

Barb Beil

Born in Sicily, Barb's father was an accountant in charge of the finances for the Family business. They moved to the <u>Chicago Outfit</u> when she was a young girl, where Barb had a happy childhood with her new friends who were children of other Family memberrs. Together they would play in the parks under the watchful eye of the Family, occasionally getting ice cream or seeing a movie.

As she got older, Barb loved math in school and started picking up on her father's profession. On one occasion, when it was found that a Family member had disappeared after cooking the books and embezzling money, Barb was asked by her father to take over the book keeping. She accepted and could often be seen with her mechanical calculator with ticket register, generating the financial records for the Family. She was a mastermind in the ways of book keeping. She always kept two sets of books for the Family, one for tax purposes and the other showing cash flows for internal purposes. When the fellas would get rowdy watching a Cubs game while Barb was hard at work, she had been known to tell them "Hey, I'm working here – keep it down would 'ja?" Barb would often take cruises and expense them back to the Family business under the umbrella that she was checking up on the off-shore accounts, making sure there's no funny business. And where there was funny business, Barb would call her cousin Guido knowing she could count on him to "make adjustments".

The FBI had been investigating the Family for racketeering and money laundering, but Barb had been diligent with her book keeping. Despite the occasional concrete shoes, the Family had been moving towards making everything legal, which included investing in Margaritaville Casinos across the country. Barb would visit the site families to enjoy the entertainment and gambling, and of course to check their books to make sure there wasn't any funny business. Being from the Chicago Outfit, Barb was always treated well by the Families.

It was on one visit that Barb noticed all the tailgating at a casino where Jimmy Buffett was playing. Getting caught up in the excitement and after attending a concert, Barb became a Parrothead and stepped down to let the Family accountants take over the books. Barb has been a dedicated Parrothead ever since, accepting the position of Treasurer & Purser with The Villages Parrothead Club.