

## Barb and John Burkhardt - 2014

Barb and John Burkhardt have been married 42 years. Barb was born and grew up in Hicksville, NY and John was born and grew up in Lafayette IN. Barb has been in Indiana since she came to school at Indiana State in 1967 and John moved to Indy when he graduated from Purdue and then returned after 2 years in the Marines. Barb works at UINDY as adjunct faculty teaching one biology class per semester. John works in client relations for AgileAssets, a transportation software company out of Austin TX. They say that they both failed Retirement V1.0. Barb has been retired (first time around) from Zionsville High School for 4 years and John has been retired for 5 years from INDOT. John enjoyed almost 3 years of retirement before going back to work. And Barb had one summer off (and each summer since) before she went back to work. They are still both hoping to find out what it is like to take a fall vacation. Barb's interests include gardening, reading and traveling. John also enjoys traveling and reading and is also involved with Habitat for Humanity and church organization. They have been members of CI for about 2 years. They have also been members of Circle City Corvette Club. John first got interested in Vettes as a teenager when they used to drag race in front of his house and he has wanted one ever since. But it took about 40 years before he actually got one. He visited CCCC and was befriended by Greg and Donna. Through their guidance he bought his first one - a red '84. Currently Barb and John own a 1999 Torch Red Coupe. Rich and Suzanne Bellville now own the red '84. The things that they like about CI are the nice people and the short business meetings (at least they were before CI got so big.) Their favorite CI activities include special outings like Main Event and Saturday road trips. The story John shared involved how they came to buy the '84. An acquaintance was selling it and John and Barb went to his house outside Franklin after work on a Friday evening to take a look. Barb picked John up and as they headed to see the Vette she wondered - to John - why he wanted to consider it right then and not wait till he retired. (Clearly Barb is the sensible one - at least sometimes). But they went anyway. When they arrived Barb saw the car being washed in the driveway and said "Wow!" Subsequently, they visited a car show to get opinions on age and price and they bought it the next week.

