

# SPOTLIGHT

## *Brittany Smith*

Harkening back to my Louisiana roots, I met Brittany at Tibby's New Orleans Kitchen for our Spotlight interview. Brittany recommends the oyster poor-boy and I recommend the red beans and rice with andouille sausage. But, really everything is good and authentic!

Brittany is a real go-getter, joining HWC in 2015 and immediately becoming the co-chair of our Charitable Endeavors committee. She joined our Club to become more active in the community and has successfully supported our many charitable activities. And, she doesn't stop there. She is also active in supporting the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, inspired by a close relative who has the disease.

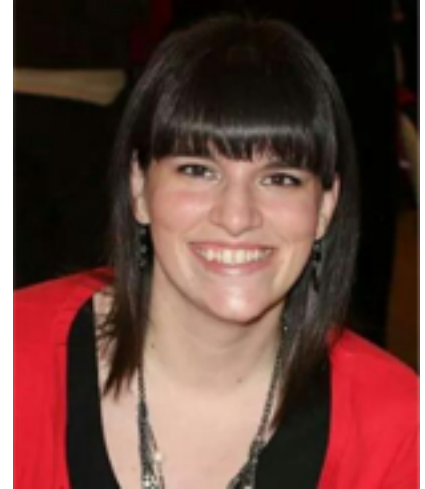
Brittany has lived in seven states, moving to Central Florida in 2012. She has lived in the Carolinas and California, but spent her high school and college years in the Midwest. She studied Psychology at St. Louis University and finished her degree at the University of Missouri in Kansas City. While in school she started her career at Walgreens as a cashier. There are over 8200 Walgreens stores and Brittany's drive helped her move to Florida with the company, become an assistant store manager, and now the manager of her own store! We all visit a Walgreens regularly for prescriptions and sundries, but most of us do not know that the chocolate malted milkshake with ice cream was invented at a Chicago Walgreens where the chain was founded in 1901 by entrepreneur Charles R. Walgreen Sr.

As for hobbies, Brittany loves our Florida theme parks and her favorite awesome roller coasters. But she also enjoys historic and natural Florida, especially the beach. The beach at Ponce Inlet is a favorite, as well as, historic St. Augustine. She has visited and climbed lighthouses in both locations and has a bucket list goal to visit all of the lighthouses in Florida.

Growing up, she describes her home as a "zoo," because they had so many animals. There were three children, four dogs, a couple of cats, some birds and rodents, and two fish tanks. Her personal favorite was her ferret, Jasper. And, she enjoys visiting aquariums. The Shedd Aquarium in Chicago being at the top of her list.

Her younger sister and brother still live in Kansas City and she stays in touch. She plans to visit her mother and grandmother in North Carolina for Mother's Day. But, before that trip, Brittany is going on her first cruise to celebrate her birthday. She's sailing out of Port Canaveral and is sure to become hooked on the experience.

The Heathrow Women's Club is lucky to have this talented and giving young woman as one of our members!



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