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"My favorite article of clothing is my black yoga pants (from the Deb)," Jeske said. "I have five pairs and I run, lounge, shop, play ... even work in my yoga pants. I'm thinking of buying more! They are so comfortable and they are multipurpose."



Jeske always wears a bracelet made by Alexis. "She made it so I could think of her all day long," Jeske said. "She may not know that I already think of her constantly throughout the day without the bracelet, but this sentiment is concrete."



Among Jeske's favorite wedding movies are: "Sweet Home Alabama," "Runaway Bride" and "My Big Fat Greek Wedding."



Jeske isn't known to shy away from foods with a little kick. In fact, she craves spicy foods.



# Julie's jubilation

## Julie Jeske adds joy to couples' celebrations

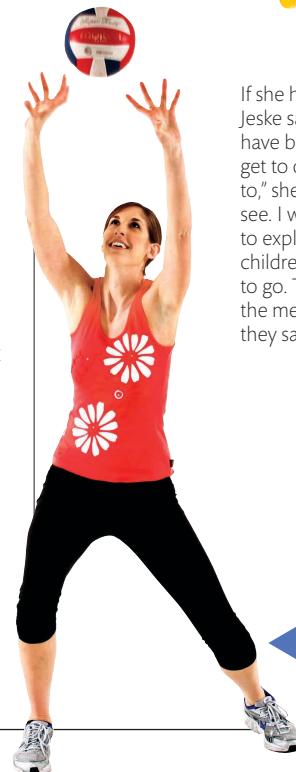


While Julie Jeske's original career plan may have taken a detour to work within the family business, her Bachelor of Science degree in Social Change and Development hasn't gone to waste. Jeske now serves as the general/banquet manager for Knox's Silver

Valley Bar and Banquet Hall. While Jeske admits she may miss her old work from time to time, she does share in pulling together milestone memories whether they're birthdays, anniversaries or other special events. "I wouldn't change what I have experienced from this business," she said. "Not only am I a part of the couple's special day when dealing with wedding arrangements, but I also help run a very successful business which I can be proud of. I am very fortunate to work with many amazing individuals, customers and co-workers."

Two business criteria, which remain important to Jeske are teamwork and professionalism. Despite the occasional stress, Jeske focuses on remaining responsive to her customers and staff, she said. "I realize that in business, you always need to be on your toes and be quick to approach an unsatisfactory situation." The best piece of job advice Jeske said she's received is to remember to be patient and have fun. Her advice to brides-to-be is similar: "Stop from time to time to soak this wonderful day in. And, most of all, enjoy it from start to finish. This is the day you will want to remember."

In addition to working with area couples, the 34-year-old is also mom to Alexis, 6, and Zachary, 4. She credits them and her husband, Kevin, with being her support system. "Family is the core of life," Jeske said. "For me, they are always there and always going to be." Although Jeske said she hasn't mastered living life one day at a time, her family and friends snap her back to reality and remind her that life is too short to worry about daily stresses. Jeske also looks forward to her children's extracurricular activities.



If she had to pick a place to travel, Jeske said she'd go back to Europe. "I have been there before, but I didn't get to do all the things I wanted to," she said. "There is so much to see. I would have to take a month to explore. I would love to take my children or anyone else who wants to go. The more the merrier as they say."



Jeske enjoys playing sports, especially volleyball and softball.

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