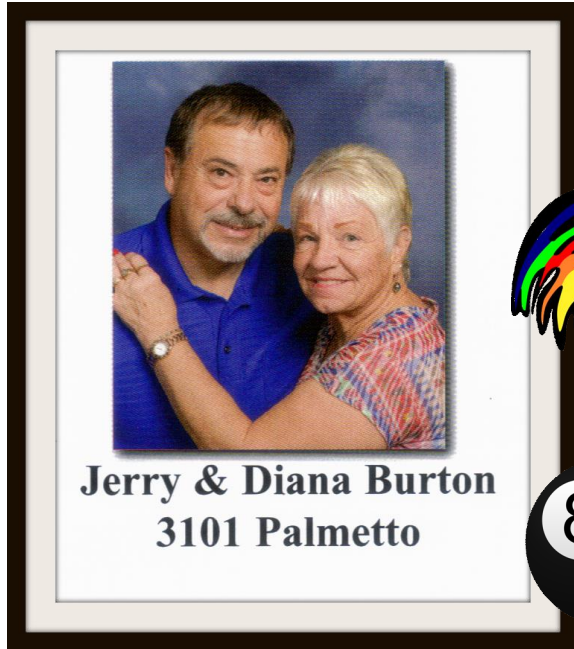


Siesta Retirement Village Outstanding Volunteer Recognition

All the residents of Siesta Retirement Village benefit greatly by the efforts of volunteers and some volunteers simply stand out from the rest by going above and beyond.



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year of the
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lots to crow about!

Jerry and Diana Burton were encouraged to move here by the Lorings and the Vargasons and arrived here since 2010. They pretty much jumped into volunteering immediately.

Diana loves people and it seems to show in everything she does. She has been running the Treasure Hut and this year she has something to crow about as they exceeded the previous year by leaps and bounds. **The Treasure Hut made over \$18,000.00 for the fiscal 2016 year!** It is like our Golden Goose. As you know this is a corporate board function and it helps tremendously to reduce our fees. She said this is not possible without her crew of Shirley, Tammi, Linda, Jim, Mary, Bettie, and Mikey. In addition all residents help when they see the need and they help through donations and of course shopping at the hut.

In addition Diana has worked at the Jam taking in cash and working in the kitchen. They both enjoy playing cards, bowling, and their church. But they seem most focused on their 5 grandkids aged 10-26 years old. They also have two daughters. One is a nurse and the other used to manage a surgical center. They have been married 47 years and they both stated all of them happy ones. Their grandkids recently treated them with tickets to the Oak Ridge Boys which they really enjoyed and although they do not have musical talents 2 of their granddaughters play piano.

Jerry is really quite the man of many skills. He is retired from Cummings Diesel Engines in 1999. He was a dirt racecar driver in his younger years and quit that in 1980 and built engines. He does help at the Treasure Hut picking up all the heavy donations from residents home and helps getting things organized. They both stated I would be shocked at the number of hours they put into it but let me say I did learn it is a full time job! The only day they take off is Sunday. He also has tried to fix broken things donated and sometimes successfully.

Jerry sports a big gold ring that bears his 804 score bowling. He averaged on the low end a 194 average but kept a 218 average when he bowled a lot. He is and should be extremely proud since this is pro bowling scores. Sure wish he could bowl in the Olympics for us but he is very busy working the Hut and also runs the Men's pool in the village. This does take time and organizational skills. He also has many pool cues he makes for sale and other pool supplies. He would like a little more help if anyone would like to help in the running of the men's pool and also help with picking up things for the hut. So if you are a strong guy and have a little free time please come to the Treasure Hut and join the call list so they can call you when they have heavy items. It would not be a steady job but do join the call list if you have just a little bit of time and are in good shape.

Jerry not only is a pro bowler but I have seen him shoot pool and he also excels at that as well. He is also extremely talented with wood and I saw some of the bowls he makes, lamps he makes, and pool cues. I don't know how the man does it all but Diana said he only sleeps about 5 hours so obviously this is the secret to getting it all squeezed in a day. He completely remodeled their mobile and it looked great. He has used his skills to level and recover all the pool tables in the pool hall and this year he worked with the Crowes to recover the benches that look great and are comfortable as well. Our pool hall has been taken up a notch or two with all that has been done lately. And if all that is not enough, Jerry also has donated his time and worked at the Men's Club breakfasts.

Whew! they do a lot and are busy busy busy people! Make sure when you see them please go out of your way and give them both a big Thank You for all they do!

Lastly, I did learn a few things that I thought I would share about the Treasure Hut and maybe we can all keep these in mind when making donations. Please know that if something doesn't work and you take it down there sometimes it gets sold and then of course returned as no one wants to buy something that doesn't work so please please only donate things that actually do work. Make sure items are clean and presentable as you would not want to buy something dirty and they do not have the staff to clean up things. They no longer accept the big old heavy TV's even if they do work. It seems no one wants them as the price of TV's have come down so much and so much lighter in the flat screens. No one wants to buy someone's old pillow either so please just throw them away. Make sure all items you donate are items that have some value and are clean and presentable and saleable!

When things don't sell they have to box them up and transport them to the Salvation Army and also to local churches. They do need some strong guys to join the call list to help out when they have heavy items. They need a garage or two for storage of heavy items because they have little or no space they must sell something sometimes at a lower price than what it calls for just to move it because they have no where to store it. In addition please be courteous of the Hut and that when you call to have something picked up and they tell you they will be there do not change your mind and give to someone else. Be sure you want to donate something before calling for a pickup. Otherwise you are just wasting everyone's time and efforts. And Diana and Jerry want to thank you so very much for your donations of clean working items that can be sold to make money and thus reduce our fees! We have a unique thing going here that is a win-win for everyone so please do your part!

THANK YOU DIANA & JERRY!

