

This issue of *The Fibonacci Quarterly* is dedicated to



Herta Taussig Freitag

as she enters her 89th year, in recognition of her years of outstanding service and achievement in the mathematics community through excellence in teaching, problem solving, lecturing, and research.

During Dr. Freitag's years at Hollins College, she earned many honors, among them the prestigious Algeron Sidney Sullivan Award. She was the first faculty member to receive the Hollins Medal, and the first recipient of the Virginia College Mathematics Teacher of the Year Award. She was the first woman to become President of the Virginia, Maryland, and District of Columbia Section of the Mathematical Association of America, after having served as Vice-President and Secretary.

Although she officially retired in 1971, Dr. Freitag continues her professional activities—research, publishing, and lecturing—throughout the region and abroad. Of her many accomplishments, she is perhaps most proud of her perfect attendance at the seven International Conferences of the Fibonacci Association. Herta has presented at least one paper at each conference and considers participants as not merely mathematical colleagues, but virtual family members. The problem section is the first page Herta turns to in *The Fibonacci Quarterly*, and here is a story she often tells: When two non-mathematicians meet on the street and one says, "I've got problems," the other answers, "I'm so sorry for you." When two mathematicians meet and one says, "I've got problems," the other says, "Oh, goody!"

We would like to take the opportunity here to thank Herta in this small way for her innumerable contributions to the mathematics community.

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