

Biographies for Kay DiBianca



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Long Bio:

Kay DiBianca was born and raised in Savannah, Georgia. As a first-rate tomboy, she enjoyed climbing trees, playing baseball, and water skiing. But she also loved school, especially math class.

After graduating from Georgia Southern College, Kay had the good fortune to be hired by IBM as a computer programmer and was sent to New Jersey to work on the federal project to computerize the Air Traffic Control system in the United States. In addition to her love of programming, she developed a fondness for all things analytical, especially crossword puzzles and logic problems.

While working in New Jersey, Kay fulfilled a childhood dream by purchasing an American Saddlebred horse. While riding one day at the establishment where she boarded her horse, she met the owner's brother, Frank DiBianca, a graduate student who was home for a family visit. Within a year, the two were married and moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where Frank accepted his first post-doctoral position in physics. Two years later, Kay and Frank became the proud parents of their only child, Arthur.

In 1986, Kay earned an MS degree in computer science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and went on to work in the IT departments of several major organizations, including UNC Chapel Hill,

International Paper, and FedEx. Kay has an instrument rating in single-engine aircraft, and Frank is a sailplane pilot. They had a memorable vacation once in Minden, Nevada, where they alternated days flying power aircraft and gliders. Frank achieved the unforgettable feat of ascending to 25,000 feet in an unpowered sailplane.

Kay loves to run and can often be found at a nearby track, on the treadmill, or at Shelby Farms, a large park near their home. She's completed four marathons, fifteen or so half-marathons, and an unknown number of shorter races. She and Frank both compete in Senior Olympics track-and-field events. The 400-meter race is her favorite.

Kay and Frank are members of a Messianic Jewish Synagogue in Memphis. Kay studies Torah several times a week. After two trips to Israel to serve and study, they became US representatives for Bridges for Peace, an international organization whose mission is to serve the people of Israel.

The idea behind "The Watch on the Fencepost" came to Kay while she was out running, and the work involved in writing the story has been a marathon of a different kind. As a first-time novelist, she is grateful that CrossLink Publishing contracted to publish her work.

Kay and Frank have been retired for several years and are considering returning to work just to get some rest! They live in Memphis, Tennessee. "The Watch on the Fencepost" is Kay's first novel.

Favorite food: Chocolate milkshakes

Favorite subject: Math

Favorite book (other than the Bible): West with the Night by Beryl Markham

Favorite movie: Chariots of Fire

Favorite Quote: "but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)

Running Motto: Never Give Up

Speaker Introduction:

It's always exciting to have a new author here to share her work with us, and I am especially thrilled to welcome Memphis author Kay DiBianca to our meeting.

We all know that everybody loves a mystery, and Kay has written a fascinating cozy mystery novel entitled "The Watch on the Fencepost." This book has enough twists and turns to keep even the most avid sleuths guessing right up until the end. Does everybody know what a "cozy mystery" is? Well, Kay is going to explain that to us in the next few minutes.

Kay holds a master's degree in computer science, and she spent her professional career as a software developer and IT manager. That may explain why she put together a story that's really a puzzle.

Throughout the book, the main character, who happens to be a software developer, follows a trail of

clues to solve the mystery behind her parents' recent deaths. Along the way, she encounters a whole slew of fascinating characters, including an actress with a talent for disguises, a politician with a dark secret, and a handsome businessman who shows a sudden romantic interest in her. Intrigue and romance all in one book! You won't be able to put this one down.

The main character is also training for a marathon. That's something Kay knows a lot about since she's run four marathons and a bunch of half-marathons and shorter races. She also competes in Senior Olympics track events in her spare time.

So sit back, prepare to hear all about mystery writing, and join me in welcoming Kay DiBianca!

3 Fun Facts You Didn't Know About Me:

1. When Frank first met Kay, he interpreted her shyness to be indifference. It was several months later before he asked her out. (See Fun Fact #2)
2. Kay owned an iconic Jaguar XKE convertible when she was young and single. It was the automotive equivalent of "Beauty is only skin deep!" The car played a key role in Kay and Frank's first date.
3. Kay estimates her total running mileage at around 20,000 miles. That's almost enough miles to have run around the earth at the equator. (After some races, she feels like she's done just that.)