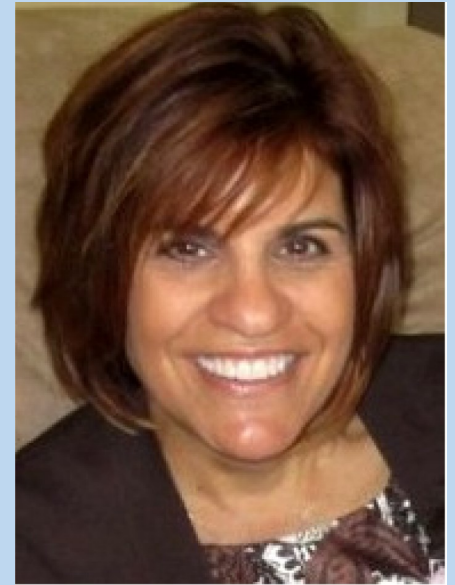


SPOTLIGHT—Marie Coln

By Carolyn Taylor



As hard as it can be to work with a spouse, Marie and Ron Coln have somehow managed to do so very well for 25 years. At 19, Marie got her insurance license and met her husband of 35 years (this year) while working at the same company. Today, they handle specialty worker's comp claims from their awesome home office in Heathrow, which they've occupied for a year after 25 years in their Tusawilla home.

Born Marie Cieslak of Polish parents in Erie, Pa. and immigrant grandparents, she was one of five children. Her family relocated to Florida when she was seven. She played tennis at Colonial High School but she has become a lover of golf with an 18 handicap over the last 8 years. In fact, in the last couples Heathrow Country Club tourney, she made the shot that won them the tournament following some good Coln teamwork on the course.

Her Dad passed a few years ago but all of her siblings, mother and children live close by. She has two grown children—a boy and girl and her son works in the family business, as well. Her daughter is a hairdresser in an upscale Thornton Park salon whose husband is a published writer. I watched Grandma "Dayo's" joy as her 4-year old grandchild, Sienna entered the room as I was leaving.

The kitchen is another team effort—"I hate to cook but Ron's great at it", so he's in charge. She loves to garden and describes herself as a homebody, but they love San Francisco and go just about every other year. They have a condo in Daytona, too, and are planning a trip to Las Vegas this year,

Marie still goes to her Winter Springs church and is very active in it. She's a former volunteer coordinator for the homeless and joined the Heathrow Women's Club soon after moving into Heathrow. She is on the charitable endeavors committee and helps with the birthday celebrations and of all things—the cooking class there! Having bought a house in Clubside, she holds the distinction of living the closest to our Heathrow luncheon meetings! She's a sweet and beautiful lady that is sure to add much to our club in the coming years.