



# SUNSHINE

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## GLORIA REED

Gloria Reed joined Sun Tours in the operations department in September, 2006. She is now our Director of Operations and does our printing layout as well.

Gloria was born in Washington, D. C., grew up in Summit New Jersey, majored in theater at Cornell College in Iowa, started a family, and then moved to Albuquerque when her daughters, Traycee & Katie, were 5 and 2.

In Albuquerque Gloria was very involved in her daughters' activities while she started work in the printing business as a typesetter. She worked her way up the ladder at Business Graphics becoming Production Supervisor for the desktop publishing department.

In 2005 Gloria moved to Houston to be near her grown daughters and their families, but she missed New Mexico's weather, mountains, and open sky and moved back.



As Director of the Operations department, Gloria works with people all around the country in arranging the many details of the tours. "I enjoy learning more about our country as I set up our trips. But the highlight of my job so far was when I escorted a group on a Tahiti cruise," said Gloria. "I also enjoy doing the layout for the Sun Tours catalogs which keeps my desktop publishing skills sharp."

"My goal is to see that each tour goes out smoothly with each passenger enjoying a seamless experience. It is very satisfying to read the evaluations and see how much our clients enjoy the tours."

Gloria also works very closely with the Sun Tours tour directors and is very impressed with their dedication to our clients. All of us at Sun Tours appreciate Gloria's dedication to her work and our clients as well.

## KARL'S KORNER

It's 2010, can you believe it? Do you remember when 1984 seemed far off in the future? The future is here and how things have changed. Our children and grandchildren will inherit a world full of challenges and opportunities.

Meanwhile we can take pride in what we have accomplished and make the best of our circumstances. There is joy in family and friends and nature. There is pleasure in activity, in being productive, in learning, in helping others, in making the most of the time we have. Travel is one piece of the pleasure puzzle. Resolve that this year you will travel to that place where you always wanted to go. No more excuses.

While my daughters are still living at home I want to be there for them as much as possible. So I only get to take out a tour now and then. But I still have fun planning all the tours and cruises and that brings back so many good memories.

I talked with a Greek tour operator and a Greek cruise line while working out the details of our Greek Islands Cruise plus Greece trip (pages 52-53). I almost felt like I was in Greece again with the friendly Greek people whom I had met when I spent three weeks in Greece in my youth.

It's the same for the USA and Canada tours that I worked on for this catalog. I relived the excitement of seeing the beauty and meeting the wonderful people when I scouted the areas or led groups there. This is the pleasure of travel which lasts forever.

Happy Trails,

*Karl*



*Ruth, Virginia, & Joan in Venice on the Rialto Bridge.*

– Photo courtesy of Karen Brown