

## **Ann Cadle: Business Manager and So Much More! (continued)**

by Judy LaMée

Her career journey has since taken her in many fascinating, and unexpected, directions. Before joining the UNC Asheville staff in 2005, for 15 years she traveled the globe as a field engineer for Bell South/Bellcore, teaching fiber optic technology. When flying 40 weeks each year became too much worldliness, Ann and her spouse Kim decided on a move to Asheville where they had vacationed for many years, and where they always expected to retire.

Somewhere along the way Ann also did a stint as a FedEx driver and another selling diamonds in a jewelry store. A common thread to her vastly varied career choices, she says, is logic. Although she was not trained in the accounting work she does at OLLI, she explains there is logic to it all and once you figure out that logic, it makes perfect sense! By nature, she is a self-described “fixer.” Once you understand how to analyze the data, the fix is in.

An animal lover, Ann grew up in the country. At one time, she says the 32 cats she had were the best welcoming committee a young girl could have coming home from school. Looking ahead, she describes the ideal retirement job for her as (winning the lottery and) running a shelter for four-legged friends. Today she and Kim provide a loving home for (only) four cats! If the lottery doesn't work out, she knows volunteering is in her future.

At OLLI, Ann says she has made some of the dearest friends a person could ever have. These folks have taught her that getting to be 80 or 85 doesn't look nearly so daunting when you see such inspirational folks all around. She's convinced there's a reason she's here. And it's not just about managing our finances!