

# SPOTLIGHT *Jolian Callier*

After spending what seemed to be hours locating a parking place, Jolian Callier and I settled in for a very nice lunch at the Peach Valley Café! As it turns out, Jolian and I arrived in the Lake Mary area at about the same time, almost 20 years ago—she from Kansas City and I from Minneapolis. Jolian and her husband of 44 years Victor, along with their two children moved into Heathrow Woods. Now, both children are grown with families of their own. Their daughter, Andra and her husband Marshall, live in Atlanta with Jolian’s three year old grandson, William, who calls Jolian “JoJo!” Their son, Zachre, and his wife Caroline live close by and have 17-month-old daughter, Rosie. Jolian says having the grandchildren in her life makes her so happy! Being a grandmother is much less stressful and more fun than when she was raising her own children!



Soon after they moved to the area, Jolian joined the Heathrow Women’s Club. She served on the Program Committee during her tenure. She is active in both bridge and Mah Jongg groups and contributes to decorating for the Gala as she has an artistic side. And, to show me just what type of art she makes, she pulled a 1.5-foot-tall sculpture out of her tote. She said it was easier to just show it than to try to explain it. She was right. It was a very unique piece of work made of natural elements she finds on Florida beaches—shells, rocks, driftwood, and sometimes coconuts! She glues them together in interesting formations and then paints them. She uses a color palate and then tips some pieces with metallic paint. I had never seen anything like it and found it quite pretty. She says she sometimes sells the sculptures, but mainly gives them to friends to brighten their days. Keeping with the artistic theme, her two cats are named Leonardo and Michelangelo.

Her husband Victor is a professional grain broker and his office is situated over Liam Fitzpatrick’s, which I think is a very convenient place to have an office! The couple has a condominium in Sarasota, FL and spend every other weekend there. Jolian enjoys water aerobics, gardening, and formerly scuba diving, hiking, biking, and skating. She has traveled internationally, served with the USO, and tutored reading at a local elementary school.

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