

# Member Interview



Our Parrot Head Profile this month features Deb and Bill Warren. Deb and Bill live in the Village of Tamarind Grove. They moved into their home in August of 2022. They like the proximity to Paddock Square and Lake Sumter Landing as well as the easy access to 466A.

They belong to a Canadian club called the Loonie Toonies and Bill explained that the Loonie and Toonie are the one and two dollar Canadian coins. They also belong to the Police and Fire Club and the Lakeside Grovers. Bill belongs to the Little Rascals men's club which is a spinoff of the Girlfriends club that Deb belongs to. They also belong to the Girlfriends Plus One, which is for couples. Both of them are learning to play golf and pickleball too!

Deb and Bill are from Peterborough, Ontario Canada, which is about 80 miles northeast of Toronto, though Bill grew up north of there in the Ottawa Valley. Before moving to The Villages Bill was a police officer in the city of Ottawa for five years and then became an EMT for the city of Peterborough for 20 years. Deb was a neonatal intensive care nurse who was recruited by WakeMed Hospital in Raleigh, NC and moved there in 1991, where they lived for 31 years. She finished her career working in the school system for special needs children. For the last five years they lived in NC they were both volunteer firefighters. They have two daughters and a 14 year old grandson in Raleigh who is already 6'3"!

Bill saw Mark the Shark in his firetruck golf cart when they were renting in The Villages in 2021 and pulled him over and started a conversation. Mark told them about our club and when they bought their home and moved in they joined up! Their first volunteer effort for the club was the St. Paddy's Day parade which was a lot of fun. They have done the Himalayan Golf and Bill has donated blood during our blood drives. They currently are the chairperson for our 50/50 drawings.

They especially like the camaraderie of the Parrot Head Club and found it to be an excellent way to meet people when you're new to an area. The charitable contributions we make to our local communities needs also ranks highly with them as you can see by their job histories that they are both very service oriented. Bill commented that nobody ever comes to a phlocking in a bad mood!

Their advice to members about getting involved in the club is to volunteer. Bill says, "Get involved and stay involved!" They would love to see some of our new members volunteer for the 50/50s. They'll get to move through the room and meet lots of people that way.

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