening and kept an eye out. Later, when something was noticed that Fred needed mending in the knees of his trousers, “L” new that thing was made bigger. And things developed. Pat was interested and things happened. Again Bell & the U.S. Mail hit oil well. But then the Board of Directors asked one Fred very casually. Alias “L” Fred could not. Fred could not, so they must have been made when Fred got up the nerve to propose. Pat being very nitty replied to this grand proposal by saying, “Of course, you didn’t expect anything but marriage.” So this event occurred on Valentine’s Day...... Now, Pat being the organized person that she is felt that Fred needed to have the date of the wedding set on a day that would not be hard for very much. But then poor Fred to forget, so it is now on the 4th of July, in the mean-time, Pat must say, “Goodbye” to all of her friends at IEEE who will miss her very much. But then Fred is not a mistake. For Pat this is a new and happy goal!

The “L” was left out for Pat and Fred’s happiness.
CONGRATULATIONS

MUCH HAPINESS TO YOU,
PAT AND FRED,
IN YOUR NEW LIFE TOGETHER
Pat Lech joined IRE on October 7, 1946. I followed nine months later on July 7, 1947. I had the good fortune to "inherit" Pat when I assumed the duties of IRE Office Manager in 1948.

Pat supervised the IRE Membership Department, and she had her hands full, as evidenced by the fact that in 1946 when she came on board IRE membership totalled 18,000; in 1962 it had leaped to 103,555.

1948 saw the commencement of a new conception created by the IRE Board of Directors called the Professional Group System, which is the Society/Group structure in the IEEE. The processing of these supplementary optional memberships with the membership applications became the additional responsibility of the IRE Membership Department.

In 1961, when plans for the merger of IRE and AIEE were in process, Pat assumed a great deal of the burden in combining the memberships of the two organizations. This was no easy task. Duplicate memberships had to be identified; a new membership numbering system had to be designed and implemented. To my knowledge, we lost no members in this major merging of over 160,000 membership records which Pat supervised with her usual dependable efficiency.

In the fifteen years of her employ with IRE, she had to cope with many other transitions - the installation of computers, departmental expansions, etc. She took all of these shifts in her stride; no challenge was too great for her to tackle and, along the way, she made lasting friendships not only with staff but with volunteers with whom she became associated over the years.

Having set up and organized the Membership Department operations in the IEEE which were functioning smoothly with minimum supervision, she looked for greener pastures and found that her talent could be utilized in the Computer area, to which she was transferred in mid-1964.

Pat has been a tremendous asset to the Institute. Her elevation to Staff Director in late 1979 was well deserved. It has been a joy to me to have known and worked with her for these past thirty-four years. I wish her health and happiness in the years ahead.

Emily Sirjane, Staff Director
Corporate Services
Mrs. Patricia D. Lech
28 Maxwell Lane
Englishtown, N.J.

OR
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San Diego, CA 92120

Dear Pat:

Well Pat, you seem to be job hopping again----IRE - Member Services, 17 years, IEEE - Member Services - 2 years, IEEE - Data Processing, 14 years, and IEEE - Field Services - 2 years. Some people just do not have the proper attitude toward their job. Yes, I do admit we liked having you in the department, but I know for a fact that you had about fifteen sick days during just your time with Data Processing. I would hate to check out the time you missed with the other departments.

Well, now that I am on the subject and getting rather annoyed, I can remember at least thirty times over those years when I arrived in the office before you did. Somehow you never had any regard for time. Now let's get real serious, Patricia, I can remember you missing at least five schedules by as many as a total of seven days. I just don't know how you can account for that neglect. Oh yes, you always blamed someone for your faults. How many times I had to correct your grammar in a memo or catch your misspellings only to have you say they were typo's. You might be saying to yourself right now that this paragraph is rather long. Wrong again! I can think of quite a few times we ran reports wrong and you found the mistakes before it left the department. Surely you could have prevented the problem sooner. Many of your co-workers have complained because you just did not talk about them. Well, is that right? Over the years we have had problems with space, air conditioning, location, etc. etc. and you just never had anything to say. All you did was continue working. This attitude always caused me a problem. I wanted you to represent Data Processing, but how you failed me the day we were moving the computer from New York to New Jersey and you wore designer jeans!! Well, so what Pat, if I used well again, I am sure people will at least realize why I was pleased with your promotion. Let someone else have my problem.

Now it's time to say so long and for you to move on to what you deserve. We sure hope Fred will understand your faults and we hope and are sure that you will never change. I know I should have said something good about you Pat, so I will say we are going to miss you a heck of a lot and you better keep in touch with all of us.

Love,

Yours Truly and Sincerely,

[Signature]
FOND MEMORIES

It seems like only yesterday,
that you and I had met
We came from different companies
but no one cared I bet.
And what really was important
we set our pasts aside
And worked together as a team
and took it all in stride.

