

**Meet Phyllis Swenson, Cricket Ohlmansiek, and Kathy Williamson  
New Villagers Cards and Games Organizers.**



These three ladies met as part of a New Villager Wine Tasting Group and when the call came forth to volunteer for a New Villager activity they thought it might be fun to do this as a trio and they did. Phyllis, Cricket, and Kathy are organizers for the Cards and Games Group for New Villagers. They say that it has been fun to get to really know one another and since they all love cards and games it has been a perfect combination of growing a friendship, helping New Villagers and having fun.

Cricket and her husband, Denny Ohlmansiek, moved here from Texas and have lived here 2 and ½ years now. Denny found Tellico many years ago on a golf weekend with friends and they fell in love with the Village. Cricket had been an accountant for a bank and Denny was a chemical engineer in Texas. Both Denny and Cricket love and play golf in addition to enjoying wine tasting groups. Cricket was the Secretary for New Villagers in 2015 before she chose to volunteer for Cards and Games.

Phyllis and her husband John Swenson moved here from New Glarus, Wisconsin. They lived in New Glarus for 23 years and she worked as a secretary at the New Glarus School District. Her husband John is a CPA. They found the Village in 2013 and traveled here a few times to decide that Tellico would be their new home. Phyllis wanted to help New Villagers in some capacity and saw the perfect opportunity to volunteer for the year of 2016 as an organizing team member of Cards and Games. Phyllis says that she is having a great time and is meeting fun people in her role with Cards and Games.

Kathy Williamson and her husband Wayne lived their entire lives in the Toledo, Ohio area. They had planned to move to Arizona, but then they accidentally discovered Tellico Village. Kathy worked as a programmer analyst for the scrap and steel industry and her husband Wayne worked for Toledo Edison

as a Facility Manager. Their retirement requirements were golf, boating and tennis which they found here. Kathy says her game favorites are Bunco and Mexican Train.

As Cards & Games chairpersons, their main job is to sit at the table on The New Villager Social night and sign people for the game of their choice. Members can choose and to sign as Ladies, Men's or Mixed Couples. Once they sign up they will get an email with choices. Options include games at the Chota Center, home groups or Lorenzo's. Cricket, Phyllis and Kathy visit the groups occasionally. Phyllis said that the last time she visited a Mixed Hand and Foot game they had belly pain laughing. There are many home groups that were formed over the years and still play.



So, if you are looking for a fun job with New Villagers in 2017 consider Cards and Games. Cricket, Phyllis and Kathy are graduating and will be leaving for HOA at the end of 2016. The ladies say the work requirements for the job are minimal especially if you have a team. So if you want to help the club and have fun too, contact Cricket at 815-954-1796 or Phyllis at 865-657-9580 you will be thoroughly helped to start organizing the Cards and Games Group.

- **New Game Night Chota Rec Center 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month 6:30 to 9:00 PM**
- **Ladies Bunco Rec Center 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month from 1-4 PM**
- **Ladies Hand and Foot 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month 1-4 PM**
- **Mixed Hand and Foot 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month 1-4 PM**
- **Mexican Train At Lorenzo's Restaurant Last Friday of the month 1 PM or 12 PM if you want Lunch**

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