



## **Lori Dekker**

Lori has been a member of the Prescott Frontier Rotary since 2015 when she relocated to Arizona from Southern California. Her late husband and father were both long time Rotarians in the San Diego area.

Growing up in Los Angeles County, Lori's father was an instructor then administrator in several Jr. Colleges, now Community Colleges. Her mother was an elementary school teacher. Lori and a younger brother attended Cerritos Jr College before moving on to State Colleges.

Growing up in a home whose business is teaching gives one the notion that a decent education can solve many ails. Since medicine was somewhat more novel to Lori than teaching, but still an educator at heart, she became a school nurse in very a diverse San Diego County. Working in Indian Reservations, inner cities, rural backcountry districts and wealthy suburban neighborhoods can give one a unique perspective on the difficulties and pathways to a post-secondary education. Understanding that every individual should have an opportunity to rise to his or her full potential despite, financial or personal difficulties, motivates Lori to participate in this vocational program.

Not surprisingly, Lori's son Nick is a Teach for America teacher in Memphis Tennessee. Her stepson Matt is completing his PhD in public health at the University of Washington.