

BETTY OLSEN, Our Treasurer

I would like to introduce you to one of our very first Villages Pickleballers, Betty Olsen. Betty was born and raised in North Hollywood. She attended the University of Colorado and Stanford University.

Betty was married for 56 years to her husband Lon, who sadly passed away last November. They raised four daughters while living in Burbank for 35 years. Lon practiced medicine in North Hollywood for many years. Betty was the Girls' High school tennis coach for 8 years where her daughters attended and played on her teams. After southern California, they spent 17 years living in Utah.

In 2002, after Lon retired, Betty was the Executive Director of the American Medical Tennis Association, a club of doctors who play tennis. For 10 years, they traveled all over the US, running two annual tennis tournaments, as well as organizing one international tournament.

Because three of their daughters lived in California and because they're native Californians, they chose the beautiful Villages to complete their retirement years. In their 11 years at the Villages, Betty has enjoyed pickleball, tennis, cooking, gardening, Bridge, and music.

After living here a few years, Nancy Keane, knowing they had previously played pickleball, said to them and a few other Villagers, "Let's start a Pickleball Club here at the Villages!" And.... they did... and the rest is history! So, thanks to Nancy, Betty, Lon, and the rest of their original committee, all of us Pickleball members are thoroughly enjoying this ever-so popular sport here at our Villages! Thank you for that, Betty, and also for being our outstanding Treasurer since our club began!

Members: Remember to sign up on our website for the Social Drop-in Play on May 27th at 4:30. If the sign-ups fill up, please come and play or watch anyway!

Remember: Life is short, play pickleball!