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Dianne Delong, Social Coordinator, was originally from Montreal, Quebec. Residing in Calgary, Alberta, CANADA since 1995. Dianne started a rewarding career in real estate in 1995 and continues working to date. She has been coming to the Coachella Valley for years but settled in Palm Desert in 2008 and started hiking shortly thereafter, and enjoys the exercise, exploring new areas and socializing. She loves to walk with her dogs around their complex, swim, bike, golf and play Bridge.

Herbie Rochet, Communications Coordinator, spends spring, summer and fall at home on Mayne Island, British Columbia, CANADA. She enjoys sailing, hiking, birding, flowers, geology, natural history and photography.

Bernard Rochet, Assistant Hike Leader Co-ordinator, spends spring, summer and fall at home on Mayne Island, British Columbia, CANADA. He enjoys sailing, hiking, birding, flowers, geology, natural history and photography.

Rich Jarvinen, Community/Trails Coordinator, and his DTHC hike-leader wife, Suzanne, are from Colorado Springs, Colorado, with a second home in Indio. Recently retired from energy and environmental consulting, Rich has been focusing on trail and open space stewardship, both here in The Desert and back in Colorado. Hiking with the many knowledgeable Desert Trails members since 2007 has stimulated Rich's interest in the plants, rocks and animals with which we share our trails. In addition to hiking, Rich enjoys running, biking, swimming, golf, tennis, scuba, skiing and travel.

Dave Luckwell , Hike Schedule Coordinator and Website Coordinator, hales from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. He has 2 daughters and 5 grandchildren, who all reside in and around Edmonton. He enjoys hiking, golf, cycling, traveling and spending time with his wife, Cathy, and his children and grandchildren.

Dave McGuire, Newsletter Coordinator, and his wife, Karin, have been snowbird residents of La Quinta since 2007 and Hinsdale, Illinois, [Chicago suburb] for over 30 years. Since retirement in 2006 from the food service industry, Dave keeps busy with hiking, bicycling, photography, travel and tinkering in computer technology. DTHC Hike Leaders exposed them to the wonders of the Coachella Valley in their first season here. They keep coming back to the Club because they enjoy the fun, friendships, exercise and helping where they can.

Mike Ovesen, Hike Leader Coordinator, originally from Seattle, now residing in Rancho Miage since 2005 and leading hikes since 2012.

Gary Ward, Treasurer and Membership Coordinator, and his wife, Audrey, have made their home in Indio since 2008. Originally from the southern Orange County area, Gary liked to hike the hills and trails of the areas there. Moving to the desert area, Gary looked to continue hiking, and joined the DTHC shortly after arriving to the desert. Gary retired from the Mortgage Industry and continues to do some contracting work. That work prevents him from making commitments as a Hike Leader at this time, so instead Gary has agreed to help in other ways, primarily as Treasurer and Membership Coordinator.