

Volunteer of the Year Script 2016-2017

This beautiful little girl was born in Waltham, Massachusetts and is the oldest of 6 children.



Within a few years her family relocated to Springfield, Massachusetts where she grew up and was educated. Very early in life she knew she wanted to be a Nurse, so when she was in High school, she would volunteer at a local hospital. This experience cemented her desire to enter Nursing school. Three years later she became a Registered Nurse. She became a registered Nurse in three states including Florida.



While she was a student in Nursing School, a friend asked her if she would like to go on a Blind-Date with a guy from a local college, and she accepted. The blind

date must have been successful. After the wedding they honeymooned in Washington D.C.



They are still together 55 years later. They are proud parents of two children Steven and Mark and two grandchildren.

Our Volunteer's special people include husband Ken, Sons Steven and Mark.



Their oldest son Mark is a Civilian U.S. Navy employee as a web designer. He holds a Master's degree in Business. Their son Steven started as a Domino's Pizza started as a driver at 17. Now he manages the New England distribution center for Dominos and is responsible for the operation of all Dominos stores and food supply channel for all of these stores.



Our Volunteer and her husband had the desire to move from Massachusetts to Florida. When their youngest son left home, they knew they had the opportunity to move. The first job interview she had resulted in immediate employment at a Home Health Agency. They moved to Davie Florida. Our volunteer worked as the Director of Nursing for Memorial Home Health Services in Hollywood Florida.



Our winner and her husband were undecided as to where they wanted to retire, so they both took one week from their work to travel the entire lower half of Florida looking at places to retire with their Motorhome. The first place they looked at was TGO. They built a house at 638 Pineridge Court.

Many of us have wondered "Who takes care of our Library?" That person visits the Library 7 days a week. For the last decade and ½ our volunteer has placed thousands of books in their proper place. As we know the Library is a popular place for card games, hold meetings, play games and puzzle s.



Our volunteer has kept the Library neat and organized. Because the Library has limited space our volunteer travels to Brevard Charities organization to donate excess books.

Over the years she was able to request improvements to the Library from C.S.A. New book shelves, window blinds and carpet cleaning.

The Library currently has a Nature Photo display on the walls by a TGO homeowner photographer which our volunteer helped to arrange.

Our volunteer empties the return book bin every day and files the thousands of books that pass through the TGO Library every year. Many have affectingly called her "The Library Lady". Visitors and homeowners, who travel around the country to other campgrounds, often have remarked that TGO has one of the nicest Campground Libraries they have ever seen.

Another major achievement of our volunteer is the Bowling League. Some 14 years ago, she joined the TGO weekly Bowling League which had about seven teams and was close to ending because nobody wanted to run the League. She

volunteered and the homeowners voted her to be President of the Bowling League in 2002, and the rest is history.



Our Volunteer co-ordinates with the Titusville bowling establishment, puts announcements in the “Happenings” and makes herself available for TGO residents, and finally, she assists in putting bowling teams together by matching people up with other TGO residents. The year 2016 has seen the largest number of TGO residents participating in weekly bowling since the league started. The League has grown to 22 four member teams bowling with many other residents participating as substitutes, consequently over one hundred TGO residents are now participating in weekly bowling.

Taking a little time away from the Library and the Bowling League they were able to take trips to The Grand Canyon, Niagara Falls and the Panama Canal.



Many thanks go to our Volunteer of the Year
Jo-Anne Buckley our Volunteer of the Year 2016-2017.

