

The Villages Woodworkers Club

2025 – 2026 Officers



VALERIE PFUNDSTEIN – PRESIDENT 2025 - 2026

Education

- New York Institute of Technology, M.S. Elementary Education
- St. John's University, B.S. Communication Arts
- St. John's University, M.B.A. Management (incomplete)
- Cornell University, Certificate in Compensation

Professional Background

- *Pfun-omenal* Stories publisher I was author of patriotic children 's books including two co-written with Dr. Ben Carson
- Self-started, single owner company managing marketing, website building, social media presences, sales, and distribution of books
- Teacher The Villages Charter School and Massapequa Public Schools (New York), Kindergarten
- Kidder, Peabody & Company and Chemical Bank (New York), Compensation Specialist and licensed Stockbroker. Manager of \$100M+ exempt bonus pool, as well as non-exempt bonus pool and salary Increases. Licensed: Series 3, 7, 63 in New York State - expired c. 1995

Villages Woodworkers Club (Member since 2020)

- Board of Directors Member

- Sisterhood (founding member)
- Assist trained and untrained members with laser machine as well as special projects needing laser services
- Active member of other woodshop teams including Technology team and Front Desk
- Facebook group creator / administrator
- Certified experience in most aspects of shop including: turning, CNC, laser, epoxy, et al
- Volunteer for various projects including: 2024 Holiday Parade, Meeting Show and Tell, Christmas Party auctioneer, laser services for fellow members

Community Involvement

- Villages Lifestyle Clubs member including pottery, ceramics, glass fusion, and others
- National Federation of Republican Women, Board Member
- Florida Federation of Republican Women, Executive Committee Member
- Lake County Florida Republican Executive Committee, District Committeewoman, Dist. 535
- Maritime College, Parents Association President
- Girl Scout leader and Boy Scout Committee Member
- Deer Park Public Schools, Finance Committee Member
- St. John's University, Student Government Association President

Other Notable Skills include technology savvy (i.e. experience in website building, membership databases, and social media)



**EDWARD DEHART – VICE
PRESIDENT
2025 - 2026**

Request I be considered for position of Vice President of Villages Woodworking Club. Have played an active role in the club over the last 14 years. Have been an instructor, mentor, and BOD member, while enjoying making my own projects. Bring 60+ years of woodworking experience with me.

Edward D DeHart, MSgt USAF Ret.
Graduated Phillipsburg, NJ High School 1964
Outstanding Student Industrial Arts Program
Enlisted U.S. Air Force
1964-1985

Trained as a communications equipment technician and Air Force recruiter. Maintained and installed communications and intelligence equipment throughout the world.

Last assignment was as a recruiting supervisor for Southwestern Connecticut. Supervised 11 recruiters and 6 offices. Responsible for training and managing all aspects of recruiting operations. Retired as Master Sergeant (E 7) with over 20 years of active- duty service.

Active remodeler, adding a 500 square foot addition to my home in Fairfield CT.

Active in church and local organizations while in Connecticut

Served on Church Council, numerous committees, and Communion assistant at Salem Lutheran Church ELCA.

**KERRY BURNHAM – TREASURER
2025 - 2026**

I took a semester of woodshop in 7th grade. I did not touch another lathe or band saw until I joined the VWC. My woodworking during the intervening 60 years consisted of a little bit of whittling and a few projects made of 2x4s and plywood using a skilsaw and a screwdriver.



I graduated from the University of Minnesota with an M.B.A. degree with a focus in accounting. My 40-year accounting career included time in companies of various sizes and industries, ranging from Fortune 100, publicly-traded companies to high-tech, privately-owned companies. I spent the last 25 years of my career in small, privately-owned companies in the positions of controller and chief financial officer. In these positions I was a hands-on supervisor of all financial operations from accounts payable to payroll to banking relations. I have expertise in budgets and analysis, process documentation, and process improvement.

I joined the VWC in March, 2023, with the intent to develop skills in woodworking. To date I have finished my orientations at both shops and completed the shelf project. I have also spent the past three months training with Ed Dietch in the responsibilities and procedures of the club treasurer.

