

A Solera Story

Next up is Terry Feickert, a Solera resident since 2009. Known to many as The Orange Man (more on that later), Terry and his bride of nearly 44 years, Wanphen Jotikabukkana (aka Patty) are early morning pool regulars. Be sure to wish them a happy anniversary on July 5th. Terry recounts how he had to ask Patty's Dad for permission to marry his daughter. Permission granted, the wedding took place in Bangkok where Terry underwent a lot of scrutiny and his tolerance for hot food was tested. It appears he passed on both counts.

Terry graduated from high school in a class of 36 students in Terry, Montana, and worked in the oil fields of Wyoming in the winter and on the family farm in the summer for three years until taking a position in Libya, dealing with structural integrity of oil drill pipes on the desert rigs.



Following that assignment, he attended school in Salt Lake City. Newly married, he took a job as a security guard for Becton Dickinson (BD). Planning on becoming a math teacher, life took him in a different direction. BD must be a good judge of talent. After learning to run extrusion machines, his demonstrated problem solving skills put him on a steady path that led him to finally retire 38 years later as a process engineer overseeing prototype acceptance. 38 years? **Did we mention he's steady?**

Now, about the orange thing.

Terry's a complex person. He loves math and he says that his affection for all shades of orange actually predates his affinity for the Denver Broncos. Something about working in the fields of a farm,

where orange was seldom seen. No pumpkins there, one surmises. And the Broncos were an easy choice based on the fact that the only TV station that reached Terry (Montana, that is) covered just one team.



In these interviews, a question always asked is, "What's the scariest thing that ever happened to you?" Terry, in typical fashion, mentioned the only thing that ever scares him is when he worries about the health of his spouse. Luckily, we hear Terry doesn't have any current worries. Excepting, perhaps, being late for bingo.

An avid golfer, Terry enjoys not so distant trips to participate in golf tournaments with friends. He and Patty also travel to Kansas on occasion to visit their son.

Terry served on Solera's BOD until a health related condition forced him to resign. We hear that all is well now.

Terry's pet peeve (He doesn't have many) is when he watches problems be attacked with the same solution that failed last time.

One is struck by Terry's positive attitude and openness. This story deserves to be much longer. Terry knows things, interesting things.