COORDINATING COUNCIL BIOGRAPHIES 💿



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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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.