



## **Judy Koch Interview**

Our Parrot Head Profile this month features one of our most fun-loving members, Judy Koch. If you hear an infectious laugh at one of our Phlockings it's probably Judy!

Judy and her husband Ken have lived in the Villages for almost eight years. They live in the Village of Santo Domingo on Margarita Dr. What could be more perfect for a Parrot Head?

Judy and Ken have been followers of Jimmy Buffet forever and have in fact been to 13 of his concerts! The Villages Parrot Head club was the first club experience for them. It was ideal because they had moved into a neighborhood that was already well established and by joining the club they got to socialize and meet new people. In fact Judy's first clients in her window treatment business here were Bonnie and Dave Walls who were Parrot Heads themselves. Judy says they encouraged (i.e. PUSHED) them to join and made them feel welcome in the club.

Judy is also a member of the recently formed Trop Rock Ukulele Society and is really enjoying learning to play the ukulele and singing along to some of her favorite Jimmy Buffet tunes. I must add that we sound really good after sampling some of Mrs. Koch's Famous Kamikazes!

Judy grew up in Huntington Valley, Pennsylvania and she and Ken had a home in Willow Grove. Before they moved to The Villages they had a retail business for 35 years dealing in wall covering and window treatments. She is semi-retired now and is still doing window treatments here.

The Koch's have two children. Their son Kevin is in Pennsylvania and their daughter Julie is in Orlando. Their family has been growing by leaps and bounds. In seven years they have been blessed with six wonderful grandchildren including a set of twins in Pennsylvania. They have two seven year olds, three five year olds, and a

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four year old. Between the grandkids, the window treatment business, and the Parrot Heads, Judy is one busy lady!

Volunteering is an important part of our club and Judy has been involved in many of our activities including the Golf Cart Poker Run for the last three years. She has also run several fun trips for the Travel Committee and is planning to run for Events Trustee when Skip Todd is ready to “retire.” Judy has also chaired the Halloween Party and is serving in that role again this year. The 8th Annual Halloween Party will be held on Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup> and Judy has booked an awesome 5 piece dance band out of Orlando called Street Talk and there will of course be a costume contest with FABULOUS prizes!

Two of Judy’s favorite things about the Parrot Head Club are the socializing and the club’s mission to “party with a purpose.”

She would advise new members that anything that looks interesting to them just volunteer. It’s a great way to meet new people and get in to the club.