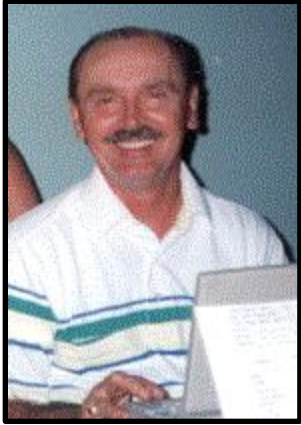


Ron Price

Someone once said some fellow was a man for all seasons. Well, I don't think Ron skates or skis so he wouldn't qualify as a total seasonal person but he certainly can be described as a very versatile and talented kind of guy. He excels in about everything he has pursued.



Born and raised in Hamtramck, he attended and graduated from the St. Ladislaus School System. Following graduation in 1957 he enlisted in the Navy and served at a Naval Air Station in Florida. After his two year hitch with Uncle Sam, he took advantage of the GI bill and spent the next four years at Wayne State University where he graduated with a degree in Finance. While in school, he discovered the game of golf while working at the Warren Valley Golf Club. Many of us who have played with Ron can attest to his skill in the grand old game.

After a short stint with the Chrysler Corporation, Ron joined the ranks of BCBSM in 1968. His career with the Blues was somewhat divided with his serving in the Finance and Data Services departments. When the Special Early Retirement Program was offered in 1988, he was very interested in taking advantage of this program. However, after checking out the qualifications, he sadly discovered he was a total of 12 days short of being eligible for the program. Ron continued to work until 1995. He is currently employed with Crittenton Hospital in Rochester.

Getting back to his versatility, he has a number of other interests. Principal among these is boating. He is equally talented in handling sailing and motorized craft. Three of his buddies can relate to his sailing skills when he acted as our captain by sailing Turner's newly acquired boat from Alpena down to his new home in Anchor Bay. It was quite a trip over a Memorial Day weekend - one that the four of us will not soon forget. We overcame hazards of motor failure, doldrums and a severe storm resulting in heavy seas. Just ask the other crew members, namely Devine and Rose about it and they will be happy to share the highlights of that adventure with you.

Ron is also a skilled administrator. For the past number of years he has been the Coordinator of a group of golfers who have taken an annual trip to Biloxi, Mississippi during St. Patrick's Day week. This activity began over 30 years ago when a small group of Blue Cross and Blue Shield employees accepted an invitation from Dr. Joe Woosley, who was President of the Mississippi Blue Cross Blue Shield Plan, to join him and play a few rounds of golf. Joe was a former employee of the Michigan Plan. Who would have guessed that those early trips would initiate the beginning of an annual event which has continued for this length of time?

Ron and his lovely wife Diane have recently moved from Troy to settle in Shelby Township. Eventually, when they both decide to fully retiree, they are considering a move to Florida at least during the winter months. By so doing he will then be able to enjoy all of the loves of his life - boating, golf, fishing and let's not forget Diane and his son Brian.