

Mary-Pat Gibson
Candidate for Membership Committee

I became a member of PYC in March 2016 and during these three years have participated in social events, dinners and work activities. I believe organizations are strong and *vital* when members stay actively involved and participate frequently.

As a PYC member, I volunteered last fall to organize and carry out renovations and updates to the men's and ladies' bathrooms. What first started as a fresh coat of paint on the bathrooms developed into new water saving toilets, a new ceiling in the ladies room, light fixtures, painting all walls, trim and ceilings, repairing windows with new sash cords and making drapes for both rooms. With these two rooms completed, I continued by painting the ceiling, trim and walls of the entrance hallway so the entire area welcomed members with a clean, bright look for the start of this yachting season. In July I redesigned the garden beds in the parking lot and with the help of Captain Jim Rini, we dug up the tired and overgrown shrubs that had been planted over thirty years ago, and planted new flowering shrubs to add color during the summer months. Just a few weeks ago, I had the pleasure of participating in the Ladies Committee fashion show.



Over the years I have been active in community and non-profit organizations. While living in Eliot for 30 years, I spent over 25 years delivering Meals on Wheels. I cook and organize meals one night every month for the Salvation Army soup kitchen in Portsmouth. I started over 20 years ago so our son could learn the value of volunteering. I am still cooking, serving and coordinating each month's meal with a great group of volunteers who support me. I am a member of the New Castle Garden Club and as a member initiated a beautification project at the corner of Wentworth Road and Main Street three years ago. I oversee the flower garden planted each summer there to welcome residents and visitors to town. I was a member of the Eliot Garden Club before moving to New Castle holding many positions including four years as President. I was a member of the Garden Club Federation of Maine (GCFM) and a past District Director. I chaired the GCFM state convention held in Kennebunkport. I spearheaded a beautification project in Eliot to revitalize the Village Green and secured a grant from the Maine Dept. of Transportation along with local donations to build a historic gazebo as the focal point. The entire area was landscaped with flowering trees and gardens which is still there today. I have worked on Habitat for Humanity projects; volunteered with Sustainable Harvest in Belize helping with reforestation of the rain forest, planting cacao trees with farmers and teaching the construction of wood conserving stoves to individual families.

For the past eight years I served as an active board member holding different positions of our condo association at Bretton Woods, NH. For six years I have been chair of the grounds and landscaping of all 50 condos.

I grew up sailing in Rye Harbor with my dad and brothers on our 30' Bristol. My husband, Jay, and I had one of the few fiberglass MerryMac sailboats which we loved sailing in Little Bay.

I would be happy to serve on the membership committee and encourage active participation and boating involvement to prospective members.

Thank you,

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