Professor John Haverhals joined the Bradley University Math Department faculty in 1963 and became the Director of the Math Department's Actuarial Science Program and University Ombudsman, retiring in 2008. A longtime resident on historic Moss Avenue, John and his wife Bernice purchased a historic home on Glen Oak Avenue in 2009 and finished the restoration. A longtime volunteer for the Peoria Historical Society, John coordinates the restoration and physical maintenance of the Society's two historic house museums and grounds, Flanagan House and Pettengill-Morron House. His avid attention to the maintenance of the two historic homes has earned John the 2012 Volunteer of the Year Award.

About the Haverhals' historic home: Built in 1900 for the Frank Lewis family, owner of Humitube Manufacturing. The architect, Frederick Klein, designed Peoria High School, Madison Theater and the pavilion at Glen Oak Park. The home's facade is Flemish Revival, while the living and dining room design is Arts and Crafts. The home was a boarding house from 1975-1985 and from 1991-1996 it sat empty. With the roof collapsing, neighbors felt it should be demolished. Tedd Hensley, who owned a restoration company, bought the house at a federal auction in 1996. He restored the exterior of the house and replaced all the mechanicals. In 2006, due to his health problems, Tedd's work on the house came to a halt. Bernice and John bought the house in 2009 and completed the work which Hensley had begun.