

Linda B. Spangrud's Bio

Linda B. Spangrud is President and Owner of Spangrud & Associates, Inc. and brings almost 40 years of grant experience to the company. She retired in 2005 with 34 years in education in the state of Illinois where she served as a teacher, principal, and district administrator. Linda's last six years were served as the Director of Grants, Planning, and Technology. During her tenure in education, she wrote over 470 grants (federal, state, foundations, and corporate) and raised over \$180 million, having a 93 percent success rate. In total, Linda has now written over 1,000 grants and has raised over \$207 million. Linda also served as a juror and reviewed many foundations, state, and federal (US Department of Education) grant competitions.

Linda has a passion for designing programs that assist her clients in meeting their needs and receiving the grant funding they need to be successful. She specializes in education, daycare operation, museums, fine arts, sports (i.e., golf) and social services. She holds three degrees: Bachelor of Science in Education and Sociology from the University of Iowa; Master of Arts in Early Childhood with an emphasis in Special Education from Northern Illinois University; and a Certification of Advanced Study in Administration and Supervision from National Louis University.

Besides owning a grant company, Linda is a freelance writer and has published books and articles in magazines and newspapers. Her recent children's books, "Miss Ella and the Turtle People" & "Miss Sandra and the Turtle People", describes the protection, care, and conservation of the sea turtles. This book imparts lessons about the sanctity of life, both in the sea and in humans of all ages.

Ms. Spangrud is also one of the owners of Foley's GlenLakes Golf Club. She understands thoroughly the importance of Sports Tourism for the community and business environment. When buying the Golf Course, she worked extremely hard on marketing and promoting their business. She has made many connections in the golf community, both locally and worldwide. She has developed deep relationships with the Snowbird Clubs. She worked closely with Foley Sports Tourism when they secured the first ever National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) D-2 Men's Golf Championship hosted at Glenlakes Golf Club. She is thankful for the support of the Foley Sports Tourism Department and their support of local businesses, attractions as well as their work with the local community citizens and visitors.

In her past she was involved in AYSO soccer and served as a soccer mom and occasional supervisor for over seven years. In the more recent past, she was named an honorary coach by the Orange Beach/Gulf Shores Sports Tourism Center for the NAIA Collegiate Women's Soccer Tournaments. She has also volunteered for the PickleBall Tournaments at the Foley Event Center in OWA. She plays golf, pickle ball and enjoys kayaking.

Linda has been a member of the South Baldwin Literacy Council's Board of Directors for five years which included serving as President for two years. She has also served on the South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for six years. As well as the South Baldwin Chamber Foundation Board of Directors six years which included serving as President. She is still involved with many Chamber activities, including Chamber Choices, BBQ and Blues Festival, Night Glow Golf Tournament, Balloon Festival, Chamber Classic Golf Tournament, Magnolia Run, and more. Linda was named volunteer of the year of the South Baldwin Chamber in 2018. She is a member of the Friends of Foley Public Library and the Wolfe Bay Watershed Organization. She has been a sea turtle (Share the Beach) volunteer since 2006 and a portion of the profit from her books is donated to the Alabama Coastal Foundation (Share the Beach Turtle Protection Program). She is also a member of professional international and national organizations such as GPA (Grant Professionals Association), PDK (Phi Delta Kappa), and ASCD (Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development).

She retired to Foley with her husband Tom in 2006. They have been Baldwin County property owners since 1987. Their only son, Adam, and his family live in Baldwin County too. Family is especially important to Linda and she cherishes every minute with them. Her zest for living includes writing, reading, golfing, walking, exercising, kayaking, pickleball, music, travel, and meeting people. She believes it is important to support the community you live in and hopes to continue that pledge and passion as a contributing member of the Foley Sports Tourism Board of Directors. She would be honored to serve on this Board.