

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Say hello to Jeanne and Carl Robbins. Carl and Jeanne met in 1988 in Atascadero – Carl a long-time resident of the city and Jeanne having moved to the city in 1985. Their first meeting came when Carl was taking a group of students to Europe. The group included Jeanne's son, Kevin and Carl's son Todd – both 16 years old. Carl taught at Atascadero High School for 31 years, and Jeanne taught at Monterey Road Elementary for 19 years.

Between them they have 4 sons and one daughter, with 5 granddaughters ages 10-24, and one great-grandson who just turned 1 year old! They love to travel to visit their kids and grandkids, and there is always a family reunion somewhere relaxing – the Dominican Republic is a favorite location.

Jeanne reports that her first non-profit involvement was with Atascadero Loaves and Fishes, and for the last several years they have been the coordinators of the Christmas-time food portion of The Holiday Project at the

Atascadero Armory. This project includes clothing through Coats For Kids, and Toys for Tots through the Marine Corps.

From Loaves and Fishes it was a simple choice to follow ECHO where they have volunteered as food servers, and helpers in other duties – as well as harvesting the vegetables in the ECHO garden.

One of their biggest contributions, however, has been with the Friends of the Atascadero Library. They answered to call to become Founders of the new Library when the building fund was started and worked hard with the Friends group wherever it was needed. Dancing With Our Stars called – and they answered- “How can we help?” They have done everything, from laundry, to labeling envelopes, to securing auction items, and this year took on the immense task of CLEAN UP – each night they made sure the Pavilion was ship-shape for the janitorial staff to clean floors, etc. Carl and Jeanne also find time to volunteer in our FOAL Bookstore; they often walk to the Library on a Saturday afternoon when no-one else has signed up to work the “late” shift.

Thank you, Carl and Jeanne, for everything you do in our community. Your smiling faces and can-do attitude are always welcome. And happy 29th Wedding Anniversary in June!