



## *MEET THE MEMBERS*

### **JACK & DEBBY HOWARD**

The saga of Jack and Debby began in Marshalltown, Iowa many years ago. We grew up there, went to school there and were married there. We will be celebrating 40 years of wedded bliss this coming June.

After we were married we moved around Iowa living in Newton, Des Moines and Davenport before settling down in Cedar Rapids. It was here that we started our family. Our first born was a daughter and a son ten years later. Our daughter and son in-law still live and work in Cedar Rapids. They blessed us with our only grandchild, a daughter who is now 7 years old. It nice to relive childhood moments again through her many activities and as other grandparents will attest when it comes to your grandchildren you do lose the word "no" from your vocabulary. Our son lives and works in Madison and is no where close to marriage at this time. He did provide me with the job code of "Soccer Mom" as he has been playing soccer for 17 years. We are truly proud of the accomplishments that are two children have achieved.

Jack has been in the restaurant business since college and his current job as a Franchise Consultant brought us to Madison 17 years ago. I have been working as a claim analyst for insurance since the moving to Madison.



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After the kids were gone from home we decided in 2002 to invest in something fun like a Corvette. What better way to regain the youthful feeling. But the real reason was that I wanted to keep up my two sisters who owned corvettes. Our first purchase after months of looking was a 1986 Black Coupe that had only 33,000 miles from a private owner in Janesville. In the spring of 2003 we attended Brian and Barb Newlun's "Corvettes on the Isthmus. It was during the Friday night run that we met Frank Weitzel at a Middleton restaurant. We were dining by ourselves and Frank being the "bashful guy" that he is came by our table striking up a conversation about the virtues of belonging to the Mad City Vettes car club, so the next morning we went back to the celebration and promptly joined. The salesmanship provided by Frank to join has been one of the best decisions that I have ever made. It ranks right up there with asking Jack to marry me and starting a family.

After a couple of years going on club events I made the decision that we needed a more comfortable ride so we bought a 2003 Black Convertible.

Jack and I have enjoyed our membership with the club as it has provided us with a new circle of great friends and fun activities. We are looking forward to many years to come with our "Corvette Friends".