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### **Member Corner: Kevin Kenney**

By: Misty Fields



"Life is too short, enjoy it and Rock Harbor is a great place to do that."

-Kevin Kenney

John Cougar Mellencamp wrote a song called Small *Town*, which could be the sound track to Kevin Kenneys' life .... "I was born in a small town, I live in a small town, probably die in a small town...all my friends are so small town, my parents live in the same small town...educated in this small town, taught the fear of Jesus in a small town..." Sounds good...... but there's more to the story.

Kevin was born, raised and still lives in Winchester. He attended a little elementary school in Round Hill that had 4 rooms. He graduated from James Wood High School and then attended trade school and began working for Construction Management, he was there almost 35 years before he moves to Caldwell Setmyer, which is where he currently works as a Project Manager. Some of the projects Kevin has recently worked on are the new Round Hill Fire Hall and the new John Kerr Elementary School. Kevin is married to his high

school sweetheart of 41 years, Teresa. They will be celebrating their 38th wedding anniversary this summer. They have a son, daughter-in-law and one granddaughter, Sarah, who is five years old. Kevin discovered golf in the early 80's while on vacation with his family in Myrtle Beach . The love of the game has developed over the course of many years to the point that golf is now a very important part of his social life. Kevin has been a member at other golf courses over the years, but nothing has compared to his experience at Rock Harbor, its like family to him. Maybe a slightly dysfunctional family, but still family. Being in Winchester for all his life has produced many friendships, many of whom are also members at Rock Harbor. When Kevin looks around Rock Harbor he said he doesn't see any enemies like he has at other courses. Clicks develop and people fight, but not at RH, everyone just seems to enjoy being here and having a good time. It was hard for Kevin to choose a favorite hole because he has so many, but #16 Rock seemed to stand out as his favorite. He loves the Risk/Reward aspect of this hole and the landscape setting. This hole has also brought the experience of seeing eagles soar overhead and watching hot air balloons fly across the course. He also named some of his other favorites as: #13 Rock, #12 Boulder, and #14 Boulder. His least favorite hole was #10 Boulder, why? he said, "it eats my lunch every time!"

Most people might not know that Kevin is a person of deep faith and that his faith got even stronger when he went through a difficult health scare last year and had to have part of his lung removed. When he received the news that he might have cancer he got on a golf cart and rode out to the new Boulder holes. He rode around, thinking and observing the beauty of nature. Then he went home and decided to be optimistic about his future.

Some people will never understand or know the benefits of growing up in a small town and staying there all your life. You grow roots, you have history, you develop bonds with people and places that you know, there's a security and peace that comes from settling in one place for a very long time. Kevin has family, friends and faith.

"Optimism is the one quality associated with success and happiness more than any other."

# Rock Harbor News

## **Personnel Profile: Ardis Cullers**



#### By: Misty Fields:

Ardis Cullers is our newest Pro Shop employee. She came to us in November of 2015, so those who don't make it out much in the Winter months may not have met her yet. Let me introduce her to you...

Ardis is originally from Shenandoah County but recently returned to the area after a 10 year stay in California. Ardis was drawn to work at Rock Harbor because she loves golf. So what better place to work? She has played golf all over the world including Ireland, California, Hawaii, and The Bahamas. Ardis has also been a member of no less than 10 different golf courses. When Ardis travels or goes on vacation her primary goal is to play golf. Sound familiar to anyone?

As a female Pro Shop employee Ardis hopes to bring something different to a male dominated sport. She hopes to encourage more women to play at Rock Harbor and to participate in the members and open events. She is also hoping to have an influence on the Pro Shop to stock all the apparel and accessories women love for their golf game. But she also wants to stay consistent with what you already know and love about Rock Harbor by providing you with the best customer service she can.

Ardis has two grown children, a daughter who attends University of Alabama and a son who graduated from LSU. She also has two furry children, Buttermilk and Ajax, her Maltese.

Ardis is working very hard to put a name with each face that comes through the door. So be patient and help her out with your name and membership status. Be sure to spend a little time getting to know Ardis and telling her a little about yourself. Give her a warm Rock Harbor welcome.



#### **#5 Rock before and after**

