

## **Diana Crawford Rothwell**

Diana and her husband Roger have been married for 36 years. They have two children: A daughter, Rachel, who is married to Bo Bright, and a son, Michael. They are also the proud grandparents to three grandchildren. Diana has been employed by Clay Electric Cooperative, Inc., for 25 years, where she is currently a Junior Accountant.

Both of Diana's parents worked for a living, which resulted in her and her three siblings sharing in household duties. Performing these duties is how she learned teamwork and established her strong work ethic. She watched her dad share his garden with many families through the years, before community service was popular. Born and raised in neighboring Starke, Diana moved to Keystone Heights in 1984.

Community service is Diana's passion. She is a member of the Immanuel Anglican Church where she teaches Children's Church, is the President/teacher for their chapter of The Daughters of the King (DOK), and she also serves as Vice President of the church board.

Diana partnered with the Clay County Fair Association and founded the Miss Clay County Fair Scholarship Pageant. She has been the pageant's director since 2014. She feels blessed to have the opportunity to mentor young ladies in Clay County since she knows that they comprise our future generations who will be leading our country as farmers, business owners, teachers, etc. She regularly applauds the parents since the students she encounters are extremely bright, motivated, determined, and talented. In 2018, The Villages Media performed a documentary on each county fair in Florida. Of the state's 67 counties, Clay was the lone county selected to have their pageant attended. Its contestants were also interviewed as a result. This year, the largest magazine in the pageant world, Pageantry Magazine, recognized and awarded the pageant with two Pageantry Magazine Spirit Awards. An upcoming summer/fall issue of the magazine will feature interviews and photos of the fair queens and spirit winners.

Not only have residents of Keystone Heights benefited from the food drives she has organized through Holiday Helpers at Clay Electric, but bordering counties have as well. These efforts teach the young students about giving back and helping those in need. Numerous food drives throughout Clay County have been held and the food was donated to the Clay County Food Bank located in Green Cove Springs. She has prioritized taking some of the Fair's pageant queens on a tour of the Food Bank to show them the

importance and to give them the invaluable hands-on experience that makes a lasting impact.

Rescuing dogs has been a large part of Diana and Roger's life together. They've rescued six dogs in total. They currently have three dogs, two of which are Great Pyrenees brothers, Teddy and Niko. Teddy came into their lives at nine weeks of age and, when Teddy was turning one year old, they found out Niko needed to be re-homed. They didn't think twice and brought Niko home. Maia, their German Shepherd, is ten years old and has been part of their family for eight years.

"Jabez called upon the God of Israel, saying, 'Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my border, and that your hand might be with me, and that you would keep me from harm so that it might not bring me pain!' And God granted what he asked." – 1 Chronicles 4:10