I am favorably impressed with the VWC's excellent leaders and volunteers as well as its facilities and equipment. I anticipate maintaining the highest standards in fulfilling the treasurer's duties, as Ed Dietch has done. I am pleased to offer my financial skills and experience for the benefit of the VWC.

**CINDY BLOECHER - SECRETARY
2025 – 2026**

In 2012 we purchased our home and moved to The Villages in 2014. I have



been a member of The Villages Woodworkers Club for about 5 years. Taking classes and learning a great deal from all the wonderful members. I have tried turning and attended the monthly meetings. Recently I joined the front desk staff and enjoy working with Kathy and all the other members. I have been secretary for my quilt guild chapter for a 2-year term. I am organized and dedicated and feel confident that I could be an asset to the club.

Board of Directors The Villages Woodworkers Club



DAVE GESSNER 2025 - 2028


PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- Global leadership of drug research and manufacturing organizations
- laboratory site build and certification in India, China, Taiwan, Malasia, England, Scotland, Austria, Germany and US
- Owner and managing partner of clinical pharmacogenomics laboratory (RTP, NC)
- Wrote and trained global facilities and equipment standards to meet US and international regulatory and quality standards
- Created and led specialty international logistics systems to ensure pharmaceutical quality and viability
- Faculty and administrative positions at Duke University and the University of North Carolina

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Rotary International (30 years)
- Board member - Triangle Day School (private K- 12), Durham, NC
- Officer and State Delegate - Somers Connecticut Republican Committee

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Habitat for Humanity — Connecticut and North Carolina <p>EDUCATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob Jones University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BA - Business Administration • North Carolina State University, Department of Engineering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MBA - Statistics Analysis and Planning <p>VILLAGES WOODWORKERS CLUB ENGAGEMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer in wood sales and lead efforts while department manager is not in residence • Assist in woodturning classes (Beginning Wood Turning & Tree-to-Bowl) both at Brownwood and Rolling Acres <p>Active interests and projects include bowl tuning, pen turning, epoxy and various flat work (cutting boards, charcuterie, etc.)</p>
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	<p style="text-align: center;">RICHARD MASTERSON 2025 - 2028</p> <p>Work Record:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Intelligence Agency 1971 - 1979. Communications Officer. • Electronic Data Systems. 1984 - 1997. Contract Manager. Phone & Telecommunications. • MCI Systems Corp. 1998 - 2002. Contract Manager. Vendor Contracts • Fidelity Investment Systems. 2002 - 2005. Tele-Communication - - Contracts Manager. • Southside Fire Department. 2006 - 2016. Firefighter - Level I and Level II. • The UPS Store. Franchise owners. 2006 - 2016. <p>Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. Navy 1964 - 1968. Vietnam Veteran • Bachelor Degree Cleveland State University 1980 – <p>TVWC experiences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member since 2016 • Accepted responsibility for New Member certification classes. With the assistance of 18
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- instructors/members we certified 750 new members at Rolling Acres under supervision of Dick Bessler for two years.
- Yellow Badge maintenance since opening of BW shop.
- BW Shop clean up - every Tuesday. Oversee outside vendor work and use of the BW Shop on this day, each week.

Ask and accepted position of BW Tool Crib manager.

CHUCK MURPHY 2023 – 2026



Entrepreneur, Business owner, Score mentor, Woodworker, Woodshop Instructor.

I have started and sold two different businesses during my working career. During this time, I have served on many boards both professionally and in community organizations.

I started a PIP Printing franchise in Cedar Rapids Iowa and grew it in size to be in the top 10% nationally out of 1200 stores. I served on numerous boards in the printing business and owned this business for 25 years.

Later I developed a college entrance exam company, TEST PREP SEMINARS, teaching high school students how to take the ACT and SAT college entrance exams. I did this for 9 years.

I then volunteered for SCORE, a subdivision of the Small Business Administration, for 10 years helping people start new businesses.

I worked for Alcoa Aluminum for two years as an engineer

I have a master's degree in Industrial Engineering from the University of Iowa.

