

## **“Member Profile”**

### ***This week’s feature : Ron and Becky Kear***



Ron was born in Arcata, California, home of the big redwoods. At 4, his family moved to western Kansas where his great grandparents homesteaded and where most of his family lives. He learned to drive trucks and tractors as soon as he could reach the pedals. As a farm kid, Ron got a drivers license at 13 and drove trucks loaded with wheat to the silos in town as well as having his own car to drive to school. He moved back to California as a high school sophomore where he met Becky.

Becky was born in Everett, WA and her family moved to Arcata, CA when she was 12. Her brother and sister are both deceased. Becky and Ron were in the same high school class. Becky graduated from the University of California Santa Barbara majoring in history, then got her master’s in library science from Berkeley. She worked as a librarian in two universities, a high school and an engineering company. Becky loves playing bridge and reading. She created a document management system on a star wars project for the Pentagon.

Ron got his engineering degree from San Jose State then joined the Navy as an engineering officer. His first assignment was in the Philippines; last tour was a year in Viet Nam. Thank you for your service to our country, Ron! After leaving the Navy, Ron's first big project was the construction of Disney World and his last project was the Cleveland Browns stadium.

Their daughters (55 and 52) were born in the Philippines and Orlando and now live in Seattle and Tampa. A grandson lives in Orlando and a granddaughter works at the Secret Service in Washington, D. C. Ron has two sisters in New Mexico where they spend Thanksgiving. The Kears certainly acquired lots of frequent flyer miles over the years as family visits were very rewarding.

Ron served on the POP council for 18 years in a variety of positions. He was the secretary for many years and also the property manager during many updates to our facilities. Becky loves quilting, Tables for 8 and Altar Guild and started the Women's Discipleship Group. All have grown into wonderful opportunities for service and bringing our community together. The Kears have sung in the choir since 1995. They joined POP because people were friendly and singing in the choir would use their talent as they worshiped .

Ron is the leader of the Lutheran Team of volunteers at Habitat for Humanity and has worked on over 50 houses! Eight houses are under construction at present (call Ron if you want to join his team). The goal is providing safe and affordable housing to families in need. Building Habitat houses is a lot more rewarding and fun than any of his engineering jobs. I have personally learned so much from his knowledge about what my own house requires, he is hands on and shows us how to solve problems we encounter.

Becky and Ron love traveling and have visited 55 countries, mostly traveling with family and friends. Snorkeling offshore Belize and the Galapagos Islands were highlights; one of the most interesting was Laisha, Tibet elevation 12,000 ft. They just returned from a river cruise down the Columbia River. Lifelong bonds have been built through these experiences, and learning about other cultures shows us the diverse world that God's Love has created!

*Much appreciation is given to Ron and Becky as the authors*

*Tom Robinholt : Profile Reporter*

*Such devotion to God's calling can be seen in Ron and Becky as they contribute in so many ways at Prince of Peace. Take Ron up on his offer to volunteer at Habitat, you'll leave a little tired but know the good you have done!*