

Ren
Dortschy (pronounced DOR-Chee)
Introduction

Ren was a corporate marketing communications professional for more than 25 years after earning her MBA from Fairleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey. She worked in large corporations like **Duke Energy, Weyerhaeuser** and **Baker & Taylor**.

From 2012 - 2020, she had her own marketing/PR/branding and social media business, working with small businesses in Lake Norman and Charlotte. She also was a certified coach and leader with **Weight Watchers** from 2012-2020 and the editor of **Mooreville Lakeside Living Magazine** from 2018 to 2021.

Since 2015, she has been a professional artist and owner of **Haute Dauge Portraits** (pronounced HOTE DOG). She paints realistic, highly detailed portraits of clients' beloved dogs, cats and horses, and has painted more than 120 commissioned portraits since she started her business.

In January, 2023, she was suddenly diagnosed with Stage 4 Pancreatic Cancer. While she has been focused on being a warrior/survivor these past 21 months, she also wrote and published her first children's book, "The Little Lion Ran Away", available as a paperback and e-book on Amazon.com.

Ren has been profoundly hearing impaired since her twenties, and is a Bionic Woman – she has two Cochlear (COKE'-lee-r) Implants. Without them, she is totally deaf, and with them, she has 94% normal hearing.

Originally from Wayne, New Jersey, she has lived in the Charlotte area since 1989 and in Lake Norman since 2005. Ren has been married for 18 years to Peter Dortschy, and has an adult daughter, three adult stepchildren and three amazing dogs.

Please welcome Ren Dortschy!