

SPOTLIGHT *RoseMarie Cazeau*

At least twice a week, the fragrant aroma of Jamaican fare wafts from RoseMarie's kitchen, keeping her heritage ever present in her Heathrow home. She and husband Tony have much in common beyond their island birthplaces (he was born in Haiti) – both are highly educated and have backgrounds in the medical field. She is a former RN with a master's degree and Tony's career was as a double board certified Pulmonologist and Critical Care Specialist, making their 3rd language medical talk! What's more, RoseMarie went on to become a lawyer, and spent her entire career prosecuting environmental violations as an Assistant Attorney General and Environmental Bureau Chief with the Illinois Attorney General's Office.

Actually, RoseMarie spent her early youth in England. As a teenager, she traveled to the US with her grandmother, settling in the Queens, New York area. She later moved to Illinois, married Tony, and raised their children in Oak Park and Hinsdale, Illinois. All of their 5 children are college graduates, with two following in their dad's footsteps, a boy a Pharmacist and their daughter a Pediatric Endocrinologist. She and Tony have 9 grandchildren.

Retiring in 2011, the Cazeau's followed the sun to Florida 3 years ago leaving the cold Chicago weather in their dust. As a Seventh Day Adventist and an Adventist Health System (the parent company of Florida Hospital) board member with its corporate office located here, Central Florida made perfect sense. And how better to entertain the family when they visited than to live down the road from Disney and such?

Throughout her life, RoseMarie has been an ardent reader, now most interested in autobiographic and historical material. She is 1st soprano in her church choir (wow), a body of approximately 70 that perform locally at the yearly Epcot Candlelight Processional. She and Tony are big English soccer fans (Go Arsenal!!) and both love to travel- especially cruising. Last year, they cruised for 32 days in Australia, New Zealand, and the Polynesian Islands. Next year they plan an extended cruise through the Mediterranean and Israel. This December, it's 2 weeks in the Caribbean. Isn't retired life swell?

She is yet another inspiring member in our midst! Is there no end to the talent and accomplishments of our members? Somewhat of a newcomer to the area, RoseMarie has already jumped in to volunteer with Bags of Hope and to help with the Boys and Girls Club birthday parties. There's no doubt that her life experiences, travel and smarts will serve to benefit our club in the years to come.



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