

### **Paulette Dawson - 1807**

Let's welcome Paulette Dawson, who moved to PCAW at the end of June from W. Springfield, where she had lived for the last 20 years. She had lived in the DC area since 1980. While she was working there after 1975, she earned an Associate Degree in Business Management, then became aware that she needed to get her BS if she wanted to get ahead. She completed her degree in Computer and Information Systems at Park University. Paulette retired in 2010 from the Department of Commerce, where she had been since 1980.

She had no children and family members did not live near, so Paulette decided it was time to move to a continuing care community. Paulette researched many communities in the DC area as well as Charlottesville and decided that the best match for her was here at Patriots Colony.

Paulette's home town was Christiansburg, where her family owned several stores selling appliances and doing TV and other electronic repairs. She was busy setting up her TV and stereo system when I visited with her. She has a dog, Spencer, who likes treats and two Maine Coon cats named Bogie and Becall. Paulette enjoys walking, collecting and restoring "junque", gardening and watching old movies.

