

Narimasu People Update

**Name** Marilyn H. Fitzgerald (ladies maiden name) Hicks

**I lived in Japan From** 1959 to 1962

**Member of the Class of** 1964

**In Japan I Lived At** Grant Heights

**Best Memory of Japan** The seamstress who came to our house once a month for five days. There were five “girls” in the family (my mom and 4 daughters). Each of us would give the seamstress a picture (from *Seventeen* magazine, or *Vogue* in my mom’s case) of an outfit we wanted. Each day the seamstress would produce a beautiful outfit. Next month, same thing. We had quite the wardrobe!

**Teacher I Remember Best** Mrs. Elliott, Math and Trigonometry

**Why?** She could teach ME math, which was a miracle.

**Best Friend(s) in Japan** Harriett Baird (Manclark), Denise Kessler (Osborne), Lynne Porter (Burgamy)

**I Graduated from** W.T. Woodson High School, Fairfax, VA – 1<sup>st</sup> graduating class, 1964

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### **What Have I done Since Japan**

Finished high school at W.T. Woodson, Fairfax, VA in 1964

Attended Randolph-Macon Woman’s College (RMWC), Lynchburg, VA. Phi Beta Kappa, B.A., 1968. Junior Year Abroad – University of Glasgow, Scotland

College Summers – worked at the Department of State, Washington, DC

First Job from 1968 – 1969 – RMWC, Lynchburg, VA – Admissions Recruiter, recruiting women to attend the college (at the beginning of the feminist movement and the sexual revolution – good luck!).

After graduating from RMWC, I began my career in association management. I developed the U.S. museum accreditation program for the American Association of Museums from 1969-1975.

Between 1975-77, I sold real estate in Northern Virginia.

In 1977 when the national organization was only four years old, I joined the American Academy of Physician Assistants, where I have worked for almost 32 years seeing phenomenal growth of the PA profession. My work has focused on public education, publications, membership services, constituent relations, and administration. My current position is Senior Vice President of Governance and Leadership Development, where I work with the AAPA’s board of directors, House of Delegates, Student Academy, and other leadership groups. [www.aapa.org](http://www.aapa.org)

Volunteer activities are spread among the Women's Home of Arlington, Virginia, Board of Directors; Randolph College (formerly Randolph-Macon Woman's College – it became co-ed in 2006 and was renamed) Conway Society fundraising; and Narimasu Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Interests include feng shui, interior decorating, photography, performing arts attendance (Wolf Trap in the summer is my favorite activity, and family get togethers. In my free time, my husband ( Mike since 1973) and I enjoy our family and cruise ship travel.