There were so many special friends
that we can ne'er forget
Who helped to shape the Institute
to be the best - you bet.
So here's to Millie, Peg and Rudy
Warren, Emily, John and Woody
And here's to Eve, Schloss and Mary
Helen, Charlotte, Joe and Goody.

These are but some of our many friends
who kept I triple E alive
These are but some of our many friends
whose memories survive.
So let us always treasure
these moments from the past
And if we now remember
These days will last and last.
Yes, Pat it does seem like only yesterday that you and I met in the confines of the Brokaw Mansion. Those first few years were filled with so many events and changes in ways that had become familiar to each of us. The beauty of the Brokaw Mansion with its setting next to Central Park, created an unusual work environment! It was in those buildings I had the opportunity to work with and get to know so many new friends.

I remember how you maintained all the membership cards in those large rolodex files and how we tried to coordinate the addressograph files with the Burroughs MICR coding. Fortunately the need for a single coordinated system was recognized and that’s when you were tagged to coordinate all the membership records into the new G.E. system. I remember the conversion so well and all the “special people” Ed Heeney had working for him. Where, oh where, would IEEE be without the efforts of such people in those early years. I think we all felt as though we owned the company and we were going to make it work regardless of the personal sacrifice.

When we moved to 47th Street, everyone felt very nostalgic as though they were leaving “home”. In a way, it was like home. The special Christmas parties with Woody at piano and Rudy on his guitar, the favorite eating place at the Hyde Park and the close family relationships made “79th Street” a very special place.

The move to Piscataway created in some ways an atmosphere similar to 79th Street. Not that the building or the area looked the same, but the desire to overcome a new problem created a kinship between everyone. Certainly Bill Keyes must have been proud of the way so many people put forth such extra effort to make Piscataway work. All of the temporary move problems, the new conversion to IBM, the reassignment of people to new responsibilities - all of these brought us all closer together.

Currently, there are indications we will again be going through major internal changes. These changes will help IEEE to grow and will, I am sure, bring the staff closer together in solving our problems.

You soon will be embarking on a new career - one that I know will be filled with happiness and new memories. I hope you will find time to think of us now and then as we will think of you. Good friends are never forgotten - their memories remain with us always.

jom
May all your days be happy!  ~ Candy Yokoshi

Health & Happiness
Bill

Live long and prosper
Roger

Here's wishing you the very best that life has to offer. You

Best of luck!
Shay

Best Wishes,
For all the happiness in the world!
Kathy Caughran

Best of Luck
Angela

Good Luck!
Ruby

Love and happiness always
Ann & Cottrell

Good freaks.
Joe King

Wishing you all the happiness in the world and sunshine.

Live Life Day to Day to know the joy in your heart. ~ Marie Joy

All the luck & happiness in the world. Rita

Best Wishes for a long, happy, and healthy life together! Tom Bennett

It's good knowing someone who isn't afraid to change. Wishing you happiness in your new life.
Jennifer

Wishing you the best of luck and happiness
Rob

Best of Luck & happiness
Ibey

DEFINITELY A BEST "Verna" Seller!!

Love & happiness.
Always! Judy

PAT

LOTS OF LUCK & HAPPINESS Dick

Best of luck & happiness.
Joyce

Best Regards
Mimi Chapman

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Best Wishes Mrs. Sheffield
Carol T.
Best wishes always to my mother, but most of all to a dear friend. See you in San Diego "fare"

Lots of luck and love
Dorothy C.

Good luck
Werner
Pat, you've been an example and inspiration to me and others—Thanks! Happiness always continues
Wishing you the very best
Mary

To Pat,
Best wishes for all of life's happiness. We miss you. Love, Linda

Pat—The very best to you!
Peel Cash

Happy Holidays!
Jim Carter

Terrible things for a terrific person from a fellow job-hopper.
Woody

Best of everything,
MARK

We'll miss you.
Enjoy the post-IEEE life!
Best—Elizabeth

Pat: I wish I saw the warlord or a plate of gold! Esther Berlinman
From one oldtimer to another, have a lovely new life!
We'll miss you a lot
Pat Berlin
Best of wishes & good luck with your new life!

Sandra M. Roman

Just want to wish you and Hubby to Be the best of everything! Good Luck!

Carol Lund

I can only wish you "Happiness and Best Wishes"

Marion Amato

Best wishes in the future to you and your husband-to-be!

Jennie Stasio

Health and Happiness now and in the future.

Eileen Lawson

Good luck with your new husband. I hope everything works out great.

Sharon Barasky

Dear Pat,
Best wishes to you.
We will all miss you. 
Lillian Rosenberg

Best of Luck and much Happiness always- 

Janis Levine

Wishing you health, luck and happiness forever.

Nancy J. Damecki

I wish you luck, happiness and success!

Renee McMackin

We will miss you here at IEEE 
And yet we think it's GREAT that you met your husband to be 
And eternal happiness is your fate. 
Daisy Van Sciver

Best wishes in your new lives together. 

Sharon L. Mazauskas

Wish you a happy and successful married life.

