

## BIO Information for 2017 Board of Directors Nominee – Lezlie Lang



On October 11<sup>th</sup>, 1951, Leslie Sue Tallman was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota. I spent my first 13 years living on a block that was mostly boys. I did what they did; I played marbles, sandlot baseball and the usual hide and seek games after dark. My love for ball games came early on. When I was eight years old and negotiating for taking a fourth year of piano lessons, I asked for and received my first baseball mitt. My glove was a prized possession until I began the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

My teenage years were focused on boys, parties and Art. I was consistently elected to the student council in high school, where I served faithfully. After graduating in 1969, I went on to attend the University of Minnesota, majoring in Studio Fine Arts Photography.

Armed with energy, ideas, and passion I entered a forty-year career in what was then called "Graphic Arts". Throughout my career, I also attended continuous personal growth seminars to better myself and develop leadership skills. One of my greatest triumphs occurred from 2000 – 2006 when I attended every course that Landmark Education offered, focusing on Team Management and Leadership. I believe that my skills and education will serve BAJA Sporting Club well in the future as we continue the development of Canoa Preserve Park.

With the economy stagnating and many jobs going to China and India, I ended my career as a Photoshop Artist and a Color Management Specialist. On to bigger and better things, I created a new exciting business with my sister in Minnesota and "The Detailing Divas" were born! The Divas created a turnkey approach in the Real Estate industry. We consulted with home sellers on what they needed to do to get top dollar for their property. Properties we worked on sold like hot cakes when the plan was followed. We offered services including landscape clean up, painting, clutter removal, packing and moving clients. We specialized in Senior Move Management – getting Mom and Dad to their final nesting space. It was a successful and fulfilling career for 5 years and then it was time for retirement.

Mike Miller, my very first softball coach, showed up in my life again after 35 years. Since I was retiring, he told me of Green Valley and that I was welcome to come down and play softball and golf in the winter. It had been 32 years since I played softball, but the passion was rekindled the moment I stepped onto these beautiful softball fields! This is my 4<sup>th</sup> winter and I just love it!

Since joining BAJA in 2013, I have been involved behind the scenes using my graphics art skills to generate nametags and develop flyers for social parties, events, and raffles for the initial BAJA Ambassadors and am currently developing most softball related materials being distributed or posted to our website. My goal now is to step out from behind the scenes and use my skills and training to benefit the continued development of BAJA as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in areas such as developing marketing material, e-communications, and web management and to do all I can to help raise awareness of our beautiful sports complex within our local community.