

## **Desert Cove Homeowners Association**

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### **Social Director**

**Denise Harper**

**September 2022**

**2<sup>nd</sup> year of 2-year term**

I was born in Vancouver but grew up in many small towns across BC. I began my working career in Terrace BC as a news reporter and photographer, transition for a while into television where I wrote commercials and worked as a switcher, then returned to newspaper reporting. An opportunity to hone my writing skills and learn more about electronic media brought me to Kamloops and Cariboo College. It was while working as a television and radio reporter that I met, interviewed and fell in love with my husband John.

We married and together raised three daughters along with horses, cows and multiple chickens on our property in Pritchard. Once all three girls were in school, I returned to work as an advocate and office administrator for a large union then later as the Alumni Relations Officer at TRU. I served six terms as a School Trustee on the Kamloops/Thompson Board of Education and volunteered with a variety of non-profit organizations where I honed my skills as an event organizer, fund raiser and board chair.

In 2019 John's poor health forced us to sell our home and property in Pritchard. We were fortunate to have already visited and fallen in love with Desert Cove so the decision of where to move was easy. We were welcomed with open arms by the community and have grown to really love Desert Cove.

I became active in the community coordinating the Ladies Lunches along with Marilyn Richardson and serving a one-year term as Treasurer for the DCHA. John's declining health and subsequent passing led me to step down for the Board last fall but I feel ready to return and look forward to serving as your Social Director.