



Jim and Elaine Horsford

Jim's early career began as a cowboy/ranch hand in Alberta and BC eventually switching to the door manufacturing business. Jim retired ten years ago and in 2017 they moved from the lower mainland to Desert Cove.

For the past four years Jim has been the Rec Hall Director on the DCHA and volunteers, along with Bill Versluis and John Johnson, picking up, sorting, counting and delivering returns two to three times a week earning him the title "Recycle Elf". Last year they collected returnable deposit cans and bottles and donated \$5,400.00 to the Vernon Hospital Association and this year have already collected \$6,600.00. Thank you, Covians who donate their returnable containers, in the drop boxes behind the hall kitchen.

Jim is also a volunteer at O'Keefe Ranch cutting grass in the summer, playing the role of Father Christmas for the Victorian photo booth (see picture), and participating in the interactive Christmas plays in December. To add to the already numerous projects he donates his time by volunteering at the B.C. Winter Games coming up in February and fills in as leader when the regular Aqua Fit Instructor is not present.

His better half, **Elaine**, is also a busy person in the Cove. She runs, organizes and is responsible for the contents of the kitchen, as well as co-ordinating Canasta, Euchar and crib games at the hall.

Thank you, **Jim and Elaine**, for giving so much of your time to help make Desert Cove a better place to live.

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