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An open archway leads to Mary and Dave Bruzzone's kitchen.

Standing in the center of her sun-splashed kitchen, she is the consummate hostess: polite, affable, and even a bit shy.

When Carol and Gerry Tanner decided to downsize, they found 171 Cypress Point Way. "We did the whole house; we didn't even live here for 7 months. When we saw the kitchen, we knew we were going to tear it all down and replace it," Carol explains.

The Tanner's are patient, diligent shoppers. "We went from store, to store, to store," she says cheerfully. She points out the double-colored cabinets, (café caramel and Hermosa) and the Brazilian Teak floor. "I do love the cabinets," she says, "it's the hinges: you give them a push and they close slowly, without that "snap!" at the end."

If hardware and appliances are the bones of a kitchen, personal touches are what give it a heart. There is a wine theme woven throughout the room; from

the decorative vine pattern incorporated in wall tiles above the stove, to the central island wine refrigerator, and especially, in the faux painting created by Julie Zouzounis. "The painting is done on canvas, and then adhered to the wall," Carol explains. "That way, you can take it with you if you move." Encouraging a closer look at the art, Carol points out one more feature: "The wine bottle – see the label? The names on it are the names of my son-in-law's relatives."

Neither Tanner claims to be a gourmet chef. "The microwave gets a lot of use," Carol admits, sounding guilty. Gerry takes a bolder approach, opening the microwave door and saying, "That's where I cook, right there."

Family, however, is a major factor in the Tanner's kitchen. Carol considers it a place to meet with the couple's children and their spouses. And it's a place to try new recipes. ... continued on page OH6

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