



SPOTLIGHT ON OUR EMPLOYEES: Ilka B.C. Vucina

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The friendly new Server, Ilka Vucina, is the daughter of a circus clown and traveled with the circus around South America until she was five years old! Ilka came to the United States from Brazil twenty-seven years ago and currently lives in Pacific Grove. Ilka's mom fell in love with the clown when a Spanish circus came to Fortaleza, Brazil. She, a high school student, would climb over the fence to meet him. The family was not pleased. The clown inherited the circus and they got married. Ilka's Scandinavian name apparently was one her father heard while the circus was in Europe.

She and her husband, Scott, have two children Jade (23) and Yvan (16). Jade went to Brazil to teach English, married a Brazilian and stayed. They have two children, Henri (3) and Orion (4 mos.). Yvan (16) is a junior at Pacific Grove High School where he is an excellent student. He surfs and plays the guitar. Ilka has one brother, two sisters, her mother, daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren in Brazil so she goes to Sao Paulo to visit once a year.

Ilka graduated with a major in journalism from FIAM (Faculdades Integradas Alcântara Machado). She had some part-time employment in that field and then was hired by Boehringer (an international pharmaceutical company) as a Receptionist and she moved in to Marketing. While still working, she obtained a second degree in Marketing. She moved up in the company to Executive Secretary in the Marketing Department. They sent her to Monterey Peninsula College to learn English. While here she met her future husband surfing and never returned to Brazil. Scott was raised on Sinex Avenue and his parents still live in the family house.

She has worked here for six months and her favorite part of the job is the residents. She enjoys talking to them. Prior to Canterbury Woods she worked as a Server at various places while raising her family. She also works as a bookkeeper for her husband's specialized house painting firm. When not working, Ilka keeps in shape with Zumba and yoga at In-Shape in Monterey.

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Scott and Ilka



Yvan



Henri, Orion and Jade



Orion and Henri



Garfield