

SPOTLIGHT

Cyndy Bloch

Shortly after retiring from her career and moving to Florida “kicking and screaming” in 2013 - away from her two grown children and friends, Cyndy Bloch picked up an HWC flyer in the Heathrow Country Club and the rest is history. Our Charitable Endeavors Co-chairwoman has been very active in the club since joining in a bevy of roles and club social groups.

Imagine her story began in Bridgewater, NJ, ½ hour north of Princeton in mid-state as the middle of 3 children with one brother and sister. In high school she was an academic and devout reader who continues to be. (Our book club and volunteer opportunities drew her into the club.) She graduated high school in nearby Princeton and met husband Jeff during that time. While volunteering with autistic children, Cyndy decided that would be her career path. While it is not unusual for college students to not know their direction, Cyndy never wavered in her decision to teach special education and would do so for the next 30 plus years, starting with older children but eventually teaching the younger ones. Both she and Jeff



attended Rutgers University. They married shortly after Cyndy graduated from college and Jeff graduated from law school. They moved to New Brunswick where Jeff could easily commute into NYC to his brokerage law firm, but moved back to their hometown of Bridgewater when their children started school.

Jeff was a shoe-in for the opening of a Lake Mary office when his company decided on it. He had already passed the Florida bar in expectation of a possible future move. The Blochs bought a home in Heathrow and Cyndy and Jeff commuted back and forth for 2 years while she finished her teaching career.

Their two daughters Jessica (a Rutgers and Harvard Business School grad) working for Saks 5th Avenue and Rachel (TCNJ and NYU grad) in Public Relations for NYU, both live in Manhattan and Cyndy shuffles up there about once a month to see them, her siblings and nieces/nephews. When at home, Cyndy walks, bikes and does yoga.

Having retired and moved from all that was familiar, Cyndy feels the club saved her. She has been able to apply her nurturing and teaching skills to the club’s outreach to children, making her a very productive member of our club. She’s also in the Lunch Bunch, an HWC book club and bikes with a small group of HWC girls on the trail. She volunteers at Kids Club each week, at SafeHouse each month, helped with the 5k run, the Boys & Girls birthday parties and a recent holiday wrapping event for the kids at SafeHouse. She is one committed member and much appreciated for all she does.

One last footnote - her mom’s logic was that her abbreviated name should be spelled with the Y because Cynthia is! Logical and duly noted!

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