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Dr. Beverly Dooley

Dr. Beverly Dooley is a fortunate Orton Oaks member having been on the ground- breaking of teaching students with Dyslexia. She was at Scottish Rite Hospital sitting in the waiting room while her son was in surgery when Dr. Luke Waites asked her how she was and what she did. She told him she was a teacher, but had become discouraged. He told her to come see what they were doing in the Learning Lab. She did and loved how students were being taught to read. That was the start of her journey with Dyslexia.

Beverly began her training at Scottish Rite Hospital with a story she tells about her first student, Johnny, 14 years-old, who was severely dyslexic. He completed the two- year program never missing a day and learned how to read. They have remained friends since 1975 and still keep in contact today. Johnny became a successful business owner building swimming pools and Dr. Dooley is very proud of him.

Beverly continued her training throughout her career obtaining a Masters and then a Ph. D. in reading and philosophy from TWU. She also obtained certifications as an LDT,

CALT, and QI. She worked at Shelton and had her own school in Allen, TX for 18 years.

Beverly is so lucky to have had four prominent people in the field of Dyslexia as her mentors: Dr. Luke Waites, Dr. June Shelton, Aylet Cox, and Georgie Green. Another story she tells is that they attended the International IDA Conference in 1973 held at the Fairmont Hotel in downtown Dallas. Beverly loved the sessions and people she met so much she encouraged them to help start the Dallas Branch of IDA! Georgie was President from 1975 to 78 with Beverly following from 1978 to 82. So, Beverly celebrated her 50th year of membership as DBIDA celebrated its 50th year!

Beverly encourages all therapists to become involved in their professional association including IDA/DBIDA. She wants all therapists to take pride in what they do and find their special talent; be it teaching children or adults. Beverly knew she wanted to be a teacher; then Dr. Waites showed her how to become a therapist and Dr. Shelton encouraged her to become a Qualified Instructor. Beverly feels that

it is so rewarding to 'see the light bulb' come on in a child or adult's eyes once they understand what reading is all about

Beverly has been married for 54 years. She and her husband have two children and six grandchildren. They lived in Dallas for 48 years. Currently they live in Oklahoma. She comes to McKinney, TX once a month to train adults at the McKinney Christian Multisensory Teacher Training Academy. The Take Flight Program is taught to people from all over Texas which is accredited by IDA. There will be 62 graduates in November.

Dr. Beverly Dooley said this is fun for her and she has loved each of her jobs. We are so happy for Beverly and glad that she is a long standing member and founder of DBIDA and an Orton Oaks member of IDA!