

# Duane DePaepe

Since moving to the Village of Oak Creek seven years ago to enjoy retirement, I have been active in a variety of community affairs. I have just completed three terms on the City of Sedona Parks and Recreation Commission, having served as the Vice Chair and then the Chair. During this period I have also served as a councilor with the Arizona Attorney General Sedona Satellite Office documenting consumer fraud and civil rights abuses in our area. Concurrent with these activities I have also volunteered as a Interpretive Naturalist at nearby Red Rock State Park.

Originally I was from Indiana, but have since moved to several other locations throughout my career. While living in Indiana I received a BA degree from Indiana University and a Master's Degree from Valparaiso University. And I also have taken post graduate work from Colorado State University and the University of Missouri. My career has included positions in private industry, academia, and state and federal government. My main career focus has been in Environmental Analysis and Project Management where I was employed by a major environmental/engineering consulting firm in the Midwest, followed by 25 years with the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior. In addition, I served as an environmental consultant to a seven nation Central American commission in Guatemala, and later for the federal government in Bolivia.

My wife Marie and I have enjoyed living in the Village of Oak Creek with the incredible natural surroundings and relaxed life style. We also deeply appreciate the quality of life in our village, thanks in great part because of the wise administration of the Village of Oakcreek Association. So I feel the need to pay back the efforts of so many others by serving on the VOCA Board of Directors. What I would like to contribute is to enhance a greater sense of community identity among VOCA homeowners. And I would like to have every homeowner experience a very real benefit from our association. As always, this is a time of transition for the association and I would like to use my management skills and experiences to move our association into a fresh and dynamic future.