

## Melinda Brown

### Treasurer Nominee



I have been a member of the BHCA and Potomac BHC for more than 25 years. I served as Treasurer of the BHCA from 10/2017 until 2021 and I am currently the Treasurer of the Potomac BHC.

I got my first Basset in 1975. By 1995, I had three. Started out doing Obedience and then Rally came along. After I retired in 1997, I became interested in breeding. With the help of some experienced basset friends, I had my first litter in 2002. I've shown dogs in conformation, tracking, Rally and Obedience under the

kennel name "Saranade."

Professionally, I was a Federal Career employee working for the Dept of Defense from 1969 until I retired in 1997. I worked in Facilities Construction and Maintenance managing construction projects for the US Navy and Defense Agencies. The job required experience in accounting and budgeting. First by developing the project costs and then getting them into the budget and approved. Once approved, design and construction costs are monitored against the Agency budget.

After retirement, I had the time to get more involved with my Bassets. Also, I became involved with Basset Rescue and in 1995 was a founding member of Basset Rescue of Old Dominion, Inc (BROOD). I was President from 1995 until 2010. I became the Treasurer of BROOD in 2011. As BROOD's Treasurer, I've had to work with both Quick Book's Desktop and Online versions.

I'm running again because I know the job inside and out. There is far more to this job than just depositing the dues checks and paying the bills. Having been through the cycle enough times now, I know how to handle a variety of situations e.g., dealing with the banks, IRS, Insurance Companies, AKC, PayPal, and most importantly those involving the membership. Categorizing the transactions correctly in Quick Books demands an understanding of standard accounting procedures. Most importantly this job takes time and I have the time. I'm retired and this is an opportunity for me to give something back to the Club which has given me many memorable and happy moments.