



Georgetown Independent/Acton Free Press publisher Ken Nugent gives Pat Kentner a big hug and an arrangement of flowers in honor of her 25 years of service to the com-

pany. Pat also received a watch at a surprise luncheon in recognition of her time with the paper.

TED BROWN Independent/Free Press

Pat Kentner celebrates 25 years with Independent/Free Press

Today marks Pat Kentner's 25th anniversary as an employee of the *The Georgetown Independent/Acton Free Press*.

Pat, who has lived in the Georgetown and Acton area most of her life, began her career with the company as a part-time collator, folding and putting the newspapers together.

Her duties were expanded to include a variety of jobs, including some paste-up work in *The Free Press*'s composing department. Pat referred to herself then as "the bits and pieces girl." From there she moved to the front office where she handled reception duties and took classified ad orders over the phone.

When Pat began her bookkeeping duties at the newspaper she actually did the books for the Milton, Acton and Georgetown papers. Later she did the Acton and Georgetown books, and in 1981 Pat went to work in the accounting department of *The Independent/Free Press*, a position she holds today.

Pat is respected and well liked by all of her co-workers.

"Pat always brought life to the office. She is full of good cheer," said Rhona Thornhill, secretary to the vice

president of production and sales for Metroland, who worked with Pat in her early years.

"We are delighted Pat has been with us for 25 years," said *Independent/Free Press* publisher Ken Nugent. "We really appreciate our long-term employees."

"Pat is an excellent employee," said Carol Young. "If you want to know anything about Georgetown or Acton you just ask Pat."

"It has been my pleasure to work with Pat through some of her 25 years," said co-worker Carol Hall. "We have had many interesting and unusual things happen over the years. Working at the newspaper, you never know what each day will bring."

Carol added her only disappointment is the fact she and Pat haven't won the lottery after buying tickets together for several years.

Pat is married to Fred Kentner, and they have two sons, Kent and Joe, and five grandsons.

Pat's community involvements include the Acton Cancer Society and the United Church of Acton. She was also an actress with Georgetown Little Theatre for many years.

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