

DEPUTY GRAND MARSHAL ROBERT ZIMMER– Bio

A lifelong Rockaway resident, Bobby graduated from Far Rockaway High School in 1969. He served as a lifeguard for five years and moved onto start his 40-year career in Building Engineering. Bobby proudly served Local 94 Operating Engineers, holding position of Financial Treasurer on the Executive Board. He helped create the Members Assistance Program (MAP) where union families found help for addiction or alcoholism. Bobby retired in 2014.

Bobby is an active member of the Graybeards and the Rockaway Civic Association. This past summer he was an integral part in creating the beautiful community gardens on the beach blocks throughout Rockaway Park. Privately, Bobby is always willing to lend a helping hand to his neighbors', friends and anyone who needs help with home improvements.

Bobby lives with his beautiful wife Kathy in Rockaway Park. He is a proud father of three daughters, and proud stepdad to two sons. All told, he is grandfather to six grandchildren – every last one special, amazing and gifted.

You can usually find Bobby somewhere near the beach – especially during the summer where he takes up residence in hi bungalow on B109th Street, better known as the Riviera of Rockapulco.