During the Vietnam period I was an Instructor in the Air Force and taught the last two weeks of a 32-week course called AUTOPILOT, the guidance systems on aircraft.

Prior to moving to The Villages in 2018 I had a full woodworking shop at my home for 15 years. Building furniture is my passion followed by artistic wood projects. Even though I spent my life as a businessperson, my lifelong hobby has always been woodworking. Since joining the Villages Woodworkers Club in 2018 I have worked at the front desk for a two-year period and also teach a woodworking class called "How to Build a Picture Frame".



**GARY MUSCH
2023 – 2026**

First, I'd like to express my interest in playing a more active role in our Club. I have found it to be a very worthwhile organization allowing members to continue and/or expand what may have been a hobby, an interest, or even a profession in their prior lives. I, personally have been involved in working with wood although not necessarily woodworking specifically, but have become much more avid due to the opportunities afforded me through exposure to wide ranging tools, techniques, experts, etc. Additionally, the access to equipment I don't own and couldn't house even if I

did own, gives me almost unlimited options in woodworking.

My work life began early when I worked in my father's construction company. My role at first was being the "go-fer", but I eventually co-managed the company and was instrumental in introducing more modern methods of managing the company and expanding the style of home to attract a wider market. I finally struck out on my own and built my company into an \$8M per year business. When the housing market crashed, I was able to keep things going since I had the benefit of being hands-on enough to have certifications in Plumbing and Electrical. These licenses served me well throughout my working life and have come in handy doing volunteer work after retiring and moving to The Villages in 2009. I have done everything associated with building a home, from digging foundations to turn-key possession. I am a Heavy Equipment Operator, Completed Stihl's Chainsaw school in Orlando, Fl.

In 1995, I became an electrician for a large bank. Within a few years, I was promoted to Project

Management Officer. In this role, I did less of the hands-on work, but oversaw all infrastructure projects in their 35-story headquarters building in Cleveland, OH. The largest project was a "restack" which moved and upgraded entire departments to accommodate their growth and new technology or reconfigured workspace to allow for synergy between departments with

whom they shared resources, information and/or systems.

I have had other jobs and experiences: Honda Dealership Owner, volunteer Police Officer, Manufacturing Plant Superintendent for Berkley Small, a Scripts Howard Company, building coin operated vending machines where I oversaw fabrication, welding, painting and final assembly, shipping and receiving.

In my retirement, I have had the opportunity to volunteer in several areas. I worked on 20+ of the 30 homes the Helping Hands ministry of New Covenant UMC provided to families in need. I served as a Trustee at both New Covenant and Wildwood UMC. I served on the committee formed to find property for the Bargains & Blessings thrift shop. I have been involved in ERT (Early Response Team) which provides recovery services for victims of natural disaster. I am now a Leader in that ministry and am a certified Trainer for new members. I've participated with Bob Thompson and Pete Nichols in special projects undertaken by the Woodworkers Club. I also built over 25 countertops for Lake Deaton Church and helped cut and build cabinet components.

My hobbies (other than woodworking) are gardening, canning, fishing, and enjoying the company of good friends.

MIKE NIESEN
2023 - 2026

Professional Accomplishments:



Member of the management team that developed a professional 3 year apprenticeship program for Heidelberg Eastern

Avoided Union organization of Heidelberg USA Service Dept. in 2005.

Fought the organization efforts of the IAM in all 10 Heidelberg regions.

Wrote new job descriptions o
Implemented yearly performance review process o
Held regional management responsible for actions o
Developed a serviceman's grading system

Member of the NPES Committee for Graphic Arts Safety Standards o
Expert member of ISO/TC 130 WG 5 which wrote the ISO standard 12643 o
Member of the ANSI safety committee that wrote B65.1

Corporate Witness for all Product cases of Heidelberg USA o
I have been deposed over 30 times in various states, for both products cases and performance issues

Developed a training curriculum for all Heidelberg USA field service employees

Negotiated Union contracts for our East Region for the last 4 contracts

Project managed the largest sheet fed press installation in the IJS, 12 printing units, 3 coating units, 2 drying unit.

