



Member Interview

Our Parrot Head Profile this month features Kathi Purdy. Kathi has lived in Florida since 2006, residing first in Citrus Springs. She moved into The Villages about a year ago when she bought her home in Fernadina. She loves the location because of its easy access to shopping and to the Brownwood and Sumter Landing town squares, and even the bridges to go to Fenney. She also has great neighbors. It was a surprise to her that she ended up around the corner from Mark and Dee Dee Woodland, who she has been friends with for over 30 years! Believe it or not, they met at the South Jersey Parrot Head club.

Kathi is very active in the Parrot Head club and she is also a member of the Happy Hookers golf group. They are a great group of women who know how to have a good time. She has also always been an active volunteer for many organizations. One of her favorites is the Sunshine Foundation. She has been involved with them for years and has continued to volunteer for them here in Florida. They have a mission to answer the dreams of children who have severe or profound physical/developmental/intellectual challenges or trauma from physical/sexual abuse by providing financial help to the families so their requests can be fulfilled.

Kathi was born and raised in Hamilton, New Jersey and after marriage they moved to Bordentown, New Jersey. She worked for the Hamilton Township Recreation department as the Superintendent of Recreation. She provided recreation for over 100,000 residents! She definitely knows how to have fun and how to help other people have fun. (Or should I say phun?)

Kathi has one son who is currently deployed with the Navy and two grandsons, Jackson and Austin who live in New Jersey.

Kathi and her husband Richard ran into the Parrot Heads up in New Jersey when they were out having dinner at one of their favorite spots. There was a Parrot Head fundraiser going on and they enjoyed the music and sat in at the event and decided to join on the spot. After she moved into The Villages Mark and Dee Dee made sure she joined our chapter, and we're so glad she did!

Kathi has been very active in her volunteer work for our club. She is in charge of all of our printing needs and you have probably seen her working at the Phins Up Shop at the Phlockings. She co-chaired the Halloween party and is currently the co-chair of our upcoming Golf Cart Poker Run.

Volunteering has been a passion of Kathi's for most of her adult life so needless to say that is one of her favorite things about our club. She says "Whatever you need, I'm willing to help." And of course she loves the people she's met.

She advises new members to just get involved! 50/50, taking attendance, the blood drives are all great ways to get started and make new friends.

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