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Award-Winning
Investigative
Reporter Now
Calls Katy Home

WAYNE DOLCEFINO

Now, it's his turn to answer the questions.

Wayne Dolcefino has been asking tough questions for over thirty years, 22 of them in Houston with KTRK-TV, Channel 13 Eyewitness News. Now, Katy Magazine is questioning one of Katy's newest residents. The affable investigative reporter is one who obviously loves what he does for a living.

"I started as a news reporter in Austin, Texas," he said. He was the Assistant News Director at KLBJ radio before moving his mike to Houston, where he worked for KTRH radio as an investigative reporter and talk show host from 1980 to 1985, then cast his lot with his present employer as a member of the Eyewitness News Team.

Dolcefino and his wife, Jennifer, have recently moved to the Katy area. Jennifer was previously editor of Sugar Land Magazine (Katy Magazine's sister publication). After moving to Katy, she became a freelance writer for Katy Magazine. In addition to Jennifer, the Dolcefino family consists of

9-year-old son, Anthony, 7-year-old daughter, Cyna, two dogs and two cats.

Why Katy?

When asked why he moved to the Katy area back in June, Dolcefino quickly replied, "No question. We wanted our kids in the Katy Independent School District. We visited some of the schools and were very impressed. Seven Lakes High School was one of the most impressive schools I've ever seen."

The big smile reporter is a Broadcast Journalism graduate of the University of Texas in Austin. He interned at KTRH radio in Houston, and became enamored with the broadcast media. He has never had any regrets about entering his chosen profession.

Several years ago Dolcefino was an emcee at a Mardi Gras Festival in Galveston when he looked out into the audience



Dolcefino moved to Katy with his family over the summer for better schools

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Dolcefino won the Texas Associated Press Best Investigative Reports Award in 2006. He has also won twenty Emmys from the National Academy of Arts and Sciences.



Wayne met Jennifer at a Mardi Gras event in Galveston. They have been married for almost 10 years

and spotted a beautiful lady. He said to all who would listen that he was going to marry that girl. Ten years ago, he did just that. He and Jennifer will celebrate their tenth anniversary in October. “The best decision I have ever made,” he proudly proclaims.

Has Saved Taxpayers Millions

Wayne Dolcefino is widely known for his many investigative reports on Channel 13. The words, “I’m Wayne Dolcefino and I would like to ask you a few questions” strike fear in the hearts of politicians and public servants who are being less than stellar in the performance of their duties to the public. When queried about what his favorite investigative report over the years had been, he slowly answers, “guess all stories that keep the public from being ripped off would be my favorite.” And there have been many.

He has won numerous awards through the years for his investigative work. In 2006, he was the winner of the Texas Associated Press Best Investigative Reports Award. In addition, he has won twenty Emmys from the National Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Dolcefino’s investigations have exposed and helped recover tens of millions of dollars in waste and mismanagement in Houston and area government, phony bilingual teachers, broken fire trucks sent to burning houses, and teachers with a history of sexual misconduct. He has long fought for the taxpayers and sought to protect the kids.

When asked what his Katy neighbors thought about their new neighbor, he laughingly said they were mainly interested that people knew which house was his. “I’m not always real popular,” he said. **KM**

Lee Butler has a background of more than 25 years as a news reporter and executive in all media in Texas. He is retired and lives in the Katy area.

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