

Desert Cove Homeowners Association

Social Director

Kathy Burwell

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1st year of 2-year term

I grew up in Penticton, graduated high school and took my nurse's training in Kelowna. I married my high school sweetheart in May 1976, and we moved to New Westminster where Bruce had already started working at St. Mary's Hospital.

We moved to Prince George in 1977 where we both were able to work as LPNs. Our daughter and son were born in 1978 and 1981, and in order to manage daycare and home life, my career took various turns. I worked as an OR Booking Clerk for 5 years and a Nursing Unit Coordinator in the NICU, Maternity, Rehab unit, Surgical ward, Hemodialysis and the Methadone Treatment Program.

In 1990 I became actively involved with the Prince George Local of the Hospital Employees Union, and over the years served as Warden, Trustee, Secretary and Vice-Chair on the executive, and was also the Chief Shop Steward and O.H.&S Steward for 20 years. I attended many HEU conventions over the years and I learned about bylaws, resolutions, constitutions, rules of order and public speaking.

I retired in June 2016, and we decided to follow our life-long dream of returning to the Okanagan and found our home here in Desert Cove Estates.

I shared the receptionist position in the Desert Cove Administration Office for nine months until my partner retired and management let me go in order to hire a full-time person.

I quickly became involved in various social groups and enjoyed volunteering for special events such as the Christmas Craft & Bake Sale, Annual DC Christmas Dinner, Christmas Parade, and Halloween. I spent 2 years coordinating the Ladies Lunch Bunch and have been administering the Blood Pressure Clinic since 2017. In 2019 I accepted a two-year term as President of the DCHA.

I am looking forward to once again being a member of the DCHA Board and in serving my fellow Covians in the role of Social Director!