

2015 Class of 25 over 50: Paul and Susan Jones

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NAPLES, Fla. - Paul and Susan Jones have been giving back in Southwest Florida for more than 20 years, using their considerable professional skills to help individuals and groups in Collier County.

Susan Jones started her nursing career at Naples Community Hospital in 1991, and recently opened her own home health care agency, Attentive Nursing Care.

But it's what she does with her spare time that helps set her apart. She's been involved with The American Heart Association and co-chaired the Heart Ball with her husband several times.

She worked with Bill and Nancy Lascheid to start the Neighborhood Health Clinic and has planned the group's "block party" since its inception.

Susan Jones also has volunteered at Community School of Naples, Gulfview Middle and Naples High, as well as helping out the Naples Gators youth football league. She was named a "Woman of Initiative" in 2014 and also is a Youth Haven member.

Dr. Paul Jones is a native of Kingston, Jamaica, who came to Naples in 1990 to establish a practice. A renowned doctor, he was named the NCH "Physician of the Year" in 2014, and he also was a founder of Anchor Health Centers and is chairman of the family medicine department at NCH.

Like his wife, he believes in community service and shows it every day. He does free physicals for Naples police and Collier deputies, as well as at Naples High and for the Naples Gators.

As the Rotarian in charge of international service for the North Naples Rotary Club, he has helped build an asthma clinic, a school and a water project for a village and a playground for a town in Jamaica.

In addition, he helped start the Neighborhood Health Clinic with his wife and the Lascheids.

EIGHT QUESTIONS WITH PAUL AND SUSAN JONES

Where and when were you happiest?

Both: “Now is the happiest time of our lives both professionally and personally.”

Which word or phrase do you most overuse?

Paul Jones: “You can only do what you can.”

Susan Jones: “What goes around comes around.”

What was your most embarrassing/worst job?

Paul Jones: “In college I swept the cigarette butts up from the common quadrangle.”

Susan Jones: “I have never had a bad job. The most unusual job is working on our family farm cutting the pigs tails and teeth and giving shots.”

If you could meet anyone living or dead who would it be?

Paul Jones: “Gandhi.”

Susan Jones: “Princess Diana.”

What is your favorite invention?

Both: “Smartphone.”

What are you most proud of accomplishing?

Both: “Raising four children and watching them grow and become productive, successful citizens as young adults.”

Who is your real-life hero?

Both: “Our fathers. Paul is from Jamaica and Susan is from a small town in Ohio, and our fathers taught us how to work hard, be responsible, organized and lead by example.”

What is your biggest pet peeve?

Paul Jones: “Litter.”

Susan Jones: “A person parking in a handicap spot just because they have a sticker and they are not handicapped.”

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