By Amy Morgan

Anne Myers is the keeper of a treasure trove of stories from her decades working with the best in San Antonio's legal community. Anne began her career as a secretary for David Carter's law firm when she moved to San Antonio in 1967. As she describes it, her job description was "flexible," encompassing everything from picking up the daily proceeds from the firm's bunuelo stand at Hemisphere Park during the 1968 World's Fair to housesitting for the family.

Anne loved the bustle of big city San Antonio after growing up in Waco, which she describes as a small town at the time. In 1971, she joined the law firm of Sylvan Lang, who owned Frost Brothers Department Store. Working as a legal secretary for the prestigious firm had its perks — employees enjoyed a 40 percent discount when they shopped at Frost.

From 1972-1976, Anne ran a secretarial service next to San Antonio's courthouse. During this time, she became president of San Antonio's Legal Secretaries Association and served on the Board of Directors of the Texas Association of Legal Secretaries.

She met Allan Polunsky as she assisted him with some legal paperwork. He recognized her expertise and convinced her to run his new practice in 1976. "With Allan, every day was a new adventure," Anne said.

The firm started with two in 1976, and eventually grew to 66 people when Anne retired in 2004. Allan and his partner were the among the first attorneys to become board certified in residential and commercial real estate back in the mid-1980s when the Texas State Board of Specialization began developing designations. Anne remembers when a mimeograph machine was an innovation, as well as the first computer she purchased in the 1980s – an IBM XT 32 MG RAM that cost $3,200.

Anne obtained her own real estate broker's license in 1980. At the "ripe age" of 40, she took up snow skiing. Never one to do anything in half measures, Anne became president of the local ski club, president of the Texas Ski Council, and eventually a charter member of the National Federation of Ski Councils. She still keeps the ski medals she earned competing in events around the world. Anne shared the love of the sport with her daughter, Amanda, who was born in 1982. A broken leg in France several years ago inspired Anne to switch her focus to tennis, another sport she has played for decades. She currently captains four teams at The Club at Sonterra.

Last spring, Anne found herself on a 12-foot ladder in the middle of the night changing a beeping smoke detector battery. That and the increasing cost of maintaining her aging appliances spurred her to consider a move. She was familiar with Independence Village because the law firm with which she had worked represented the individual who originally bought and developed the property. Anne moved in May and was delighted that she was able to select fresh paint and floor coverings and have a fenced yard for her poodle mix, BeBe. For more information on the lifestyle offered at Independence Village, call (210) 764-5260, or go to www.independencevillage.com.