Manu T. Das

Wishing you much love and happiness 

Peggy

Best wishes in the future and wishing you much happiness.

Dawn Kramer

May you always be as happy as you are on 7/4/81.

Roseann

Ad Multos Annos!

Bill

Nothing is greater than loving, caring and sharing. May you never outlive your happiness.

Josephine

Dear Pat...
We are all quite a bit richer for having known you. I, especially. Be happy!

California, There You Go
Good Bye, Good Luck
We'll all miss you So

Dee Weitz

HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU PAT FROM THREE HOUR LUNCHES AT HYDE PARK, IRE CONVENTIONS, MEMORIES OF 79TH & 5TH, DOVER, DELAWARE AND THE PENTHOUSE PARTIES AT THE WALDORF ASTORIA.
Pat: Love and happiness.
Stella Gage

Pat: Good Luck and Happiness. God Bless you.
Joe Casey

Pat: Good Luck and all the best.
Clayton

Pat: Best of luck and all the best.
Scott

Pat: Good luck, gain will for San Diego. Best of luck. Scott 9/30/89

Pat: Here is to the good life in S.D.!! We will all miss you. Best wishes. Charlie

Pat: From one "designer" to another - best of luck.
Anne 2/19/89

Pat: Happiness always! You’ll be missed but you’re going to a better life. Joe

Pat: To you and Fred - my best wishes for health and happiness. Emily

All best wishes to you both, Pat, for a marvelous life in that wonderful San Diego. We’ll miss you! Billy

as we recently arrived to one shortly. I know I’ll be sad and new life, much happiness.

Pat: Best wishes for happiness and good health in your new wonderful life.
Ada

Pat: Good Luck and enjoy your new life.
Mary J

Pat: Fred, much happiness to you both. I spent several vacations in San Diego with my Aunt and Uncle and loved every minute of everything about S.D. You’re a fortunate lady.
Best wishes, Carla

Pat: The Very Best! - Malvern
Best of Luck - Stephanie

The very best. So sorry to lose you. Frank.
Sam

Well miss seeing you. Best wishes for life in the future. Conrad Muller

Best wishes for much happiness.
Scott Shumaker

Good Luck & Happiness.
James A. Taylor

Dear Pat and Best Wishes for the Future. Glen Lampke
All my best wishes for happiness ever.

Pat: Lots of luck and happiness in your new life together. Jerry

May the road rise to meet you and the wind be always at your back. Good luck.

And best wishes for a happy life together.

Love. Wendy

Pat: Lucky you -- moving to San Diego. All the best. Sue Ann

Much happiness to both of you.

Joanne Ritto

From the old 5K days to your great new future, it's all just great -- all your love -- Ron Fink

Pat: If your new life is as bright and happy as it is in California then I know all will be well with your world. And sure it will be! Good luck, light & happiness to you both -- Lake Nicole

Best Wishes - Len

ALL BEST WISHES --
Don Christiansen

Long life and much happiness to both of you. Love, Dan.

Pat: Hope you enjoy the sunshine.

Good luck.

Pat: Wishing you all the health & happiness in the world -- you deserve it.

Love, Denise

Best of everything to you & Joe.

Joanie O'

Pat: We will miss you but we couldn't make a better move. Good luck, good health, all good things.

Ronnie

Pat: Best of luck & happiness for your future.

Jew

Pat: All the good happiness possible -- you deserve it.

Love & Pat

Good Luck & Best wishes

Mona Levinson

All the best

[Signature]

Pat: Best wishes and all the happiness to you both -- Themi Stumbras

Pat: The very best to you.

Morris

Dear Pat, we are indeed a special person, continued prosperity and happiness to you both.
Best Wishes
Always
Kathy

Wishing your roads are paved with
smiles!
— Sue

Good luck, see you,
— Jack

Be happy!!! As Always,
— Janie

Wishing you the best that life can bring
— EDR

To Patricia
May the Good Lord shower His Blessings on you
— Eddie

To Pat,
Good luck & best wishes.
— Mario John Soto

Best of luck
— Betty B.

"Hats of Luck!"
— Dee O'Reggio

Happy landings in Sunny California
— Lee

"Good luck Pat"
— Gary

Best of health, happiness and luck
— Helen Ketzner
MAY YOU BE IN HEAVEN A HINT LONG BEFORE THE DEVIL KNOWS YOU'RE DEAD. VINCE.

Wishing you all the very best, what life can give. To a Lady of Class. Andi Welham.

Most happiness to you. Best of luck and propel. Tari Churnin.

May all your dreams and hopes become a reality for you. Wishing you the best of every thing. L. Noberg.

To a very special lady. All the happiness life can give you. Much luck with your new home. Lackle Marti.


I wish you all the good luck, health, & happiness ever the wished. Donna Mustard.

Wishing you the best on your new adventure. May you never forget your friends at the T.E.E.E. Bill Yarusin.

With all best wishes for continuing good health and happiness. Anne Drammichini.
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