

When I hear of February, I immediately think about Valentine's Day, along with my wife of ten years this month, Mary. Like many of you, my fellow team members at Harrah's Gulf Coast and I, spend much of our time at work - away from our loved ones. It's because of the many hours we spend together at our resort and casino, and the close culture we have cultivated, that allows us to call one another family. But despite the majority, there is a small group of team members here at Harrah's that are privileged to work alongside their life partners. This Valentine's Day, I'd like to bring special attention to a husband and wife team that are not only wonderful partners to each other, but to their coworkers at our resort as well; introducing, Eric and Karen Pringle.

Eric and Karen Pringle are unique. They have been valued members of the Harrah's team for more than 20 years, both beginning their tenure in 1993 at the original Grand Biloxi Casino. Back then, Karen was a Lead Tech Supervisor and Eric was working as a Slot Technician. Little did they know when they began their employment, that they were at the beginning of a long and successful career, and also about to embark on their greatest journey of all: finding their soulmate in one another.

Sparks flew immediately after meeting each other, with the couple marrying shortly thereafter in October of 1995. Now proud parents to their daughter, Savannah, the two are passionate about Harrah's H.E.R.O. program and regularly volunteer, fundraise and donate their personal time to charities championed by Harrah's. The active twosome may also be frequently found competing in mud runs, the Warrior Dash, and the grueling and challenging, Spartan Race.

With Karen now a Surveillance Supervisor and Eric a SDS Administrator, they attribute their seasoned career in gaming at Harrah's to their wonderful community of co-workers, the robust benefits and the excitement that comes with their shared industry. As Karen remarked, there's never a dull moment.

Eric, Karen and I hope to welcome you back to Harrah's Gulf Coast this February. While you may not meet your soulmate, you're sure to make wonderful memories. With Karen acting as our eye in the sky, you're unlikely to meet her, but you just may run into her husband on the casino floor; and when you do, I think you'll agree that he and his wife are wonderful assets to Harrah's Gulf Coast.

Sincerely,
Kennedy Smith
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Harrah's Gulf Coast