



Jaci Burdash Interview

Our Parrot Head Profile this month features Jaci Burdash. Jaci moved here from Chicago in 2015 to the Village of Ashland. Since she lived in the Orlando area in the late 70's, she knew that when she retired it would definitely be to central Florida. She had good friends who lived in the area and they made several trips to The Villages in the 80's and 90's, so she knew where she wanted to live.

Even though Jaci went to numerous Jimmy Buffet concerts in Chicago, she knew nothing about the Parrot Head Club. She was introduced to it soon after moving here by friends she met at another club. And the rest is history!

When Jaci is not involved in Parrot Head activities, she's volunteering for Friends of the Library, traveling and/or spending time with good friends that she's made thru the club.

Jaci is originally from a small town in central Illinois but moved to Chicago in 1968. She was employed as a law firm administrator for over 40 years. She retired at the end of 2012 after having spent 28 years at her last firm.

Her first volunteer activity for The Parrot Head Club was, (as with many other people), taking attendance. In 2016 the Ex Comm decided they wanted a clique where newcomers could meet and Jaci was asked to head it up. She loves her work for the clique! It's been a great success in getting new members involved in the club and connecting with other members.

She has also chaired the New Year's Eve party for two years and will be doing it again this year. Jaci has also been involved with the Golf Cart Poker Run, the Hospice Golf Outing, the Chili Cook-off, and in any other way that she can help. Parrot Head members like Jaci, who give so much of their time, effort, and heart to the club are what make it what it is today.

Two of Jaci's favorite things about the Parrot Head club are that they "party with a purpose," and the opportunity to make good friends.

Her advice to new members is to definitely volunteer – whether it's taking attendance, helping out at any social function, or getting on a committee. It's a great way to meet other members, help out, and have lots of fun. Jaci is certainly a prime example of her philosophy. Whenever you see her at a Parrot Head function she is having fun and helping other members to do the same!