



“Still Waters Run Deep”

Many of us have heard the phrase, “still waters run deep.” Mary Ann Touhey epitomizes this. Mary Ann has been a participant of The Nemasket Group since its beginning. She would agree that she is very quiet but there is so much to Mary Ann underlying that quietness. We recently spent some time with Mary Ann and learned more about why this is such an apt description of her.

Mary Ann started The Nemasket Group gaining employment at Citizens Bank in Fairhaven. During her employment at Citizens Bank, Mary Ann developed a relationship with a co-worker named Louise. Neither woman has worked at Citizens Bank for many years but their relationship has endured. Louise moved to Florida but she and Mary Ann see each other when Mary Ann independently travels south for their annual visit. During their visit, they go to the movies, shopping, hang out with Louise's family, and visit local attractions like SeaWorld. Mary Ann has many fond memories of these times with her friend. Between visits, they communicate via telephone and letter and have maintained their friendship for over 25 years!

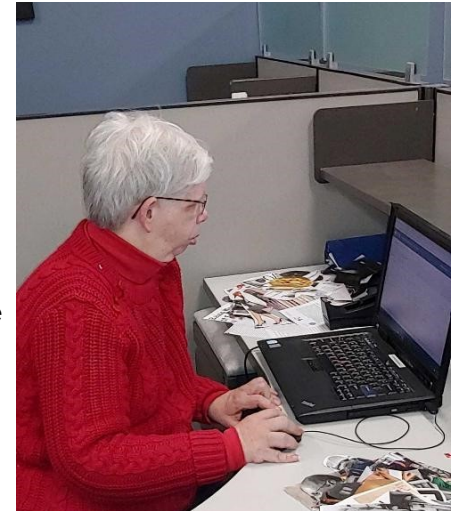
After Citizens Bank, Mary Ann secured employment at New Bedford Child and Family Services. She works as a billing assistant and file clerk, 5 days a week. She has been there for over 23 years! When asked what she likes best at Child and Family, Mary Ann replied, “the people!” That's no surprise to those of us who know Mary Ann – she truly cares and is quick to ask about you, your family or your interests.

Mary Ann also has a long history as a volunteer. She has been a fixture at St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford for almost 24 years as well – first volunteering in the Rehab Department and now in the hospital's gift shop. Currently, Mary Ann can be found in the gift shop 3 afternoons a week answering the telephone, helping customers, tagging stock and working the register. She takes pride in her ability to assist others!

Another example of Mary Ann's willingness to serve is her membership on The Nemasket Group's Board of Directors for more than 30 years!!! Mary Ann rarely (if ever) misses a Board meeting and she helps with every fundraiser the organization sponsors. She is a faithful, constant and well-known member of The Nemasket Group board.

So... “still waters run deep” may be an apt description of Mary Ann but another descriptor that comes to mind is loyal. Mary Ann is that rare person who is reliable, always willing to help out, consistent, and intractable in her dedication to whatever she is engaged in. Those of us who have had the opportunity to get to know Mary Ann over the years realize that we have truly been blessed to witness her example of loyalty and have much to learn from it!

~ Emily Murgo Nisenbaum



Mary Ann at New Bedford Child and Family Services



Mary Ann and colleagues at St. Luke's Hospital

People who fill roles that are valued by others (example: photographer, employee, co-worker, voter, musician, volunteer, college student) will be granted the good things of life.



A big thank you to all for supporting our Holiday Basket Drawing. Congrats to the Holiday Basket Winners!

Cindy Lou Who – Olivia Hooley
 Max – Jackie Berger
 Stu Lu Who – Elaine Kelleher
 Tree Trimmer – Paula Dabrowski
 The Who Feast - Kim Pina Grace
 The Grinch – Heidi Teixeira
 Mayer Augustus Maywho – Amy Mello
 Martha May Whovier – Carol Boucher

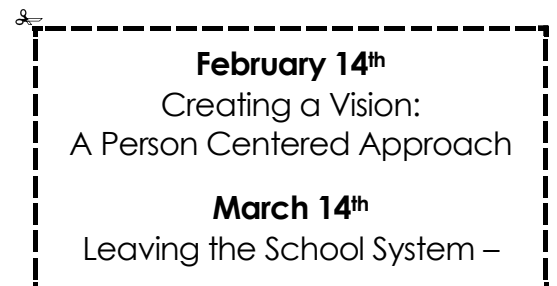
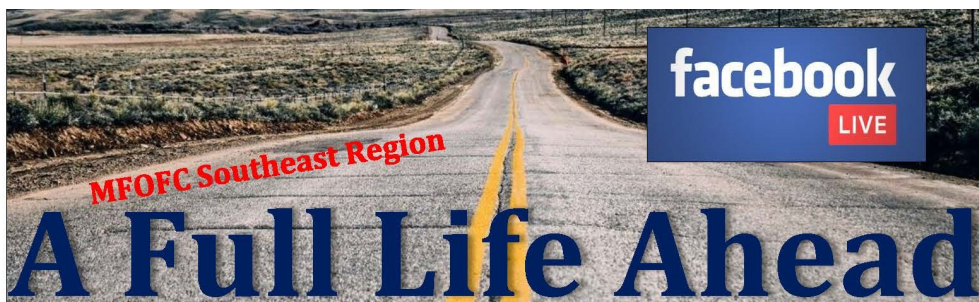


Join us for a great morning of fun as we Walk or Run through Fairhaven with family, friends and neighbors while raising awareness and support for The Nemasket Group.

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019

**Fort Phoenix State Reservation
 Fairhaven, MA**



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