

Nancy Vander Ark



I am a native of Arizona. I was born in Phoenix and lived my entire life in the big city. We moved to Sun City in December, 2019 and never regretted leaving for a small community. We have 3 adult children and 6 grandchildren, one family living close by which allows me to attend soccer games, baseball games, band concerts of our grandchildren. It really has been a slice of heaven. When we arrived, with all the activities, I felt like I was on a cruise ship without water.

I am a former high school teacher working with At-Risk students. It was a very fulfilling career and at times you will hear my teacher voice. For one year, I worked with the Phoenix Police Department in Community Relations, specializing in learning Conflict Resolution Skills and then teaching those skills to the schools in the Phoenix Metropolitan area. It was a significant life changing experience.

When I moved to Sun City, one of my goals was to learn to play pickle ball. You all provided an opportunity for me to jump in immediately in the Beginning Class. I met friends and slowly eased up to Casual Play. I found mentors and friends that allowed me to learn and play. Thank you.

We are a growing group and with so many and dealing with the virus, we have had to make major adjustments to how we play. There have been a great group of people trying to solve all the issues that come up. THANKFULLY, we were allowed to continue to play while all of the other courts in the area had to shut down. It takes lots of time to plan, organize, and make the necessary changes to continue to play. As all of the changes that took place, communication was important. I see a need to continue the ongoing policies that must be made in order for so many people to play on only 5 courts. I hope to add that bridge to communicate with others and those changes and allowing so many people to play on the courts, peacefully. Happy hours and wine are a great opportunity to discuss and I love to entertain.

Thank you for the opportunity to maybe serve and help with this great organization.