



Spotlight on the District

Barbara Morgan Procurement Analyst, Contracting Division

Story by Mark Kane

Barb Morgan is steadily moving towards her last days with the Rock Island District, but she has anything other than a short-timer's attitude.

Morgan started with the District in 1976, in Programs and Project Management. She initially began working with the Corps because of her first-hand knowledge of the government through her husband, Jim Morgan, former lockmaster (retired June 2, 1996), Locks and Dam 15.

She transferred to Contracting in 1984, where she has been working as a procurement analyst ever since. Morgan's duties entail writing reports and keeping up-to-date on regulations, as well as working as the division's alternate-systems analyst and credit-card coordinator.

Although Morgan started working with the District because of her husband, now she has many other reasons why she likes her job, and those reasons are truly personal.

"I like dealing with people and most of them are pretty nice," said Morgan. "I like the feeling of being a part of a family. Everyone seems to care about everyone

else. There were two incidents in our lives in which this has been very apparent.

"In 1977 our house caught fire and the Corps family was great to us," said Morgan. "And last summer my mother passed away and the support I received was just wonderful."

In 1991, Morgan went above and beyond and began working with NISH, a

to coordinate the contracts and the cost proposals.

"People that might otherwise be unemployed and on welfare have jobs and are developing marketable skills for themselves that could possibly help to get them a job in the private industry," said Morgan. "It's overwhelming to see the accomplishments and strides that some of them have made."

The North Central Region NISH office not only noticed the accomplishments of the workers, but also noticed the District force that helped to make it all happen. The non-profit organization recently awarded their President's Award to Morgan in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the employment of people with severe disabilities in their regional program.

"I was so surprised to receive the award," said Morgan. "I feel great because I'm such a believer in the program."

Morgan enjoys reading, traveling and spending time with her family. She and her husband, Jim, live in Andalusia, Ill. They have two daughters, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandson who's three-months-old.

She and her husband have traveled to Alaska and more recently to Tahiti. They both have plans to travel much more and specifically, "... get out of the cold weather in the winter," once Morgan retires.

Her advice to anyone reading this article is for people to, "Enjoy life to the fullest. You never know what lies ahead."

Morgan is scheduled to retire from the Corps on Oct. 1. 🇺🇸

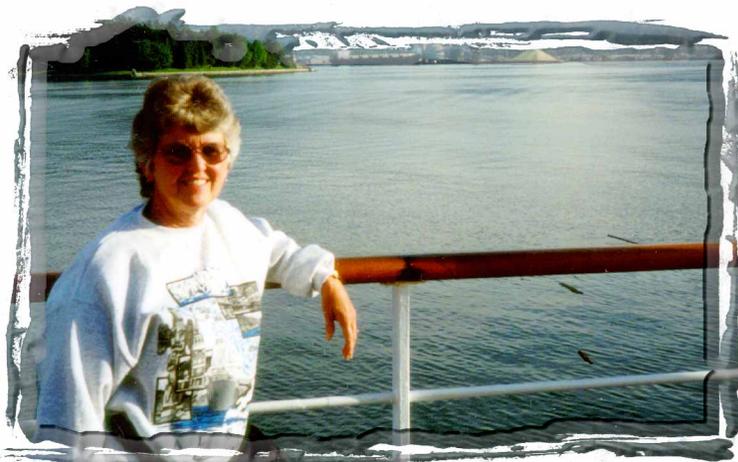


Photo by Jim Morgan
Barb Morgan poses for a keepsake photo during her and her husband's cruise to Alaska in May 2000.

non-profit organization that creates employment opportunities for people with severe disabilities. The collateral duty enabled her to coordinate with the North Central Region NISH office to get individuals to work in the District's mail room and in janitorial services. Morgan helped

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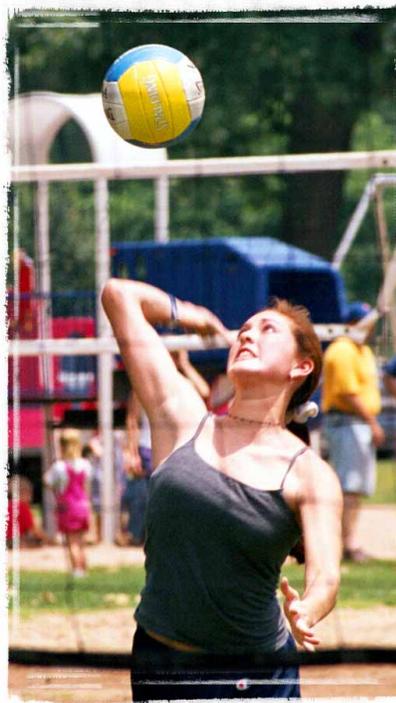
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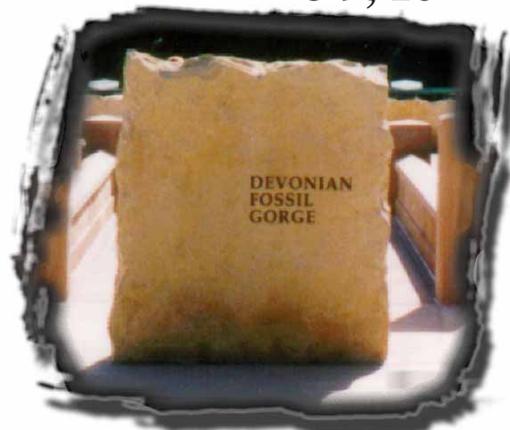
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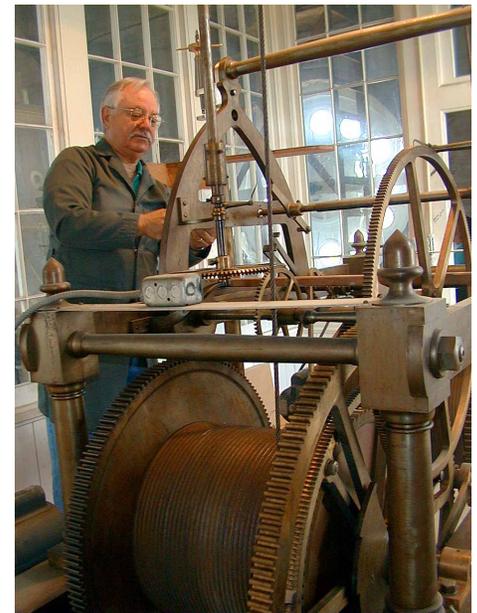
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Horologist, George Georgiadis, Unique Jewelry, repairs the Clock Tower's 1867 Hotchkiss clock.

The clock has been undergoing repairs and improvements, and all four clock faces should be running soon.

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