

A Tribute to Phil Stonestreet, KC BetterInvesting Director



On April 9, 2004, Phil Stonestreet, a dedicated Kansas City Area BetterInvesting director for 20 years, passed away. He and his wife, Janice, who is a charter member of the KC BetterInvesting Chapter, have given generously of their time and expertise in various leadership positions to help make the KC Chapter one of the leading chapters in the country.

Phil headed the KC Investors Fairs and Educational Fairs for many years. He and his wife often personally recruited the host of corporations that participated in the annual event, which has drawn as many as 900 in attendance. They also would invite companies to participate in the Chapter's Annual Meetings and Computer Forums. Phil's keen salesmanship and the close rapport that he developed with corporate representatives helped to influence many of the companies to enroll as BetterInvesting corporate members.

Phil and Jan regularly attended CompuFest and the BetterInvesting Conventions. They also encouraged other directors to attend the BetterInvesting conferences and training sessions.

Phil, along with his wife, was committed to the BetterInvesting philosophy, and they would spend hours traveling to introduce BetterInvesting to interested groups in the region, including Wichita and Lawrence, Kan., and Columbia, Mo. They also were eager to help organize new clubs and offer support to established investment clubs. Phil and Jan believed in instilling the BetterInvesting tradition by teaching their children and grandchildren about investing using the organization's principles in their own family club.

Both Phil and Jan are charter members of, and have held offices in, the Model Investment Club of Kansas City. Phil recently was the club's vice president.

Phil's enthusiasm and leadership will be greatly missed at both the local and national levels of BetterInvesting. As a tribute to his and Jan's commitment and hard work in making the KC Investors Fair a premier event, the Chapter is dedicating an annual Stonestreet Scholarship that would cover the registration fee for a person to attend the Fair.