

Elise Richmond

from the palms to the pines

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After we carved the turkey and before we put up the Christmas tree in 2017, Elise Richmond and her husband, Bob, made Pontotoc a permanent part of the fabric of their lives.

"Bob and I moved from Palm Springs, California, to Pontotoc six years ago the day after Thanksgiving, and we are so "thankful!" Elise exuded. "Even though California was my home for many years, the taxes, cost of living, illegal immigration, crazy people and crime were the deciding factors that caused us to leave."

But how did a California girl hear about little ole' Pontotoc?

"Millicent Shannon Seawright and Ole Miss are the answer to why I moved to Pontotoc from Palm Springs. I call it the Palms to Pines move." She laughed.

"Millicent and I have remained best friends, since we pledged AOII sorority at Ole Miss. I always said that when I retired, I was going back to Ole Miss. After a high school reunion in my hometown, Anna, Illinois, a visit to a friend in Memphis and a Pontotoc visit to Millicent and Bill, I knew I had to come back to the South. We looked in Memphis and Oxford, but Pontotoc won out, because of that lasting friendship."

In fact, she and her husband bought the former Doctor Shannon residence on the corner of Marion and Brooks Street, and have a white picket fence and a dog house with the name Fido written on it.

Even though she is 'retired' since settling into Pontotoc, she has been active in establishing a Republican Women's Club to advocate grassroots politics.

"Women dream dreams for their families, their children and their grandchildren," she reflected. "Women must be knowledgeable and involved to make sure that these hopes and dreams for the future can come true by helping to elect like-minded people to local government and school boards, and the Congress and the Senate, both state-wide and nationally," she stressed.

In fact she is lending her voice to this important issue by reviving a radio talk show like she had in California, The Elise Richmond Show. And she chose radio because, "Radio educates and entertains us in our homes and in our cars with millions of possibilities for listening."

Her talk show cranked up the first of October and airs every Tuesday morning



Elise Richmond (left) along with Julie McCord and Faye Dillard at the close of one of the many projects the Republican Women's Club has done. This was the stop the bleed campaign which gave back packs to all the schools for immediate care in the event of a life threatening bleed.

at 11 a.m. "The show airs LIVE on WNAU 1470 and streams LIVE on WNAU's website. Go to WNAU1470.com Podcasts will be on my website: eliserichmondshow.com.

She has a well thought out byline for the subjects she covers. "Conservatively Speaking, saying exactly what you are thinking. I will cover Local, State and National news, history and politics with some very interesting guests," she said.

The reason she is so adamant in educating people is because, "My greatest fear is that Communism/Socialism will take over America and we will no longer be a free nation."

And it is not just these things that keep her busy. "I enjoy playing the piano, gardening, reading, target practice and cooking; and my greatest challenge is dieting."

And she also takes time for reflection on the people who are important in her own life and have made a difference in her walk today.

"I have always felt so blessed to have had wonderful parents. They were honest, hard-working, Christian patriots, who loved God, America and our family. Also, they loved the St. Louis/Arizona Cardinals, the Dallas Cowboys and the Ole Miss Rebels!"

Her parents were the catalyst in teaching her important

lessons in life that she still carries with her in her journey today. "My Mother told me that if I always told the truth, I would never have to remember who I told what. My Dad was a banker, who taught me about saving and he loved to dance. I always tell the truth and try to save and I love to dance."

And in the wider circle of life, "Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher are political women that I admire."

When she is nodding off at night or any time she can catch a moment you will find her reading and lately she has been reading a few murder mysteries. "I've recently finished reading a three story mystery collection: including A Fine and Private Place by Ellery Queen; The Case of the Postponed Murder by Earl Stanley Gardner; and, Nemesis by Agatha Christie. And the last book I read was Murder in the Grove by Michael Henry."

But she also has other things that gives her joy in life, "Nature, animals, flowers and being outdoors, and Ole Miss Rebels, winning football, basketball, and baseball games! And I'm so grateful that I have wonderful friends."

Elise is a member of the First United Methodist church and she often thinks about her favorite scripture from 1 Corinthians 13:13,

"My Mother told me that if I always told the truth, I would never have to remember who I told what."

And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

"I hope to be remembered

as a truthful, honest woman, who loved God, her family and friends, America, nature, the outdoors, beaches,

woods, animals and flowers and Ole Miss. A person, who thanked God daily for her incredible blessings."

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