

UNITED WAY OF NEVADA COUNTY 2018/2018 BOARD MEMBER PROFILES

Diana Bare



I was born, raised, educated, married and started my career in the SF Bay Area. After graduating from Cal Berkeley I started my career as a software engineer with Hewlett-Packard in 1978. My husband and I were part of the first engineering group to move from Cupertino to the new HP Roseville site in 1980. First we lived in Loomis, then moved to Auburn where we lived for 25 years, raising our 2 sons while pursuing our careers with Hewlett-Packard. After a long career in engineering management with HP, I accepted an early retirement offer from HP in 2005. After that I began pursuing a long-standing interest in personal finance and investing. After our youngest son started at UC Davis my husband and I began looking for our future retirement home, and in 2012 we made the short move from Auburn to Grass Valley. I enjoy reading, puzzles, sewing, hiking, kayaking our local lakes, and RV trips to see more of our beautiful country.

When we first moved to Nevada County I chose to join the local United Way in part to learn more about our new community, meet new people and determine how best I could help others in our community. I am very glad to be part of this unique organization that has helped so many people in our community, and I am honored to have served on the UWNC board with so many generous and committed fellow board members, volunteers and partners.

Joanne Weatherly

I was born and raised in Southern California and attended UC Irvine the first year it opened. In 1972 my husband and I and our two children moved from So. Cal to Nevada City when he was hired as a math teacher at Nevada Union High School. After our youngest child was in school I, too, went to work for the Nevada Jt. Union High School District, where I worked for 30 years until I retired in 2007. During those years I also finished my degree at CSU Chico. For 38 years I volunteered with the Schools Insurance Group where I chaired the Employee Benefit Review Committee. After I retired I finally had the time to do community volunteer work. I was on the board for Partners in English Language Learning (PiELL), and I had the honor of tutoring a wonderful woman from Peru. And I volunteered at the Food Bank of Nevada County. I became involved with UWNC through the CRT process and recognized how vital United Way is to our non-profit partners. Currently I volunteer at IFM, am on the AAUW scholarship committee, as well as serving on the United Way board. I am extremely proud to be on a board with so many dedicated people. Our new programs are phenomenal and I can't wait to be a part of the future of United Way. I love to read, garden and travel. I love Hawaii where snowblowers are unheard of!! I have two cats who are my fur kids and who keep me on my toes!

Anna Crockett

I moved to Nevada County in 1979 from Southern California. I was a paralegal/office manager working with several Nevada County family law attorneys until retirement three years ago. I have worked and am working with several non-profits including Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalition, Gold County Community Services, Rescue for Pet Sake (rescue and foster shelter dogs), Daughters of the American Revolution and the Famous Marching Presidents (historical group that marches in annual parades).

I own and show Boston terriers and we have a rescued Tibetan spaniel mix.

United Way of Nevada County is filled with services and projects that stimulate positive outcomes in almost every aspect of need in this community. Our Executive Director and the board and various committees work together with open communication and enthusiasm to put wheels in motion to make remarkable changes happen for our partners to benefit the people living in Nevada County. It is a pleasure to be a part of, and work with such generous people.



Greg Michna

Dad, Surfer, Computer Guru, Beer Aficionado, and Zen Tree Hugger...

I've lived in Nevada County since 2011 originally from San Diego. I love our community and give back as much as possible. Currently volunteering for The United Way (Board Member), Sammie's Friends, KVMR, and The Spirit Peer Empowerment Center. I'm owner of a Information Technology company in Grass Valley, Southwest Computers, and balance work and volunteering with exploring all that Nevada County has to offer. I am truly blessed.



Mondaie Hott

I moved to Nevada County from San Diego in 1989, though I am originally from the South! I have worked in the high tech side of the Television Industry almost since I arrived. I really enjoy reading, gardening, animals, sports and my grandkids (not necessarily in that order!).

My work has afforded me the chance to travel the world over, but I am always amazed by how much hope and help there is at home! I have worked with several local organizations including the Friendship Club. But being on the board of United Way has really opened my eyes to the dedicated and caring individuals in our community - and the great part about UW is that I get to work with so many of them! We have always, and will continue to work with our partner organizations, but the new services and programs we are rolling out will directly impact our citizens in such exciting ways - I am so happy to be a part of this change!



Shannon Buehler

I am lifelong resident of Nevada County, with generations of my family calling Nevada County home. I believe in our community, and the people in it. I have spent much of my free time helping to make improvements in our community, and love that we can make a difference here locally. I currently work with the City of Grass Valley and the Grass Valley Police Department on our local parks, as well as YMCA, Nevada County Citizens for Safe Parks, and United Way. I am lucky that my position as a Mortgage Advisor allows me to be out in the community so much.

