

AA50+ Volunteer Spotlight: Carol Pinnel

Carol grew up in Bloomfield, NJ, living in the house built for her great grandparents. Her Dad was drafted into the Army to serve during WWII. At the end of WWII, he returned home to his wife and two little girls. As an adult, Carol carried on her Dad's patriotism by becoming an Air Force wife and loved it. She grew up with her older sister, Winnie and her younger brother, Doug. When Carol was 18, along came a second brother, Scott.

She attended Glassboro State College in New Jersey, graduating with a degree in Art Education. Putting her degree to work, she taught elementary art for two and a half years in Irvington, New Jersey.

Two days before her college graduation, she met her husband Jack at a party. They had one date, and then he left to begin serving his country in the Air Force saying, "Maybe I'll write to you." Well he did and she did! Their dating consisted of writing letters and occasional in-person time together when he was home on leave. While he was in Turkey, he decided to 'pop the question' and did so by having his brother present her with a gift during a Christmas visit to Jack's parents. Inside was a sweet note (which she still has) and an engagement ring. Why not wait until he returned from Turkey? He wanted to get married shortly after returning home. So Carol set to the task of planning a wedding by herself.

With that wedding, Carol was off to life as a military spouse. In many of their assignments, Carol didn't even know what Jack did as his jobs were classified. But she looked for the positive and enjoyed every place they were stationed. First Virginia, then Arizona. About the time to move from Arizona, it was also time for their first child, Denise, to be born. So Carol went on ahead to stay with her parents. When Jack was able to leave Arizona, he arrived just in time to see his newborn daughter enter the world before he was off to Officer Training



School. Their next stop was Wright-Patterson AFB, then Holloman AFB. Although Holloman was in the middle of nowhere, Carol came under the wing of the colonel's wife who introduced her to the life of a military officer's wife. She became active in the Officers' Wives Club and was soon using her art degree and talents in many fun ways. You should ask her about some of the projects she undertook while there. Wow! This is also where their second daughter, Robin, was born. Lots of joy at Holloman.

Then they were off to Eglin AFB, the Pentagon, Maxwell AFB, the Pentagon again, Scott AFB, and back to the Pentagon, where Jack retired. Carol and Jack then returned to Niceville to build their dream house.

Their involvement with Crosspoint began many years ago when they were stationed at Eglin. Carol was a member of the Becomer's Circle. You may not know that this group hosted the very first craft show at Crosspoint, an event that would continue for decades. The group also made baskets and delivered them to homebound folks.

Carol also volunteered at that time at Plew, teaching an art lesson each month in her daughter's class. While the students went to recess she created beautiful bulletin boards incorporating the children's art work.

I had space to tell you all the art and graphic design projects Carol has created. Ask her about craft shows in her home and many other locations, murals she has painted, and her work as a substitute teacher who liked to incorporate art regardless of the subject she was teaching.

Today, Carol enjoys painting with watercolors and staying in touch with her children and three grandchildren, who are all amazing people! She volunteers with the Kids Kount tutoring program, serves on the money counting team, and of course, I am thankful for the ways she contributes to this ministry. We appreciate you, Carol!

"What is desirable in a man is his kindness."

~Proverbs 19:22

Active Adults 50 Plus September Brochure

Serving with a smile!



Come join us!

Our mission is to
build a community where people
can come as they are, meet Christ,
grow in their faith,
and find a place to serve.





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Welcome

We welcome you to the Active Adults 50 Plus Ministry of Crosspoint! We warmly invite you to participate in our activities and programs. Join our community of people who are seeking Christ and are growing and serving in His name! Our mission is connecting people to Christ!

Young at Heart Luncheon

11:30 am—1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall on the second Tuesday of the month. **Please sign up (or cancel) by noon the Friday before the luncheon date by calling or emailing Barbara.** Cost for lunch is \$6. Please do not attend if you are not well.

September 13 luncheon: We will host Rick Sanders, an author, poet, and musician. Your heart will be touched!

October 11 luncheon: Master Gardener, David Gordon, will share about native plants/ annuals and perennials. He will take your questions!

Invite a friend to attend with you!!



LUNCH & LEARN

Tuesday, September 27:

We always have a great time together! Make plans now to attend and sign up with Barbara. Bring your brown bag lunch and join us! 11:00 am - 12:30 pm; Room 909-911 in the CLC

For more information or to sign up for an event, please contact Barbara Wilder at 678-4411, ext 123, or email her at bwilder@crosspoint.church.

Stage Crafters presents Shrek the Musical!

Saturday, October 29 Enjoy an adventure with Shrek, his sidekick Donkey, Princess Fiona, Lord Farquaad, and everybody's favorite fairy-tale creatures! Tickets are \$27. Bus will depart at 6:30 pm. Now is the time to make your reservation.

Panhandle Opry Hosts Keith Allyn performing a Neil Diamond tribute concert

Friday, January 20 You will think you are hearing Neil Diamond in person! Concessions are available for dinner. Bus departs at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$25. See Barbara to purchase your ticket. We have a wait list for a seat on the bus.

Gaither Vocal Band Concert

Thursday, November 3 If you are familiar with Bill and Gloria Gaither's music, you know this will be a wonderful evening! Bus departs at 3:00 pm. Dinner stop at Sonny's BBQ in route. Trip fee of \$37 provides transportation and admission. Trip fee does not include dinner. You may reserve your seat on the bus and your ticket with your payment of the trip fee.

Christmas Lights at Bellingrath Gardens

Thursday—Friday, December 1-2 We will have details about this Christmas themed trip for you in October, but for now save the date. This will be an overnight trip, travel by motor coach.

Loss of a Spouse Seminar—Tuesday, Sept 13, 2:00-3:30 pm, Room 700. Join facilitator, Sally Saville, for encouragement and hope as you navigate this journey of grief. You will gain practical tools and find a warm welcome.

Hi Everyone!



I hope we have something for everyone! We are always open to your suggestions too!

Do you like basketball? Are you looking for ways to encourage our youth? The Youth Basketball League at Crosspoint will begin in January, and they are looking for folks to sit at the officials' table and man the scoreboard. The games are on Saturday. If you would like more information or this sounds 'right up your alley' let me know and I'll get you connected with the scheduler.

Again, you will find paper copies of this brochure in my door pocket in Room 700, in my mailbox in the front office or of course, you can see me in my office. Take enough to share with your group or other friends! Everyone is welcome to join us.

Hope to see you soon!
Barbara



ONGOING EVENTS: All are welcome!

GAME DAYS Tuesday and Friday afternoons. All are welcome! Games played: Pinochle, Bridge, and Canasta (Hand & Foot).

GAMES AND CONVERSATION Mondays, 1:00–3:00 pm, Room 701. Easy games & fun.

STEP ON IT! Free walking program and fun.

FAITHFULLY FIT Mon and Thurs, 9:00-10:00 am in CLC Room 905/907. Flexibility, breathing techniques, balance, coordination, and use of light weights. NO FEE! Just show up!

FIT TODAY CLC Gym | Mon, Wed, Fri, 8:00 am Focus on strength and balance. Cost: \$25 for a 8-week session. Sign up with Recreation Ministry.