

My name is Tom Anderson. I am a candidate for the Poetry town council.

I was born in 1948 in Geneva, Illinois and raised in Edna, Texas. I graduated from Edna High School in 1966 and from Texas A&M University in 1970 with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering. I also married Linda Robertson in 1970.

After graduation from Texas A&M I worked for Gulf Oil in refinery operations in Port Arthur, Texas and Cincinnati, Ohio. I later worked for Mobil Oil in Beaumont, Texas in refinery planning and economics. In 1980, while in Beaumont, I earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Lamar University.

Linda and I lived most of our lives in Texas, but we also lived seven years in Saudi Arabia. I worked for Saudi Aramco in project planning for refineries, gas plants, pipelines and shipping terminals. We traveled extensively through the Middle East, camping in the desert, sailing, scuba diving, and visiting sites of ancient civilizations. I also learned to speak Arabic.

After living in Saudi Arabia Linda and I moved to Sunnyvale, Texas. I worked in Dallas as a consultant performing worldwide refinery assessments, investment analyses, and litigation support. I made presentations to refinery organizations, corporate offices, government agencies and local communities. I was president when I retired in 2011 to care for my ailing wife, Linda, who died in 2012. Linda and I had moved from Sunnyvale to Poetry in 2002 to further our breeding, training and showing of Arabian horses.

In 2013 I married Evie Harper, a widow who has been in Poetry since 1995. Evie and I are members of St. Martin Catholic Church in Forney.

While in Sunnyvale I attended many town meetings where I heard discussions and saw conflicts involving future growth in population, housing, schools, roads, utilities and businesses. Poetry is a new town and it will confront these same issues and other matters as we move forward.

This is an exciting yet critical time for our new town. We have citizens with diverse ideas, hopes and dreams facing our uncharted future.

It would be an honor to help establish solid governance and legal foundations for Poetry. I would utilize my experience in managing organizations, reviewing legal documents, preparing economic analyses, writing reports, making presentations, and listening to thoughts and ideas of others.

Thank you for taking the time to consider the needs of Poetry in this election and the options for mayor and town council. Please vote.