

## Bio for Ron Drozd

Ron grew up in Elmhurst, IL, attended Northwestern and Northern Illinois Universities, and began a 21 year teaching/coaching career at the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools and finishing at Hanover College. He also had a second career as an intelligence analyst for the Army Reserves that lasted 29 ½ years and he retired as a Master Sergeant on April 3, 2009. Another part-time career was a soccer referee which he did for 26 years.

Ron and Penny (wife) have been married 28 years. For 17 of those years they lived full-time in an RV and travelled the US working about 6 months then playing for 6 until the need to go to work arose. They RVed in 49 states, 1 more than Ron has motorcycled in, and lived in Dayton, OH before moving to The Villages. Ron section-hiked the Appalachian Trail and completed the hike in July 2016.

Ron and Penny enjoy ballroom dancing, continue to RV, are ushers at New Covenant United Methodist, and live in Polo Ridge. He enjoys reading non-fiction, bicycling around 4K miles per year, swims regularly, favors big band and 50s & 60s music, walks Willie at least an hour a day, and enjoys home maintenance to the level that his knowledge allows.