

# Member Interview



The Parrot Head Profile this month features Mr. Al Townsend and his lovely wife Eileen. Why is he “Mr. Al” you might ask? Well it seems the nickname was given to him over 40 years ago when he filled out a form for a golf handicap system that asked for a suffix. He was the only one to use one, hence the nickname.

Mr. Al and Eileen have lived in the Village of Summerhill for eight years. They love the area because it is very friendly and convenient to Southern Trace shopping center. The neighbors look out for each other and are like extended family. Who could ask for more?

Besides being members of the Parrot Head Club for the last five years, Mr. Al and Eileen are members of the Philadelphia Club, Summerhill Shuffle Board, and Bocce Golf, as well as doing weight training and cardio rowing in their home gym. Eileen does the rowing and averages over 10,000 steps a day. Way to go, Eileen! Mr. Al is also an avid golfer usually playing six days a week. Both the Townsends are from the Philadelphia area. Mr. Al is from Wissinoming and Eileen is from Manayunk.

Before retiring to The Villages Al was an Offset Pressman for Lyon & Armor, which had been around since the time of Ben Franklin! Sadly the company has since closed, a victim of modern technology. Mr. Al printed annual reports and color brochures for many companies and hospitals while Eileen worked in the bindery compiling printed material into books and pamphlets.

The Townsends met through mutual friends and will be married 55 years this June! They have two children and four grandchildren. They heard about the Parrot Head Club through members of the Philadelphia Club who raved about all the great charity work we do and that was one of the main reasons they decided to check it out.

Mr. Al and Eileen have volunteered to help our club in various capacities including member sign-ins at the Phlockings, selling 50/50 tickets, and setting up and breaking down tents at the Poker Run. They both help at the membership table with the member renewals and I’m sure you’ve all seen Mr. Al at virtually every Phlocking presenting new members with their colored leis after they take the pledge. They both love the camaraderie our club offers as well as the chance for volunteer involvement and the many Phun social functions. They encourage new members to become involved in the many volunteer opportunities available as a great way to make new friends and get the most out the Club.

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