

ROBERT ADAM'S BOARD SERVICES DATES BACK TO THE BEGINNING...WELL, ALMOST!

Robert Adam has been a Cy-Fair Educational Foundation supporter since the organization was the (relatively) new kid on the block in the early 1970s.

Adam launched his steadfast support of CFEF, and his tenure on the board of trustees, 38 years ago.

"I think the thing that has impressed me most in over 38 years is that I have never met a trustee who had selfish reason for serving on the board," Adam said. "Everyone who I have served with has been involved in the cause and dedicated to helping the students of Cy-Fair ISD."

Adam is a member of the board's executive committee. His zest for the Foundation/s mission has been passed on to two of his daughters – Leigh Ann Thompson and Rebecca Howren – who serve as members of the board of trustees.

Leigh Ann is a past chairman of the board, and she and Rebecca serve as members of the board's Scholarship Committee.

"I always believed that education was not an expense, but an investment," Adam said. "A lot of kids have the potential, but not the financial wherewithal, to pursue their higher education goals."

"The most important thing the Foundation does is to assist graduating seniors of Cy-Fair ISD," Adam said. "We help them financially so they can pursue those goals and become the most productive citizens they can be. The Foundation helps along the path to fulfilling their potential."

Adam said the Foundation's biggest challenge is communicating the growing need for scholarship and endowment funding to residents and businesses in the massive 186-square-mile Cy-Fair ISD community.

"We are trying to get the word out to those who can write the checks," Adam said. "It is vital for us to help our students achieve success."

Adam has pursued that goal in his own educational and professional careers.

After graduating from the University of Houston with a degree in Business Administration, Adam obtained a law degree from Baylor Law School.

"I always had a desire to work for myself, so I started my own firm right out of school," Adam said.

He owned that firm for 20 years before leaving to serve as Chief Executive Officer of First Capital Savings & Loan for 10 years.

Then it was back to the business of law with Adam & Bing, which has a solid list of respected clients in the financial, banking and real estate communities.

Adam has been married to wife, Linda, for 48 years. Their three daughters – Leigh Ann, Rebecca and Julie Landrum – all live with their families in the Cy-Fair area.

The Adams have eight grandchildren ranging in age from 2 to 11 years old.

Adam also serves as a member of the Lone Star College System's board of trustees.