

“Meet the Member” *Kristen Shearer*

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It is my pleasure to introduce Kristen Shearer, NEWGA member from Oneonta Country Club: educator, coach, wife, mother, golfer!

This is Kristen’s second year in NEWGA and her 5th year playing golf. She was born in Freeport Long Island and has lived in Oneonta for many years. She is married, has 2 adult children, and is expecting her first grandchild soon!

Kristen is a career educator. She is currently Superintendent of the Milford Central School District. She has held several roles during her impressive career including Director of Special Education, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, and Student Services Counselor. She also coached both basketball and soccer at Delhi University. What a versatile lady!

Kristen loves the friends, collegiality, challenges, and comradeship that comes with golf. She credits her love of the game to her friends at Oneonta and her sister Tracey (Ranieri) who pushes and supports her goal to someday soon lower her handicap to 20 and play in the NYS Senior Women’s Championship!

Something interesting Kristen shared was her amazing trip to Finland, Sweden and Estonia. She traveled with a group of educators from all over the world to learn about the educational structures in these countries. “It was a life changing experience that has shaped my goals as an educator.”

An extraordinary thing Kristen shared is the amazing “gift of life” she donated. In 2023, Kristen gave one of her kidneys to her close friend Gloria who was suffering from terminal kidney disease. Gloria is now doing very well! To quote Kristen: “The experience has totally changed my life for the better and perspective on living donations. Nearly 90,000 Americans are waiting for a Kidney transplant and 13 die every day while waiting. My experience at NYC Langone health facility was amazing.” Kristen is a very special lady!

Welcome to NEWGA Kristen!

