

Barbara Diederichsen - Honorary Member

At the March 23 meeting the club members voted for an honorary membership for Barbara Diederichsen. We all know Barbara as the lady who coordinated the snacks and goodies for our monthly meetings and helped coordinate our annual holiday party and picnic. Last fall as her eyesight was failing, she reluctantly turned those duties over to Marla Wetterling.



Barbara (sitting) talking with Gert Perez at the June 23, 2018 meeting.

Barbara was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She was raised with two sisters and one brother. At age 15 her family moved to San Diego, California. After marriage Barbara was a stay-at-home mom and raised her four children.

She and her husband, Ray, opened a business in 1960. Barbara performed a variety of administrative tasks at the business beginning in 1976 which included bookkeeping and managing the financial side of the business. It was during this time she started collecting stamps from the incoming business mail due to all the beautiful artwork on the stamps. Barbara became aware of the stamp club, but at this time the club was meeting at the university and the location was not easily accessible to her.

Barbara became a member of the stamp club in 1995 when she learned the stamp club was now meeting at the Sparks Heritage Museum. She collected U.S. mint stamps. Barbara was an avid volunteer at the Sparks Heritage Museum for many years. Her other volunteer activities included being part of the Organ Club, a member of the Lord of Mercy Lutheran Church, tended a veggie and flower garden, and still enjoys art and history. She collected thimbles and played bridge four times a week with four different bridge groups. She has enjoyed bowling for many years and her personal best score is a 245. She won quite a few awards.

She and Ray have been married 69 years. She has traveled to Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Mexico, Canada as well as Alaska and Hawaii. Barbara says she will try to make meetings as much as she can.

Note: Some of the family history was obtained when Barbara had a Member Profile article in the Nov. 2014 Post Boy.