

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Each month, we are spotlighting one of our members so we can all get to know a little bit more about each other. This month, the Spotlight shines on Evelyn Neale.



Evelyn with husband, Duane, and Scully

Evelyn is one of our newest members, sponsored by Deb Verni. She was inducted in 2018 and is currently on the Cabin Fever Committee. Evelyn was pleased with her experience on that committee, and with the event.

Soroptimists are busy women, and Evelyn is no exception. She has not one, but two full-time jobs! After working with libraries for almost thirty years, Evelyn is now the Director of the Colonie Library. She has held this position for the past three and a half years. She says “Libraries are the original Google.” In addition to the



seeing individuals achieve their goals. Finally, while not currently practicing, Evelyn is also a licensed Massage Therapist.

Library, in 2016, Evelyn started her own company, “Successful Change”. In this role, she is a coach and trainer for small business owners and entrepreneurs, helping them remove obstacles to their success. She is certified in DISC- a workplace profile which helps determine styles and preferences. Evelyn says she loves the leadership aspect of this job, and



Lionel and Daisy

Evelyn has been married to her husband Duane for five years. Duane is a chemist for AMRI, and coincidentally, they met on chemistry.com! Chemistry must be an invisible thread in her life, because her son, Paul, is a chemical engineer. He recently graduated from Penn State, and now lives in Troy, working for Regeneron. Evelyn’s daughter, Rachel, is a junior at Siena, studying health administration. She is shown here with her Mom and family.

Evelyn grew up in Rockland County, graduated from Stony Brook and received her Masters at Queens College. She has been living in Saratoga for the past eighteen years. Evelyn has a rescue dog, Scully, and two cats: Lionel, and Daisy. Her favorite thing to do in Saratoga is to eat at the DZ restaurants, and 15 Church. She considers Saratoga an oasis in upstate New York and takes advantage of many of the things happening here. She enjoys attending the Ballet each year with her mother and daughter, and also goes to the Chamber concerts at the Spa Little Theater. The family environment of the track is also a draw a few times each summer.

Evelyn loves to travel. She has been to numerous European countries and has set a goal for herself to visit all 50 states. She is about a third of the way there, recently adding Savannah, Georgia to her list, as she did an annual “girls’ trip” with her mother and daughter. Evelyn likes history and antiquing, cooking and entertaining, reading and exercise. She enjoys French food, but cooking Italian is her specialty. For every paper book Evelyn reads, she reads two more audio books, as she spends a great deal of time in the car. Favorite genres are self-help, personal growth, and spiritual books.

Being so busy requires some down time. When that time comes, Evelyn retreats to her family house in Hague, which she considers a sanctuary. Time to read, visit friends, and relax are certainly deserved, but we are glad Evelyn has decided to bring some of her energy to our club!