

Barb Beil Interview



This month our Parrot Head Profile features Barb Beil.

Barb has lived in the Village of Bonnybrook for the past year and a half. She had visited The Villages for over ten years because her best friend whom she has known since kindergarten lives here. She rented for a year and then made her decision to buy the house she was renting and now lives next door to her friend! She particularly likes Bonnybrook because of its central location but also because it is an especially friendly neighborhood and she loves the people there.

Barb has always been a Jimmy Buffet fan so when she moved here she looked at The Villages Parrot Head Club website and was pleased to see that they had a Getting Acquainted Clique and thought that it was a perfect way for someone new to feel comfortable in the group.

Barb also belongs to the Bonnybrook Social Club and a ladies neighborhood group called the Bonny Belles, as well as being a member of the Chicagoland Club, and the Cubs World.

She was born and raised in Chicago, as you can probably tell from her club affiliations. Before she retired five years ago she was the Assistant to the Finance Director for the village of Park Ridge which is a suburb of Chicago.

Barb had heard of the Parrot Heads from other people since there are clubs all over the country but moving down to The Villages was the time to start investigating all these things. After being here for just a few months, she went to the club's website and liked what she saw. There was such a wide variety of activities offered by the club and it felt so inclusive even for singles that she decided to join.

Barb has taken advantage of many volunteer opportunities with the club including helping out with the blood drive, Toys for Tots, the Chili Cook-off, Himalayan Golf,

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and the New Year's Party. She found that working with people at the various events she has gotten to know a lot more of the club members than she would otherwise have done.

Currently Barb is the Chairperson for the basket portion of the Golf Cart Poker Run which will be held on March 24th this year. The Poker run is always a fun time and a great fundraiser to support local charities.

Some of her favorite things about The Villages Parrot Head Club are the friendship and camaraderie and the dancing!

Her advice to new members is to find a volunteer opportunity. Introduce yourself to Ren Titus, Volunteer Coordinator. Sell 50/50's or something at a Phlocking. And definitely come to the Phlockings because that's where you will find out about all the activities and trips, and can sign up to participate in them. And of course, you can dance to the great music provided at all the Phlockings! Look for Barb on the dancefloor, that's where you'll find her!