

# Heidi Jill Schoenemann

## Becomer's Mystery Person of the week - July 3, 2009

Born 12/27/1963 - Stanton, California

British-born mother and American-born father. One older brother (4 years older)

First went to the Garden Grove Community Church (Crystal Cathedral) in 1969

Remember meeting Joe Campanella in the tower lobby - he was very nice - I was also about 8 years old!

Remember first TV airing at Crystal Cathedral

Was in the girl's choir in mid 1970s - so yes, I have been on TV

Graduated High School in Garden Grove - from Rancho Alamitos HS - 1982

As a senior, before I turned 18, I used to run out of PE class and hop the fence so I could leave campus at lunch with my friends; once I turned 18, I walked through the gate

Junior Colleges attended: Cypress, Goldenwest, Orange Coast College, Long Beach City College general education, photography, and some improv and acting

Returned to college repeatedly through the years (1982-2008) - finally graduated with my BA in Liberal Arts - Teacher Emphasis from Concordia University, Irvine CA in May 2008

### **I have worked in a variety of jobs (not in order):**

Retail - Fedmart, Savon, Target

Insurance - Farmers Insurance

Office jobs - dispatcher, assembly of 3M products, ordered craning & mining equipment

Catering office - created menus and ordered supplies

Government - OC Sheriff-Coroner Department - a Forensic Specialist Photographer only (photographed dead bodies - walked through the women's jail to photograph the new facility across the way, when I accepted the job, had to walk into a "rubber room")

Church - secretary, wedding coordinator

Country Rock Band - sound technician

Photographer - self-employed

Maintenance - janitor (as a 2nd job - needed the money)

Orange County Fair - once selling fair tickets, another time in a booth selling jewelry

Day Laborer - ONE DAY ONLY

Delivery person - delivered flowers on holidays for two years

Health Care - activity assistant in a senior care facility

Education - ESL conversation tutor, substitute teacher, Photography Instructor (Sept 09)

Being a single self-reliant female, I am capable of: changing oil on my car, complete tune-up on car, building a fence and gates, painting, rescreening, repairing a brick wall, rewiring fans, hanging shutters, reupholstering chairs, removing wall-paper, laying a vinyl floor, repairing leaky faucets - and so on. Helen Reddy's "I am Woman" song comes to mind - do not tell me I cannot do something!

Yes - I know how to cook and on occasion, am known to throw tea parties!

**Celebrities I have met:**

Leonard Nimoy, Hal Linden, Cindy Williams (a very funny lady), Buddy Hackett, Vincent Van Patten, Dick Van Patten, Pat Boone, Tom Bosely, Robert Stack, Jay Mohr (comedian/actor), (photographed all the preceding people)

Joe Campanella - (at CC), Elizabeth Montgomery (at a rodeo), Nick Turturro (at the church I worked at) Mr. T. (walked past him at the airport)

**Boys to Men**

Kissed my first boy in Kindergarten - Michael. Crush on Richard in 3rd grade - we square danced together! Junior High - peer pressure kept me away from a guy who liked me : ( High School - liked "Tim" but he liked me only as a friend; same with Ray and so on down the line.

Dated a marine - a man in uniform

Dated an older man who wanted to marry me - I was too immature and didn't love him like he loved me - passed

Dated various men - none worthy of mentioning (or marrying) other than to say, yes, I went skinny-dipping in the Pacific Ocean - Balboa Island

Dated a Canadian - loved my time and travels around Vancouver BC - I considered marrying this guy, but... Career objectives seemed to get in the way of focusing time on dating - a few men even said this to me

I have received one "promise ring" (from a guy I am so glad I did not marry), but possess three wedding bands (my mother's, my father's and my great-aunt Frieda's)

**Odds and ends:**

Survived five car accidents - one car totaled

Had numerous speeding tickets as a teenager - one in my 30s. Have survived seven surgeries - 2nd to last one, I almost lost my life

Impersonated a police officer to save a woman from being assaulted by a man! This was when I carried a badge and worked for the OC Sheriff Dept.

Traversed Europe, by myself, when I was 23: England, France, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Austria, The Netherlands and Denmark. Was chased by an intoxicated man in front of Notre Dome - 2 years of high school French saved me because I knew how to ask for directions in French - didn't understand the response, but the person gestured/pointed which way to go! Merci!

Drove across country with my brother when he moved to Tennessee for work; have visited him and his family now five times, but do not intend to move there!

Have either driven through or visited: Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kentucky, West Virginia, Washington DC, New York, Maryland, Tennessee. Also Vancouver, Canada and Tijuana, Mexico. Not included: states or countries where I changed planes!

Wanted to be a nurse when I was growing up (watched too many soap operas as a child), but I am prone to pass out looking at a needle and blood together. Also considered being a Radiology Technician, Actress, Lawyer, horse jockey (this list could go on, but I think you get the idea)

Hobbies: gardening, photography, rescuing abandoned dogs and cats

Enjoy reading classics, attending Shakespearean plays, watching old B&W movies or Masterpiece Theatre

Favorite movie: Wuthering Heights - 1939 version only

Prefer antique furniture and china and love the Victorian era

Several pieces of my photography work have been published in magazines and also in a book.  
Recently tried my hand at poetry and entered a contest - anxiously waiting for positive results!

I have dual-citizenship with England - eventually hope to live there!

**Dinner for three:** Peter the apostle; Virginia Wolfe and my 5th grade Sunday school teacher