Complete technical responsibility for Graph Expo and PRINT show since 1995, including largest single booth

trade show, PRINT 2001- 120,000 sf, 112 trailers of equipment, 120 technicians, equipment all installed within 18 days.

Developed a second level support group to include a "hot line" customer service group.

Guest speaker at the annual Field Service Conference for the last 3 years. Topics include, Heidelberg Apprenticeship program, Implementation of our escalation policy / program and "Hot line" and remote support.

Employment History:

1979- 1985

Joined Heidelberg Eastern service department in Atlanta Ga. Performed new press installations for the SM 102 -72 products, S-line. Technical service including mechanical and print related registration issues in the Southeastern Region,

Mechanical lead technician. Performed field repairs on most all sheet-fed products sold at the time. Extensive experience on the SM perfecter. Became electrically proficient in the contactor and relay machines.

1985 - 1995

Regional Service Manager for the South located in Atlanta Ga. Management responsibility for 60 field service reps and 5 service coordinators. Involved with the Apprenticeship Development program. Part of the regional

management team in the South. Developed the pre-installation program still in effect today. Integrated web service for the Heidelberg Web division into the Regional Service office in 1989. First Heidelberg web installed at Geographic in Atlanta.

1995 – Present

Vice President of Technical Support for Heidelberg LISA. Overall technical responsibility for all sheet fed & post press products. Developed a training program for the field service force. Product escalation to all Heidelberg factories via Research and Development. Responsible for collections for product performance and technical issues. Dotted line reporting responsibility to the service coordination group including hot line support, customer service, and billing.



**WILLIAM NORTON
2025 - 2028**

Graduated University of Michigan with honors 1989 with a degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. Post graduation training in the subspecialties of Oral Surgery, Endodontics and Orthodontics. Practiced 32 years with Great Lakes Family Dental Group in Michigan at multiple locations. Retired late 2020

Woodworking - I've been woodworking mainly at the Brownwood shop since it's opening. Built a custom closet system with library ladder for my master closet, designed and built a 250 lbs, 9 ft x 4 1/2 ft bloodwood, sapele and maple cross for my church narthex.

I've fabricated numerous segmented bowls and pens on the lathes.

I've been yellow and blue badge mainly at Brownwood. I've worked in the Lumber room at Brownwood since 2023. I've currently been and designing golf cart fabrication for the Polar Express Christmas train

**OPEN BOARD SEAT
2023 - 2025**

**JOHN K. SCOTT
2025 – 2028**



First took woodshop in junior high school. Worked on a couple of dairy farms where we worked with wood plenty of times, built and repaired hay wagons, made shelves in the shop etc. All of this was working with wood but not real fine furniture like stuff.

When we bought our first home, 1971, I made several pieces of furniture for it, kitchen table, end tables, bedroom dresser etc. Each piece got a little better in quality of workmanship. Also got a small wood lathe and turned some candle holders and table lamps. Begin to acquire equipment for the shop at the same time.

In 1978 bought some land in VT and began building a log home. I hired a contractor to rough it in so we could move in, then I did the finish work on the inside. Laid down the hardwood flooring, put up the interior walls, hung the doors and made the windows etc.

In the early 80s I took a 3-day wood turning course. By this time, I had a pretty well-equipped shop and began to turn bowls and salt and pepper shakers etc. and sold a few at a couple of craft shops in VT.

When we moved to Florida and after seeing the Villages Woodshop I sold all the contents of my shop knowing the VWC would more than meet my needs.

For the past three years, John has been President of the club and is a valuable member of the VWC IT staff.



JOE CUNNINGHAM 2024 – 2027

I would be happy to serve on the TV Woodshop's board of directors. I am very interested in continuing volunteering to help the members and club succeed.

