

## “ Member Profile”

*This weeks feature : Dan and Barb Fronczak*



Dan was born in Garfield Heights, Ohio. He grew up in North Olmsted and Fairview Park , attended Butternut School, St. Richards School, Holy Name High School and graduated high school in Fairview Park. His education continued at Ohio State in Wooster, majoring in Horticulture. Dan’s family included older brother Bill and younger brother Tom, both passed away. Barb was born in Cleveland and grew up on the East side around East 175th Street and Euclid. Her education included Mayfield Heights, St.Margaret Mary School and Regina High School in South Euclid. She also enrolled at the Cleveland Academy of Cosmetology, studied at Capital University ADP for Bachelor and City University Distance Learning in WA for an MBA in Business

Information and Communication. Barb was raised with one younger sister, Debbie, in her family.

Barb and Dan met while working on a team to put on a weekend for separated, divorced and widowed called Beginning Experience put on by the Catholic Diocese. They have raised a blended family including Barb's children Jerry Doptis age 49 and Courtney Nerad age 46. Dan's children are Danny Fronczak age 48 and Elizabeth Jones age 45. They have received God's blessing of 12 grandchildren to love!

Barb's work started at Belle Harris Candies in high school and then May Company Beauty Salon. She devoted 30 years to her career at Ohio Bell, Ameritech and SBC where she retired. Sunburst Fence and Landscaping, Kare Condo Management and North Olmsted Evangelical Friends Church are other places she has used her skills. Dan was employed as a teller at Cleveland Trust, Cleveland Plant and Flower in sales, and the City of Fairview Park grounds and recreation. He is owner of Sunburst Landscaping, managing partner of DJD (now The 3Ds) and also Kare Condo Management. Both have an entrepreneurial spirit and work well as a team in these ventures.

They became members of Prince of Peace in 2008 when the congregation of St. Andrews Church voted to merge. Both Dan and Barb contribute much to the many missions here. Dan is proud to be involved with the Buds and Suds group that recently raised over \$2,000 at the Annual Golf Outing to support the Youth Gathering. He has a passion for the game of golf and made me very comfortable to participate on his team, even though I had

many slices during the event. He also has led the Friends Helping Friends Charity that is known for raising funds for those in need. Nothing is larger than his kind heart! Barb is a 9am reader, prayer leader, and communion assistant during Sunday services, and attends Pastor Charlie's Wednesday Bible Study. Participating in Pastoral Partners, Comfort Quilters, Offering counter, Financial Secretary and Habitat for Humanity keeps her involved in the community. Ron Kear's team at Habitat sees the progress that occurs in neighborhoods where we serve families as Jesus has taught. Her spirit of teamwork will make you smile!

Dan and Barb have many interests and hobbies to enjoy. Dan has an unusual talent of playing the spoons. He has partnered with our friend Dick Hardy and the Band at times to set a rhythm. He also brings a type of synergy with him to make things happen. Barb can relax while reading, playing Sudoku, Word Finds, line dancing, walking, hula hoop, working on their house and yard and family trees. In her youth and teen years she roller skated competitively, winning a medal or two in speed skating.

Through the sunny and stormy times on the sea of life, Barb and Dan always give the Glory to our Lord! You'll have something to cherish when you become their friend.

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