

## Sheila Gruba, Treasurer

Board Member since 2020

While working at the Minnesota Department of Revenue, Sheila decorated wreaths for the annual Festival of Trees for Northwoods Partners. She had thoughts about becoming a member of the committee that sets up the fundraising event each year. After her retirement she received an invitation to become a board member at a Volunteer Appreciation Event and asked to serve on the Events Committee. Sheila accepted. She has three grandchildren. Their two granddaughters actively participate in the Festival of Tree fundraising events. They understand the difference it makes in the lives of others.



Sheila moved to the Ely area as a newlywed in 1975. Her in-laws purchased Silver Rapids Lodge near Ely. She was the General Operations Manager for 18 years. The 17-acre resort included cabins, motel complex, campground, restaurant, and lounge. There she honed her hospitality management skills and acquired extensive business management experience. In addition, her husband operated a custom- built cabinet shop that evolved to construction. During the resort years their two sons were born. The resort was sold in 1992.

Her family moved to St Cloud, MN, and Sheila became a collections specialist for a vision center there. Her family returned to Ely in 1996 because they wanted to return home.

Sheila was employed as an office manager of a local real estate company. She was hired as a collection officer in 2002 and was promoted to a Collection Division Leadworker for the Minnesota Department of Revenue. She retired after 16 plus years of service.

She is the past Treasurer, Deputy Clerk, Clerk, and Head Election Judge of Fall Lake Township. She was active in township government for 27 years.

She is a current member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church.

Sheila is a native of Minnesota.