

Meet the Leischen Family



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fter raising their "human" children, Kathleen and Nick Leischen are enjoying life in the Village of Hamblin in Olympia with their two German Shepherds, Magnum, 3; and Ziva, 2; affectionately known as "the kids".

"Magnum was the biggest of his litter," Kathleen said. So when it was time to get a female, we wanted a good-sized girl that could keep up with him. As they say, be careful what you wish for. Ziva tries to rule the house and bosses her brother around. When they go to daycare, she corrects him if he does something wrong. They keep us entertained."

Kathleen and Nick have been married for almost 30 years. They met in a serendipitous way that is a story they love to tell. "Nick came to my door. My neighbor left his pager with me. Nick came to pick it up. My neighbor told me that the person picking up the pager was a police officer. So when he came, I invited him in and made him a cup of coffee. We hit it off immediately." The couple wed on December 30, 1994.

The Leischens love their neighborhood and enjoy supporting their community. Kathleen said: "We always say, you can't buy good neighbors and we have the best neighbors! We love the family community and how everyone helps each other. Wellington is an awesome place to call home. Thank you for being such incredible neighbors!"

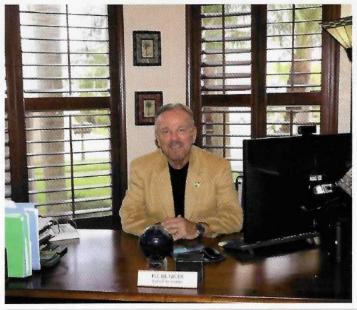
Nick continued: "We are members of St. Rita Catholic Church. Kathleen is a Eucharistic Minister. We support Vetsville Cease Fire House, a shelter for homeless veterans."

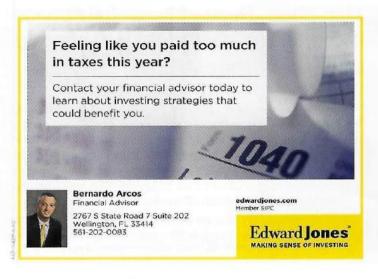
Professionally speaking, Kathleen says she is always working

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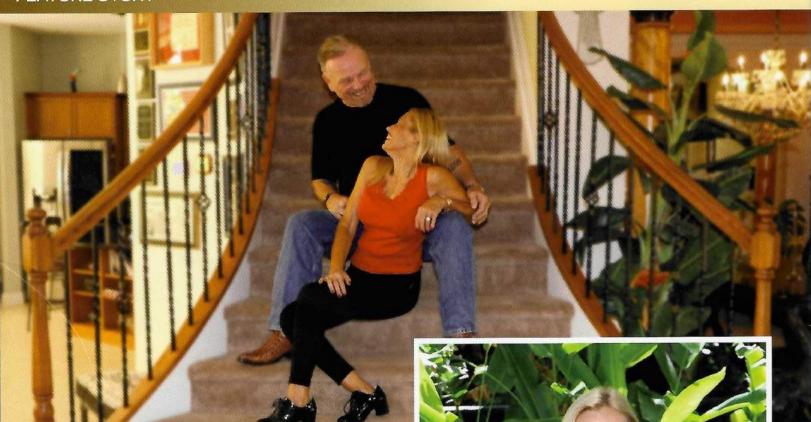
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on something new. She currently heads Leischen Marketing Research, a full-service marketing research company bringing the voice of the customer to light. Her passion for finding out how and why consumers think the way they do inspired the venture. Her biggest inspiration is working with clients who use the data to make positive changes in their business. She spent around 30 years leading the research efforts for large corporations.

"I thank God every day for all the blessings in my life," she said, "and I do my best to enjoy life...even though hubby thinks I work too much.".