

Things you may not have known about Dean Markham

- You may remember the lyrics of the Frank Sinatra song *That's Life* – which goes “I’ve been a puppet, a pauper, a pirate; A poet, a pawn and a king.” Well, I’ve been, not so harmonized of course, a State Representative, a CPA, Chief Assistant to an Indian Chief, a Real Estate Agent; and lately, an amateur historian, or more appropriately, conveyor of East Hampton Past.
- Since July 2009, I’ve written articles and created a blog site with stories and history of my home community, East Hampton. To reach the widest reading audience possible, the stories have been in the form of a Letter to the Editor of Rivereast, (limited to 300 words per letter) a weekly newspaper that covers East Hampton, Portland, Colchester, Hebron, Andover area with a circulation of 26,000 homes. This is supplemented by the posting of the article with additional commentary, pictures, etc. on the blog site:
www.deanremembers.blogspot.com

This idea for a blog originally started as part of my real estate practice as a way to distinguish myself and my practice from other realtors. Although my Office Manager thought it should be devoted to issues of real estate, I thought this too limiting and redundant of every run of the mill realtor might be doing. Thus I expanded my writings to encompass a broader range of topics that spark an interest and curiosity of our area and community.

- Throughout my professional career, I have worked extensively to promote both those in need and disadvantaged and to shatter glass ceilings. Some of these activities include:

Children at Risk – Becket Academy, Pike School & the Children’s Home of

Cromwell

Native American’s – Schaghticoke Tribal Nation

Women Professionals – Promoted Interns at State Capitol and their career advancement, including my Successors in 34th District

Developmentally Disabled – Brian House and Adult Vocational Programs

International Understanding – East Rock Institute, Dr. Hesung Koh

Economically Disadvantaged – CRT and NOW

Opening Doors – Championed women members in the national service club – worked with my fellow members in the Middletown Exchange Club to change the National Bylaws

Building within my community – Advocate for the East Hampton Village Center revitalization including founding Director and President of the Joseph N. Goff House – Museum and Community Center

- I am someone who seeks and desires knowledge. I can be impatient and restless. My curiosity leads me to be an avid student. I am reasonably intelligent and use my talents and creativity to generate opportunities. I am very congenial and this helps ease tensions, make friends and gives me strong communication skills.

- I possess a strong “motherly side” and regardless of the kind of work I do, I am usually nurturing others in some way towards the success of their goals and dreams. This makes me an excellent in supportive roles, but certainly doesn’t limit me in any leadership capacity. If I have a shortcoming it stems from the fact that because of who I am, I tire easily of others who are lazy or who won’t make the effort to become educated. My work is important to me and in the course of it I have helped others find a better life for themselves by the invaluable information I share with them.
- Debbie and I have been married over 40 years. We have 3 adult children and now 2 grandchildren Sandra (Greg & Kira Markham – East Hampton) and Desmond (Danielle & Greg Mathias – Phoenixville PA). Nicole is the Curator Tennis Hall of Fame in Newport.
- I was a Boy Scout growing up – I still live by the Scout Law
 - Trustworthy,
 - Loyal,
 - Helpful,
 - Friendly,
 - Courteous,
 - Kind,
 - Obedient,
 - Cheerful,
 - Thrifty,
 - Brave,
 - Clean,
 - and Reverent.
- Have been a Justice of the Peace since 1992 (fairly certain that all of the 10 or 12 couples I’ve married are still married).
- I write “right-handed” but I golf and bat “left-handed”. I believe this shows I can use both sides of my brain – maybe even simultaneously.
- I have been a frequent and consistent blood donor to the American Red Cross – approaching 10 gallons.