

Spotlight



Lorraine Conlon

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South Riding is very lucky to have many long-term volunteers. This month we would like to spotlight Lorraine Conlon, currently serving on the Rec & Grounds Committee.

Lorraine has lived in Virginia her entire life. Originally from Vienna, she moved to her first South Riding single family home in May of 1999, where she is currently still residing. Lorraine is married to her husband Jimi and has three grown children; Brandon, Ryan and Kelly, she also has one four-year old grandson, Logan. Family is important to Lorraine; she comes from a large family of 7 children which turned into 17 with their children who now have 15 children, and counting, of their own! She shares the neighborhood with her parents, two sisters and their children within just a few blocks of her home making it easy for their children to spend time together over the years.

Lorraine obtained a Bachelor's in accounting from James Madison University, a Master's in Accounting from George Mason University, is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and just completed a 40-year career in the government contracting industry. She worked for several different companies during those 40 years, with the largest being General Dynamics, where she was the point of contact with the headquarters office to report the financial results from their \$4.6 billion business unit. She also just started a new career as a teacher at Centreville High School teaching Introduction to Business and Multimedia Design.

Hobbies of Lorraine's include lots of different crafts such as knitting and sewing, exercising, swimming and biking. Also she enjoys following along to YouTube step aerobics videos. She enjoys peaceful walks through the neighborhood and thinks she has walked every path in South Riding!

Lorraine has been volunteering for over eight years in South Riding. She believes the thing that prompted her to volunteer was a need to give her input on changes she felt needed to be made in the community. She soon learned that volunteering also allowed her to meet many of the South Riding Proprietary staff who she feels have been a wealth of information for her. She has also volunteered in the past setting up beer tents at events, working rides at Celebrate South Riding and collecting registration packets and monitoring the course for the neighborhood Triathlon.

Lorraine would like her neighbors to know she has resided here for over 22 years because it's a great community that has much to offer and living in such close proximity to family has been a blessing! To quote Lorraine "with thousands of residents here, the community can't be everything to everyone. There is, however, something for everyone! Our board and committee members can't think of things on our own, if there is something you think the community would benefit by, please let someone know! Like most things in life, there will always be change. Be a part of it!"

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