

my joining the Lions along with the family attitude and closeness of the other members.”

Barbara Dotson still lives in Stanton where she grew up in the family home. “I attended Wakeham Elementary School, Alamos Intermediate School, Pacifica High School, Goldenwest College, UC Davis where I earned a BA in history, then to Santa Ana College and then to Cypress College.”

“I was a pharmacy tech at Westminster Community Humana Hospital. Then I went to Cypress College and became a medical records technician – now I’m a medical transcriptionist.”

Dotson is a member of Stitches from the Heart, making crochet and knit baby items.

“I am now in an adult education class at Cypress College. That’s about what I got myself in group-wise right now.

“I’m still trying to live up to Dad’s history and make my own,” she said.

“I have no plans to run for City Council. I want to volunteer to work with people, versus for them. I’m one of them.

Dad was 15 years on City Council. I went through that with him. I was honored and proud to do that, helping others; but it’s not for me.

“I don’t know what my future holds, but it’s bright,” said Dotson.

“I’m a lifetime sponsor for the Orange County Children’s theatre Group and their alumni theater group for those aged out of it.

“They have a memorial wardrobe fund in my dad’s name. Three children were able to participate in the last play, ‘Cinderella,’ because

of the fund. I help sponsor that and keep it going.

“We also have the Stanton Boys & Girls Club Golf Marathon named after Dad and held in May every year,” said Dotson.

“So I’m still involved in the city. You may not see me, but I’m here,” she said.

“We’re (the Lions Club) doing the 60th Lions Anniversary. We’re sponsoring snow for Christmas in the city. I’m getting to know how the Lions Club works and what has to be done.

“I know I’ll be a Lion for a long while. It’s presidency by committee – everyone helps because I don’t know what I’m doing yet. Everyone helps – members, officers, and former presidents.

“We are all going to make this organization last,” said Dotson.

“It’s part of Stanton’s history and we’re going to make it part of Stanton’s future. What makes the country neat is the little guys and what we do to help others,” she said.

“It’s a big undertaking to follow Lionism and transform it into what Stanton needs.

“Our international project is sight and hearing conservation. We collect previously used glasses and hearing aids.

“We have our Flag Observances where we go to a local school. Members, some of whom are veterans, tell about what the flag means to them and give a flag to the school.”

Indeed it is a major undertaking for Dotson.

“I don’t know what the future brings, but it’s coming,” she said.

And clearly she plans to be a part of that future.