

SPOTLIGHT

Kristan Priem

As it turns out, Kristan Priem and I have a lot in common. We both earned business degrees from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, lived in Los Angeles, spent a number of winters in Midwest cities, and moved to central Florida. We also both joined Heathrow Women's Club to develop new friendships and contribute to local charities. A focus upon helping the underprivileged has been one of Kristan's passions for many years; so, HWC is a wonderful venue for her to pursue her caring contributions.

Kristan and her husband, Bryan, moved into the Bridgewater community in Heathrow almost two years ago. She likes golfing, playing in two leagues, reading as part of a HWC book club, and traveling. The couple recently brought Dallas, a now six-month-old Bichon Frise, into the household. Kristan indicates that although he is quite loveable, Dallas is also quite the handful!



Kristan was a Kappa Delta in college and after receiving her business degree, she began substitute teaching in Houston—and just loved it. So, she earned her certificate in elementary education at the University of North Florida. Thereafter, she worked in the Jacksonville school system, often at Title I schools, attended by the area's most needy children. Kristan, an early proponent of school reform, became involved with the National Center for Education and the Economy. NCEE researches the world's best performing education systems to unlock their secrets. She implemented school reforms focusing upon data to drive decisions and was a coach for other teachers. Kristan was hired by the NCEE and its partner organization, America's Choice, to manage their southeast region and moved to St. Simmons Island, GA.

Shortly thereafter, she met Bryan at a company conference. He was living in Los Angeles, they married, and Kristan moved to California. They both continued to work for the company and lived in Cleveland and Kansas City, before moving to Lake Mary. Shortly after the move, America's Choice was sold to Pearson, one of the world's leading education companies. Although Bryan has continued to work for Pearson, Kristan left the company after the buy-out.

Now Kristan puts her altruistic focus into helping the HWCC and also became our Social Committee Chairperson. As Bryan travels most weeks, Kristan stays busy with HWC and HWCC activities, her hobbies, and of course chasing after Dallas. Plus, she is an active member of her community's Association Committee. Her beautiful smile and friendly attitude have benefitted our Club and our social and charitable endeavors since she joined! Our Club and community are very lucky to have her involvement!

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