

Our Current President by Terry Holmquist

You have probably seen Joyce Kludt's name in the Villager often as a writer of many articles about the Pickleball club. She worked hard and diligently in keeping everyone up on the happenings of the club for over 2 years. Due to slight mix-up, she was suddenly thrust into the role of President instead of easing into it by first being the vice-present. Luckily, she understood the workings of the club since she was on the board as the publicity chair and therefore handled the job quite nicely. Joyce feels that pickleball has rewarded her so she wants to give back to the club as much as possible.

Not having been much of an exerciser, Joyce has embraced pickleball for the exercise, staying fit and mind/body connection (have you tried scoring?) all while having **FUN**. She considers it great fun and a chance to make plenty of new **FRIENDS**.

Unfortunately, one day during play Joyce had a fall and suffered a serious injury to her wrist. While not wanting to dwell on the fact that it was a pickleball injury, what she says is that the pickleball community was phenomenal in showing concern and providing support in whatever way was necessary and needed. Happily, she is back on the courts and promises not to trip over her own feet. She never runs backwards.

Joyce was born and raised in Santa Barbara, graduated from Cal Poly and spent over 40 years living in Gilroy where she worked as a primary school teacher and raised her two sons. She loved being able to help some of the underprivileged children that appreciated getting an education. There she also met Don, who has been her kind and loving husband for over 27 years. Joyce's **FAMILY** consists of 11 grandchildren a daughter and 3 sons, one being Benny who is handicapped and an important part of their lives. They have lived in the Villages for over seven years and both have proved to be great contributors to the club.

In spite of some difficulties life might have given her, she attributes her **FAITH, which she shares with Don** to help her get through any hard knocks thrown her way. Cubby is also a member of their family; he is a delightful Cavapoochon. Joyce plans to train him as a therapy dog so they can visit Alzheimer and skilled nursing facilities with patients that rarely get visitors. Joyce and Don now are committed to walking since Cubby needs to get out twice a day.

What is most important to Joyce is Faith, Family, Friends and Fun. Hopefully you will run into Joyce laughing on the courts and can share in her joy of life.