Qualifications:

- Developed course and instructor for BW monitor training
- New member shop training, sides A and B
- Mentor for 20+ shelf projects
- Blue badge qualified
- Yellow badge qualified and duty monthly
- Woodworker for almost 50 years o Have built all types of furniture, kayaks, guitars, dog sled, bowls, carvings, etc.
- Taught high school woodworking
- College professor and dept. chair for mechanical engineering technology • Industrial engineer
- Graduate degree in education, BS in industrial engineering and AS in

electrical engineering technology •
Past commodore for 140 member
yacht club

Past member on advisory boards for state
technology education, college and high
schools



ROBERT LEBKUECHER
2024 - 2027

EXPERIENCE

US Navy - Retired (8 Years, 9 Month
Active - 12 Years Reserves) BOILER
TECHNICIAN

ACTIVE DUTY — I was stationed on two
ships and qualified for all levels of Boiler
Operation as quickly as possible up to and
including Top Watch which is responsible
for all the personnel on watch as well and
the boiler operations.

After about 6 months on my second ship, I
was assigned as Space Supervisor for the
Aft Boiler Room. I had 20 people working
for me and I was also responsible for
making sure both boilers and machinery
were in top working condition.

In port I was responsible for all the
personnel for one of 6 in-port duty
sections. Some of the responsibilities were
assigning everyone a watch station. If we
needed to operate a boiler in port, I was
so responsible for the proper water quality
in the boiler.

During refueling I would assist the Oil
Kings by running the refueling of the
tanks, ensuring each tank was filled in the
correct order to keep the ship level as well
and ensuring personnel were sounding the
tanks they were being filled.

My last assignment on my second ship was
to develop the budget and supplies needed
for the Boiler Rooms for an overhaul the

ship was going into after I rotated off the ship.

My last active-duty assignment was 3 years as an instructor teaching Automatic Boiler Instrumentation.

RESERVES -

As a 1st Class Petty Officer, I was responsible for Training other enlisted personnel during drill weekends. As a Chief Petty Officer (E7) I was responsible for the management of the enlisted personnel as well as training Junior Officers. I was responsible for performing annual evaluations on enlisted personnel.

During annual active-duty assignments, I was responsible for the enlisted personnel on the same assignment. I would work with the appropriate active-duty personnel to ensure the reservist all had appropriate work assignments and resolve any issues they may have.

Post Navy Active Duty
Quality Control Inspector

NUCLEAR QUALITY CONTROL INSPECTOR -
In the early years I was Level II Inspector. I did Welding Inspection, Receipt Inspection and Vendor Shop Inspection. I was certified per National Code requirements. I did updates to site procedures as needed and trained new employees.

My last 5 years I was a Level III Receipt Inspection and Vendor Shop Inspection. In addition to performing inspections. I was responsible for the training and certifying personnel. I would also help the personnel under me with understanding the codes and procedures we worked with.

I was responsible for knowing and understanding all the federal codes and site procedure related to receipt and vendor ship inspections. I worked directly with the Engineers to ensure they were properly following the federal codes and site procedures.

NUCLEAR INDUSTRY FEEDBACK COORDINATOR - Reviewed situations that occurred throughout the nuclear industry throughout the world. Situations that occurred in the nuclear industry were distributed to the appropriate departments for review and action as necessary. Based on the actions taken I prepared responses to the NRC. Also worked as a liaison for the company to assist NRC inspectors in performing inspections of the plant. Developed an automated process for receiving and tracking the issues.

IT Work

NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR —Responsible for all aspects of user and server administration of Windows and Novell servers, including but not limited to troubleshooting hardware and software problems, user administration, printer setup, installing service packs, patches and upgrades, server backups and configuration changes in an Ethernet environment. Provide server support and technical assistance for desktop technicians.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

CUB MASTER - 3 years

SCOUT MASTER - 5 years

Our Troop was known for having a large amount of Scout earn the Rank of Eagle. We tracked the progress of every scout to make sure there were always opportunities perform the activities needed for earning the merit badges they were working on.

We also had regular talks with each Scout to help coach them and discuss their progress.

GOLD ANGELS PRECISION
MOTORCYCLE DRILL TEAM - TEAM
CAPTAIN - 5 years

I would lead the practices and performances.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

1973 U.S. Navy Boiler Technician "A"
School

1978 U.S. Navy Instructor Training School

1984 U.S. Navy Leadership Management
Education and Training School

1991 U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer
Selectee Leadership Course