

TRICON MEMBERSHIP

Let's Get To Know Each Other Better!



JOAN ROSAZZA

Joan and her three brothers were born and raised in Torrington, CT. Sports were always part of Joan's life, though there were few organized sports available for girls.

A woman who had swum in the Olympics in the 1920's started a swim team for girls in Torrington and five years later Joan became a top level swimmer in the USA. Joan went to Purdue where the men's coach coached a team of women. They weren't officially part of Purdue, but were allowed to use their pool. Joan qualified for the 1956 Melbourne Olympics and earned a silver medal for the 400 yd. free relay and a 4th in the 100 free. Participating in the opening ceremony is her favorite Olympic memory.

Joan began her Physical Ed teaching career in IL. She later earned a Masters degree in counseling psychology at Boston College and for 34 years taught PE and coached in Winchester.

Joan met her wife, Claire Wilcox, on a tennis court in Watertown, CT 50 years ago. Claire won the game! They married in 2004.

One of the best decisions Joan and Claire ever made was to adopt two infant girls from China. Being a parent has been the hardest and the best thing Joan has ever done. Once their daughters started school, Joan tutored math part-time for ten years at CCHS.

Joan and Claire found TriCon when they were looking for a church that would accept and honor their family as it honors all families. It has been a blessing on their spiritual journey.

Joan fully retired 6 years ago and loves it! She exercises, does number puzzles, spends time on the Cape, does some volunteering and just chills.