

Bio for Carrie Woodson

Carrie was born and raised in Tulsa Oklahoma. On a visit with a friend who was attending Fort Lewis College, she found her true home town and moved to Durango at the age of 17. "I just knew this was the place I needed to be". She met her husband Larry on the top of Molas Pass through mutual friends and they were married April 1st 1978. They have 2 wonderful children, Rusty and Pepper, who were both raised in Durango. Both left Durango after high school, Pepper for college and Rusty to peruse his dreams, but both realized that Durango was the best place to live and thankfully, returned to raise their families. Carrie and Larry are now the proud grandparents of 3 wonderful boys: Tye, Keaton and Bodhi. Time not spent at work is happily taken up with the boys. Carrie and Larry have been part of the Big Brothers and Big Sister program of La Plata County. Their last "Little" sister is now in college and they still spend time together (usually doing difficult college level homework) and just enjoying each-others company. They have a boat, "Mellow Yellow", and enjoy spending time together on the lake. They also have a large group of friends who met in Durango in the late 70's; many who have moved away and a few who still live here. Every few years they have a clan reunion of around 100 "Grateful Friends"; it is such a joy to have so many long-time friends.

Carrie is a graduate of the Leadership La Plata class of 2007-2008, the best class ever! Her commitment to community service started early as the organizer of the Durango Area Association of Realtors' "Paint-a-thon". This program helped the elderly of our community by providing paint and up-keep of their homes. Carrie and Larry raised their kids here, their grandsons are being raised here, and they know how tough it can be to make ends meet in the area; families need all the support they can get! Carrie currently is showing her community involvement by being a member of the Durango Area Kiwanis, she feels giving back to the community is a very important part of living in Durango.

Carrie began her career doing a variety of jobs in Durango, including day care while working nights at The Huck Finn Store when the kids were small. Working as a property manager got her involved in various aspects of real estate, including being a Realtor from 1989 to 1996. In 1996 she joined the La Plata County Assessor's Office as a staff appraiser. In the first 5 years she went from a new Appraiser to Chief Appraiser, her current position, and earned a Certified General Appraisal License. "It has been my honor to serve the citizens of La Plata County. It is a wonderful thing when I can help a tax payer through a difficult process or explain what we do, how we do it and why, so that the public understands fully how their property taxes are assessed." "I am fortunate to have gotten to meet some of the nicest people and visited some of the most beautiful areas of our County in my position as an Appraiser for La Plata County."

Watch for big things from Carrie, she still has big things to accomplish for this community. She is running for La Plata County Assessor in 2018!