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A Heart In The “Wright” Place

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Every once in a while we are blessed to cross paths with someone that is truly joyful to know. Someone that is filled with kindness, projects humility, is always smiling and most importantly, restores our sometimes “battered faith” in humanity. I am fortunate enough to know just that person... Pamela Wright.

I first met Pamela soon after acquiring Houston PetTalk. I walked into the store she owns with her husband Jack, Wright Pawn and Jewelry, hoping she would become a supporter of the publication. I had never been in a pawnshop so I wasn't quite sure what to expect but I knew Pamela and Jack were big supporters of Citizens For Animal Protection and I hoped we could work together in some regard.

As soon as I entered the store, Pamela made me feel comfortable and welcome and I'm honored that she has not only supported Houston PetTalk but she has also become my

friend. I immediately realized the pawnshop was not “just a pawnshop”. Much of the inventory is designer merchandise (Dior, Gucci, Swarovski, Louis Vuitton), the jewelry is beautiful and the custom creations from Pamela's jewelry design company, Pamela Wright Collections, are sophisticated and elegant.

Yes, I was impressed with the store (a BBB Winner of Distinction and voted Best Pawnshop in Houston by the Houston Press) but above all, I was charmed by Pamela's kind nature and pure selflessness. Over the years as I've gotten to know her better, I continually learn more about her benevolence, patriotic passion and goodwill and count myself lucky to have wondered into the store that fall day in 2003.

Pamela and Jack started Wright Pawn and Jewelry in 1992 and together they have created an impressive business founded on honesty, fairness and integrity.

Some folks may believe the pawn business is a “sack of sad stories” but Pamela is quick to assure that the down-on-their-luck tales of people pawning items because of dire circumstances makes up very little of their transactions. “Many of the people that come into the store to sell are simply tired of an item and they would like to sell it so they can purchase something new”, says Pamela.

Items in the store include jewelry, art, designer handbags and collectibles; you may even see a guitar or a motorcycle but one thing is for sure, you will find something you want to take home. If you are interested in selling or would simply like a pawn loan to bridge you through an emergency without giving up a family heirloom, the loan rates are very fair and reasonable.

A unique feature at Wright Pawn and Jewelry is Pamela's custom jewelry offerings through her company, Pamela Wright Collections, where

clients can have custom pieces designed or purchase crystal-embellished evening bags, beautiful enameled eggs or hereditary organization gifts.

As a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, a volunteer lineage organization founded in 1890 focused on preserving U.S. history and supporting education, Pamela is dedicated to upholding our heritage and promoting patriotism. As such, she has created American patriotic jewelry pieces designed for women's groups, the Texas Civil War Museum and Citizens for Animal Protection.

Recently, First Lady Anita Perry gave Pamela's talented craftsmanship a stamp of approval when her design was selected as a commemorative piece to be part of a statewide fundraising project by the Texas Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution in support of the Texas Governor's Restoration Fund. The fund will be used



Susan, Pamela,
"Delta" and "Delilah"

for repairs to the Texas Governor's Mansion, which was badly damaged by fire last June. To view Pamela's winning design and learn how you can contribute, see page 23.

In addition to her creative and business endeavors, Pamela and husband Jack (as she refers to as "having met her Mr. Wright") are animal lovers and strong supporters of Citizens For Animal Protection (CAP). As a previous honoree and gala chair for CAP, Pamela has been donating time, auction items and money to their cause for many years. "They are so dedicated at CAP and do such a wonderful job providing for homeless pets and educating the public," she notes in explanation of her close relationship with the charity.

As for her own attachment to pets? "I'm a cat lover," she laughs as she points out the felines running around and other cat-themed art in her home. Not only is Pamela a cat enthusiast, she's especially drawn to the Sable Burmese breed. "I love this breed because they are curious, elegant, friendly and loyal", says Pamela. Hmm...sounds just like their owner!

In January of 2009, Pamela got her 4th Burmese after her beloved Tara passed on. "Delilah" made her grand entrance, joining Dixie, the 10-yr. old Burmese. Both felines hail from Las Vegas and now that they are Houstonians I suppose Pamela can say she's glad that not everything that happens in Vegas stays in Vegas.

Although cats are the predominant species at the Wright residence, a rescue dog named Delta is also part of the mix. At our photo session, she was more than happy to sit for her photo and show that she is quite amicable to all of the people and animals in the house. It's as if she's saying, "I'm thankful to be here and I'm not going to make any waves".

Our photo session was the first time I've met Delilah and Delta and they were both courteous hosts. I also got to meet Pamela's family including her parents and her sister, Susan. If I have ever wondered where Pamela gets her proclivity for kindness and giving, I need not wonder any longer. Her family is just as gracious and genuine as

Pamela, which supports the old adage, "the apple doesn't fall far from the tree".

Recently, Susan completed her Master of Laws degree in alternative dispute resolution in Missouri. Because of her extensive business and financial background (she's also a CPA!) and understanding of fair business practices, Susan has decided to relocate to Houston to be near her family and utilize her skills along side sister Pamela. "I'm really excited to move to Houston and work with my sister on Pamela Wright Collections and Wright Pawn and Jewelry. It's the work I love with someone I love...I guess I couldn't ask for anything more", notes Susan.

Of course I had to ask Susan if she has pets and although she doesn't have any currently because her work schedule has been so hectic (which shows she would be a great pet owner because she values the time they require), we suspect that sister Pamela might remedy that situation once Susan is settled in the Bayou City.

But for now the sister duo will make a great business team and Susan can be a surrogate mom to Delta, Delilah, Dixie and even Sunny, the parakeet in charge of customer greetings at Wright Pawn and Jewelry.

Thank you Pamela for your commitment to our community, our history as a country and especially to pets in need. And, thank you for being my friend. Your charity, concern and relentless upbeat attitude are an example to be admired. You are truly a treasure... with a heart in the "Wright" place!