



Marsha Herring Interview

The Subject of our Parrot Head Profile this month is Marsha Herring. Marsha has lived in the village of Tamarind Grove since November 1st 2011. She loves her home there and has no intention of moving anywhere else! They have a really pretty pool there in Tamarind Grove that is often shown to prospective buyers by real estate agents.

The Parrot Heads club was the very first organization Marsha joined when she moved to the Villages. She had been a Jimmy Buffet fan for over thirty years but as a single working mom she didn't have the time to devote to the club until she retired and joined The Villages Parrot Heads in December of 2011.

Marsha is currently active in the Lakeside Grovers as their membership person and is a past president of the Biscayne Villas which is where she lives. She is a member of the Three Rivers Club, which is the Pittsburg club. She also LOVES water aerobics (I know because I've been in the pool with her!)

Marsha is originally from Pittsburg – she loves her Steelers and she's a big Penguins fan too. She lived there all her life before moving to The Villages.

Before she retired, Marsha was a High School Biology teacher. She taught in the same classroom for thirty-six years. She laughing says that they renovated around her twice! By the time she left teaching, the district was able to hire two teachers based on her salary.

Marsha is on the Charity Committee of The Parrot Heads and has been almost from the moment she joined the club. She said she wanted to do scholarships way back when Thurman was chairman of the committee. For the last three years she has been involved in Help Us Help Kids and Teachers. Her co-chair is Renie Larson and the club will be helping the Wildwood High School rather than elementary schools as they have done in past years. She is very excited about the opportunity to make a

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difference for these kids and teachers because the money just hasn't come through for the High Schools and they need it just as much, if not more than, the elementary schools. They met the principal of the school and were very impressed with the way he has been able to overcome their shortages in the past.

One of the things Marsha loves about the Parrot Heads is the laid back attitude. We're retired now, we don't have to be Type A personalities anymore! The other thing she really loves is that they "party with a purpose" and that they have charity work hooked up with so many of the things they do.

Her advice to new members joining the club is to get involved rather than just going to the Phlockings. It's the best way to make new friends and that's what makes the club so much fun.