

# **MEMBER PROFILE**

## ***CAROLYN WENGER***

**Started: January 11, 1971**

**Early Retirement: October 1, 2004**



Retiree living was one of Carolyn's dreams always imagined! Carolyn has a special bond in her life, to use the imagination to dream the seemingly impossible dream and to realize it.

Born in Texas, but has lived in Louisiana, Michigan as a child, but return to Michigan as an adult after completing her education in Texas at Prairie View A & M University. Carolyn moved back to Michigan in 1969 and trained/worked as a Medical Assistant for doctor offices until seeking a career change to Blue Cross in 1971. She worked at BCBSM in the MEDICAID Program, FEP/CHAMPUS and Customer Service departments under John Nugent and Alex Bell. After mastering these programs, an opportunity came for volunteer training under Jan Cantelon for benefit training for district office employees. Carolyn traveled all over Michigan (Alpena, Utica, Grand Rapids, Lansing and the snowy Marquette office for 8 weeks. What a wonderful adventure this was!!!

More adventures and career changes opened up for Carolyn in management positions and training at Wayne State University. Some of the management positions were in Special Groups, National Marketing, Control Plan Operations and NASCO Systems Many great and exciting duties occurred during these career functions with new relationships being built with all level of marketing in Michigan and Par Plans throughout the country. Doors opened in management for Carolyn, again based upon her leadership training and quality education that was provided to aid in the successful career left behind in 2004.

Carolyn was married to a nice man for many years and together they had a son, who now is a successful art major from MSU working currently in management at Planet Hollywood's Visitor Bureau in Las Vegas.



Carolyn now has remarried, 13 years. She is happily married to a lawyer, President of his own Immigration Law Office in Detroit; in addition, President of a second business (META Import/Export, Inc.). They have a beautiful daughter, Alexis (7 ½ yrs. old), who attends University of Liggett in Grosse Pointe, Michigan. Carolyn is an active member of the school parent/teachers association. Working on the Board heading the Community Service funding for Per-Kindergarten/1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

She has been blessed with the opportunity to put her family first, so she decided to take an early retirement to put all of her energy into her fun activities (parenting, traveling, shopping)

and seeking her own lead as a female business owner. She has been given a chance to work with a Canadian friend and company who offered to assist her in opening up Aletech, Inc. (for building robotics offered from a U.S. based company).

Carolyn also, when not traveling to ... Florida, Switzerland, Germany, Holland, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Mexico ... is just enjoying retirement and working with the girls in gymnastics, piano, swimming and volunteer work!!