

### **About Lani . . .**

Lani was born in The Netherlands and has remained somewhat fluent in the spoken Dutch language. Her family immigrated to the United States when she was three. Lani's formative years were spent in Massachusetts where she attended school through Junior High. The family then relocated to Southern California where she completed her education to include programs at both USC and UCLA. Although Lani's post grad came from UCLA her sworn alma mater will always be The University of Southern California.

Lani and Gary purchased their RVR home in 2001. After winding down successful careers, he as a radiologist and she in business management, they became permanent Settlement residents in the summer of 2007. Upon Gary's untimely death in November of 2009 Lani committed to stay in the Roaring Fork Valley and reestablished herself to live out their dream. The Kitchings have three adult children and two school age granddaughters.

### **Professional . . .**

In 1972 with her undergrad in Life Sciences Lani launched her career in hospital based healthcare. She served in escalating capacities for fifteen years before transitioning into the "business of healthcare" as the international representative of Toshiba America Medical Systems where she would spend the next fifteen years overseeing a growing \$60M operation.

Based on Lani's unique qualifications and industry leadership she was recognized by KKR and hired in 2005 to manage a Southern California based mobile healthcare provider acquisition. This was followed by a second assignment involving a similar North Dakota based corporation and Lani recently concluded a two year engagement for an Austin, Texas based continuous care concern.

### **Community . . .**

While here in the Roaring Fork Valley Lani has found her niche in various volunteer organizations. In addition to being on the RVR Master Association Executive Board she is also with the Aspen based Executive Service Corps as both a consultant and Board member. In 2011 Lani assumed the role of Carbondale Economic Development Partnership president while she also serves on the Eagle County Community Paramedics Advisory Board as well as Valley View Hospital's Care Transitions Collaborative.

### **Hobbies . . .**

Lani loves sports. She can be found shushing the ungroomed snow at any of the Four Mountain ski areas from late Fall to late Spring and last season began adventuring in the Elk Range back country. Lani is also a year round fly fisherman. Whether it's wet wading on a warm summer evening or bundled against a chill February frost Lani, with fly rod in hand, will be outdoors enjoying our trout rich rivers.

Lani also plays tennis and golf and is a rabid college and pro football and basketball fan. Last summer she resumed the long abandoned sport of surfing while visiting her kids in California. After an investigational two year stint in sports marketing from '02 to '04 Lani still belongs to the LA based Women in Sports Marketing group and has remained a member of the Presidents Circle of the National Sports Forum.

Lani is an accomplished amateur still photographer who looks forward to capturing our colorful wildflowers, birds and butterflies on one of her annual "runs" up Mt. Sopris. Although admittedly not domestic, Lani does enjoy her eclectic flower beds. The extent of her knowledge of gardening is to separate species of similar color and put tall things in the middle and short ones in the front which, thus far, is a strategy that seems to have worked out well.

**On RVR . . .**

Lani's first term on the RVRMA Executive Board began in autumn of 2010. Since then she has participated as Board Liaison to the Settlement Advisory Committee, was Chair of the most recent Executive Director Search Committee and in 2012 Lani accepted the role of Board Vice President. Her belief is that a Board of Directors role is to diligently filter all information and function as the conscience of the organization it serves. With her decades of experience in senior management Lani looks forward to continuing to contribute to the progress this Board and RVR staff have made over the last three years. She has thoroughly enjoyed being part of the team that has fostered a culture of cooperation, responsible decision making and trust and appreciates being back with the group whose mission it is to continuously strive for quality improvement.