Judi Higbee

I was born in Detroit, Michigan and grew up on a farm near Cheboygan. I graduated from Central Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology and minors in music, business and geography. I served for a year with the American Red Cross in South Vietnam in 1969 as a Recreation Aide/Donut Dolly, working directly with GIs stationed there.

During 30 years as a medical transcriptionist, I moved several times with husbands to Georgia, South Carolina, Virginia, Illinois, Michigan, Texas and Miami, Florida. I was very active in the American Association for Medical Transcription, was Treasurer of the Florida state component for five years, and earned the Fellow of AAMT designation.

John and I have been married for 29 years. He had eight children from two previous marriages and we now have thirteen grandchildren, most live in Michigan. We retired to The Villages in 2010 and have been blessed to be able to follow our dreams of traveling the world - over 75 trips to over 125 countries and 50 other destinations. Looking forward to seeing those last few places on our bucket list!

Music is my talent. I love ringing handbells and singing in choirs at New Covenant UMC, Village Ringers, Village Voices, Pops Chorus, and a little musical theater now and then.

After a Donut Dollies reunion in 2019, I met Laura McLaughlin and we became friends. When friend Laura needed help staffing the Adopt-A-Precinct fundraising project, friend Judi offered her services and volunteered husband John as well. Shortly thereafter, Hometown Civitan Club gained a new member. I have found my retirement niche that uses my secretarial skills helping this wonderful group of civic-minded and charitable women.