

## North Star Yacht Club: The Company We Keep Meet Debbie & Keith Kramer



Debbie and Keith Kramer's visit to Southwest Florida to watch their nephew play hockey led them to their new home at North Star Yacht Club.

## From rink side to water side...

For Debbie Kramer, the last minute decision to stash a North Star Yacht Club newspaper advertisement into her travel folder had life changing results. It was late 2009, and Debbie and her husband Keith were packing to visit Florida to watch their nephew play hockey at Germain Arena near Fort Myers. Little did the Wisconsin natives suspect that this trip would lead to the purchase of their home at North Star Yacht Club.

"We were about five or six years away from making such a momentous decision," explains Debbie. "We knew we wanted to spend part of the year in Florida at some point, but we had no idea where – we were not familiar with Southwest Florida."

On a whim, Debbie and Keith decided to take a drive and explore North Star Yacht Club – they were absolutely delighted.

"All we could say was, 'How lovely and amazing is this?'" exclaimed Debbie. "The property, the views, the finishes, every detail was just incredible."

While they like the beach, the most attractive draw for the Kramers was downtown Fort Myers. They were excited about the proximity to all that the City has to offer, and the combination of positive attributes inspired a second visit in January 2010. By February they closed via email and fax on the Capricorn condominium they now call home.

"The staff at North Star Yacht Club made everything so easy for us," says Debbie. "From expediting the paperwork to answering every question, they were amazing."

Even after closing, the staff was right on board to help everything go smoothly.

"I completely outfitted the kitchen and three of the rooms through the Internet," said Debbie. "In our absence, Michelle and the team would bring deliveries in for us – they really took care of us."

With their Florida home ready and waiting, the Kramers packed up their two cars and two cats and came down for their first Southwest Florida winter.

Both Keith and Debbie have the flexibility to work remotely, so they plan to split the year evenly between their two homes. "We just love it here!" exclaims Debbie. "We especially love the pool, fitness center and putting green. And we walk everywhere – along the marina and all over downtown Fort Myers where we enjoy Art Fest, the lovely courtyards and all the downtown amenities."

From the social standpoint, the Kramers are excited about the North Star community, meeting new friends at the Tuesday cocktail hours and sharing tips on where to eat and where to shop.

"There's a great group of people here," concludes Debbie. "We love watching the community grow and being a part of it."

The Company We Keep is an ongoing series highlighting our residents. As our condominium community begins to grow and thrive, we are delighted to get to know the unique, diverse and interesting people who live at North Star Yacht Club in North Fort Myers, Florida.