

SOUTH SHORE HEALTH & RACQUET CLUB GENERAL MANAGER JOHN PHILLIPS ANNOUNCES PLANS TO RETIRE IN DECEMBER 2016.



After 18 years of spearheading the growth and expansion of South Shore Health & Racquet Club, General Manager John Phillips recently announced his plans to retire in late December 2016.

"John has brought immeasurable value to the club and its members," said Tony and Jackie Monte, local club owners. "He has developed professional relationships in the community through his active involvement with Cornerstone Chamber of Commerce, Business Network International and other organizations. His loyalty and dedication to South Shore's ownership group and members will go unparalleled. He's going to be missed."

John joined the club in 1998. His 30-plus-years' experience in sports club management and as a United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) – Level 1 Tennis Professional led SSHRC to become one of the premier health and racquet facilities in the Midwest. During his tenure the club was named 16 times the "Favorite Health Club" in Southwest Michigan's Readers' Choice Awards sponsored by the Herald-Palladium newspaper. He directed several upgrades and expansions at the club which earned him USPTA's Facility Manager of the Year award in 2008 and 2015.

"I have been fortunate to work with an outstanding ownership group, fantastic staff and very supportive membership," said John about his career highlights in Southwest Michigan. "We've come together as a team to make South Shore the premier club in Southwest Michigan." He said he was honored this year to celebrate the club's 40th anniversary and is confident that the club he has worked so hard to build will continue to encourage healthier lifestyles. "But what really makes me proud is how our staff has helped numerous high school students receive college scholarships. That's made a life-long difference for those kids, their families, our communities."

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John said SSHRC's ownership has named Sarah Monte as his replacement in January 2017. Monte, a longtime member joined the club's staff in 2014. She currently oversees the club's marketing and assists with daily operations. "Sarah has worked for South Shore over the last several years and has done an outstanding job," John said. "I have all the confidence she will be a great future leader of South Shore."

After retiring, John and his wife Lesa look forward to enjoying Michigan's Great Southwest.



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