

## **Doreen Walters**

### **Becomers Mystery Person of the week - November 19, 2006**

Born in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Lived with mother and grandmother who fed me a lot!

Spoke Italian before English.

Attended historic Park Street Church in Boston.

Graduated from the State College at Boston with a B.S. in Elementary Education

Taught kindergarten before moving to Honolulu, where my first child, Michael, was born.

Also lived in Alexandria, Va., Clementon, N.J., and Manchester, CT where second child, Kristi, was born.

Have substitute-taught at various grade levels, both in CT and CA. Taught preschool and was the director of KinderCare in CT. Worked in accounting both in CT and CA.

Attended Fullerton College, Cypress College and Cal State Long Beach, where I cleared my CA teaching credential in 2005.

Met Derek, a confirmed bachelor, in 1994 in Singles at the Crystal Cathedral. We were married on June 7, 1998.

Taught kindergarten for 5 years at St. Timothy Lutheran School in Lakewood and 1 year at Cerritos Presbyterian School in Artesia.

Am presently teaching part-time in grades K - 4 back at St. Timothy!

My two grown children live in CT. My son is married to Beth and they are both musicians. I share Derek's granddaughter, Breann, who is 2 years old and lives in Las Vegas, NV.

I am a charter member of the Crystal Squares, a square-dance group. I am a member of a Red Hat group, the Classy Lassies. I practice tai chi and rollerblade. While dating, Derek and I started attending different 24 Hr. Fitness Clubs and had a newspaper article written about us in the Orange County Register. At that time we had worked out at 19 clubs, now it's 75.

I enjoy dancing, reading and doing Suduko. At CC, I have volunteered as a Core Ambassador and greeted both at the Glories of Christmas and Easter and at the Visitor Center. I have been in leadership in Singles, have worked with the children in Sunday School, Confident Kids, and Team Kids, am an Elder, and am on the Social Committee at Becomers and volunteer at the Care and Kindness Conferences.