United Way has always had a special place in my heart. I have volunteered with United Way for many years, and believe in our mission and the work we do in our community. I look forward to the future, I believe we have many great things happening in our community and we will continue to see efforts by groups and individuals to make improvements in the community. We are blessed to call Nevada County home!



Tom Myers



I was born in San Francisco and raised in the South Bay Area. I had great parents that got me off to a good start. I moved up to Georgetown in 1976 to get away from the City life and get a taste of a small town. My first child was born in 1978 so I got a real job with UPS at the Auburn center and stayed with them until I retired in 2007. Along the way I had 2 more children. My first route with UPS was downtown Grass Valley at Christmas time. I fell in love with the town and the area right away. Most of the routes I drove were in Nevada County so I can say that I have probably been to almost every house and on every street in this county. Once my kids started getting a little older I decided to start volunteering at United Way. I helped with the donor campaign at the Grass Valley UPS center and was on the board of United Way a couple of years later. I helped organize a few fund raising events like the “Million Dollar Hole in One” at Quail Valley Golf Course and a couple of softball tournaments.

I am now a Real Estate agent with Coldwell Banker Grass Roots Realty. Knowing this county and it’s residents so well made my second career choice a good one. In 2007 my wife Terri started to volunteer at United Way as an office helper. It wasn’t too long after that I became interested in volunteering again so I asked to be a part of the CRT process. This went on for a

few years until I decided to be a member of the CIC Committee and get a little more involved. During this time, the board decided to refocus their attention to the 3 areas of concern that they felt were most important, Food, emergency shelter and access to health care. I was in total agreement with this idea and impressed with the boards decision. It was soon after that decision was made that I was willing to return to the board and see how I could help.

Being a part of United Way allows me the privilege to meet and interact with many different agencies and the volunteers that make them work. There are some truly amazing volunteers in Nevada County. I refer to them as our “Rock Stars”. These people are dedicated and passionate about what they do and care deeply for the clients they have. I am honored to work with them and look forward to the years ahead. Helping others and volunteering is essential for a thriving and growing community as well as our own personal growth. Just the number of non-profits in Nevada County is evidence of what a caring community we live in. I love my town and I’m proud to be able to serve through United Way.

Deborah Lewis

I am almost a Nevada County Native, my family returned to my father’s hometown when he retired from the military, and I was 12. I have been fortunate enough to call Nevada County my home ever since and have had the opportunity to raise my daughters in this truly unique environment. My husband and I owned a small local manufacturing facility for a bit, and I have worked in the legal, financial and renewable energy industries. Currently, I am a Business Development Manager for a New York-based solar manufacturer.

My career allows me to travel throughout the US and meet truly amazing people, but I am always struck by the beauty and kindness of our community when I return home. I have worked extensively with the Grass Valley PTC, Grass Valley School District. Joining United Way allows me to give back to the community that has given my family so much and to work with an organization that is dedicated to making a difference in this one of a kind community.





Kristen Long

Growing up in Los Gatos and living my adult life in both CA and WA, my husband and I came to Nevada County in 2002 looking for a small town where we could raise our daughters and that also had a thriving classic car culture! For over 25 years, I have spent my career in the Employment sector within the Technology space, leading HR and Recruiting efforts for a portfolio of companies. Part of my role includes helping to drive our philanthropic activity: being a Veteran owned business, we support a lot of veteran initiatives, plus have engaged with Cristo Rey School, The Capital Cup, Conquer Paralysis Now, & A Ticket to Dream Foundation.

With a desire to give back to the community I live in, the United Way met the goals of what I was looking for: a professional organization, with a dedicated team of caring individuals, and a Charter that inspired me! Everyone within this organization has the same intense desire to serve others and make an impact on those around us and I am proud to serve on the Board of this incredible organization!

Annette Geare

I am a west coast woman, born and bred. It was born in Oakland and raised in Berkeley. As a young woman, I moved to Los Angeles to take care of an ailing uncle. When I was able, I attended Sonoma State where I majored in Business and African American Studies. I met and married Dennis, and began raising our daughter. It was then I realized my true love was cooking and I founded a catering business called "Delicious Culinary Assistance". To further my knowledge, I attended the San Francisco Culinary Academy taking Advanced Professional Cooking classes. My husband's job required us to move across the country to Montclair, New Jersey in 1995, but in 2000 we finally settled in Grass Valley.

I have a broad and various employment history. I have worked as a Administrative Assistant in the banking and health care industries, as a retail sales assistant, as a caterer and for many food establishments including Sur La Table, Williams Sonoma, Mardi Gras Catering & Deli and the Wooden Spoon. I have been with Ensemble Designs since 2004. I am passionately interested in culinary cooking and techniques, in music, and in child development. I find the "funny" in so very many things and have been told I have a great sense of humor. I can't sing at all, but I love it and do it anyway! I believe my varied and diffuse cultural experiences have given me a broad perspective on life. I look forward to serving such a generous community organization as Nevada County United Way.

