

## WIN Member Profile: Janet Stiegler

Janet Stiegler grew up on Long Island, NY, and attended college at SUNY Albany, where she earned a BA in German and an MA in Russian linguistics. She met Paul, her husband of over 40 years, in graduate school, after which they both enjoyed a 32-year career with the CIA. As an analyst, Janet wrote papers for US policymakers, honing her skills as a researcher and writer. In retirement, she participates in a weekly writing circle and contributes articles to *Cape Fear Voices*, a local monthly newspaper.

Janet and Paul chose the Wilmington area because of the temperate climate, rich cultural offerings, and educational opportunities. A big fan of UNCW's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), she serves as a classroom or Zoom host and has been on OLLI's Advisory Council since December 2022. She also volunteers with the Cape Fear Literacy Council, where she is tutoring a woman working towards her GED. A Cape Fear River Watch member, Janet periodically volunteers in their youth educational events.

Janet loves being outdoors, jogging, biking, and swimming. Since COVID, they have been making up for lost travel with trips to Scotland and Tuscany while also making time to visit with family (their son and daughter-in-law just moved to Boston, and their daughter is based in Richmond.)

Janet joined WIN in 2019 and served on its various Grant Committees for four years, including one year as chair. She now co-chairs the Education Circle with Linda Thomas. Back in 2020, as a member of the Arts and Culture circle, she, Lynne Herndon, and Virginia Holman interviewed and wrote reports on 15 arts influencers for the 2021 grants cycle. "Participating in the Circles and on the Grants Committees opened my eyes to the needs and offerings in our community. I have also really enjoyed meeting my fellow WIN members, whose backgrounds, expertise, and interests inspire me." As time permits, Janet also participates in the WIN book club, although her night table is piling up with other books competing for attention. Janet is honored to join the Board, and she looks forward to working with the leadership team to ensure WIN continues to positively impact our community.