

## Member Spotlights

### Dorothy Stoffet

My love of gardening started when I was about 4 years old. My mother took me to the garden and asked if I could tell the difference between several plants. I could and was told to pull every plant but one. I was weeding! My parents went to work in the fields and when they came back, I was still in the garden weeding. Happy but burnt. They never expected me to stay there. Today, I have a vegetable garden and about 8 flower beds. I feed my family, friends, neighbors, and the food pantry.



Another passion is traveling. My husband Wayne and I have traveled internationally to 41 countries. We enjoy seeing the culture of the countries and come back very happy to be living in the United States. Our next trip is at the end of December 2013 to the Antarctica. We will then have traveled to all nine continents. We have visited every state with our children Sherry, LuAnn, Jason, grandparents, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc. Our love of traveling has transferred to the children! But not all of them like to garden.

Since my husband Wayne is very involved in the game of soccer locally and in eastern Wisconsin, I too am involved. For the last eleven years, we have run a week end soccer program for specially challenged children. We do this during the school year and involve our local Key club members as buddies for the special needs children. A very satisfying activity.

My last activity is my commitment to the Communication Committee and the challenge of learning the new website. I update the lists and calendar plus proof the newsletter. I am also one of four people sending out the membership mailings. My background was working at AAL (now Thrivent) managing a computer based unit. One last tidbit about me is that I took a tailoring class years ago. So today, I will replace zippers, alter clothes, etc. for family and friends. You might also see me volunteering at the Performing Arts Center in Appleton.