

DONNA BARE

Donna has been working in Financial Services as a Financial Specialist 3 since February 6, 2006. Prior to campus employment, she helped “bring home the bacon” in various capacities. While her children were in school, she worked at the school as a custodian, which allowed her to adapt her schedule to fit that of her children. She later turned her sights back on completing her education, enrolling in MATC and earning a degree in Applied Science (Dietetics).

She has worked in long-term care environments, and as supervisor of kitchen staff and doing clinical nutritional assessments in nursing homes. At one point, she was employed with EDS as a unit lead, processing paperwork and entering eligibility for the eldercare Medicare program. Her employment background includes a pharmacy in Madison, where she worked until it eventually shut its doors. Now that she is at UWW, she also picks up part-time work for Weight Watchers, which allows her the opportunity to utilize her education and skills as a nutritionist.

Donna and her husband, Rob, live in Fort Atkinson with their two nine-year-old miniature Schnauzers, Benton and Hannah. Rob is a plumber at Bohmann Plumbing in Brookfield. They have two daughters. Abby, their oldest, is married and lives in Madison. She works for Virchow Krause. Her husband, Heath, works for the Army, The Madison Club, and is in the Army National Guard. Younger daughter, Kacie, is a meteorologist at Weather Central and also lives in Madison. Her husband, Austin, works for TDS Metrocom.

When Donna is not busy with one of her jobs, she likes to work out. Fitness and nutrition are important to her and she enjoys helping the people who come to Weight Watchers. Health and wellness are a priority in her life. She tries to take good care of herself and steadfastly draws the line when faced with a steady barrage of food that is brought into the office. Her strong resolve helps her maintain her wellness code. When she is not working out, she likes to knit and to read novels. At the moment, she is eagerly looking forward to a vacation in Texas in March.

The bulk of Donna’s job involves posting awards for federal grants. She works with Peachtree billings, expense transfers, budget transfers, and processing travel reports. She likes what she is doing and notes that past experience has helped her in this job. What she likes most about her job at Whitewater is that it is located close to home and she enjoys working with the professors and reading about the research in which some of them are involved.

Regarding UW-W – “it’s like being home”, she says. She grew up in Fort Atkinson and remembers Old Main and when it burned down. Some of her family members attended UWW and she, herself, took classes here. There are a lot of fond memories for her here.

When asked about the many changes that have occurred on campus over the past few years, Donna points out that many things have been happening at the same time and that can be a drain on the students, as well as the employees. She says, a little sadly, that she feels badly for the students who spent their entire college career here with continual construction. It would have been nice to have a little break in between projects. But...life goes on.